

Attendees:

Board Members:

Dean Bartlett, Craig Butkus, Jerry Heath, Pat Burke, Al Foice, Paul Murray, Estelle LeClair, Lisa McGinnis, Maurice Rosales, Bruce Garrapy, Jon Laliberte, Peter Glass, Deanna Cram

Other Attendees:

Joe Tomaino

Notes:

- Meeting called into order 7:03 – with a quorum.
- Minutes were approved from last meeting with no discussion
- Women’s Program – Craig Butkus reported
 - On 8/23 there was a “Bring a Friend” skate. There were 15 new skaters and 14 returning skaters. News crews from Channel 3 were there to report on the event.
- Registrar’s Report – Deanna Cram reported
 - On Monday there were two in-person registrations and three on Tuesday.
 - Thus far 50 skaters have registered for the 2008 – 2009 season.
 - Another email reminder will go out to team parents prior to September 6th deadline.
- Equipment Update – Dean Bartlett reported
 - New jerseys are in and people can go to Sports Central to see them and check sizes.
 - We will be adding white boards to coach’s equipment distributed this season.
- Head Referee – Bruce Garrapy reported
 - Referee clinic to be held 9/28.
 - There was a question regarding referees uniforms and Bruce advised that it is each referees responsibility to purchase their own uniform.
- Tournament update – Jerry Heath reported
 - Has collected email contacts for other associations for Yamboree.
 - There will be full ice competition for U-10 girls.
 - Will be soliciting help from cross ice parents and one U-10 parent for help with Yamboree.
- Scheduling – Al reported for Craig Benson
 - Goalie and preseason clinics have been scheduled. It was agreed that goalie clinics should be mandatory for all goalies.
- Head Coach Report – Pat Burke reported
 - Pat proposed an EYHA preseason clinic be held with a five day format, one hour per day. Each level will allow for 30 skaters maximum and they will be run by Justin Martin, the new EYHA Director of Player Development and Chris Line. A motion was made to accept the proposal with a cap of a fee of \$75 per skater and also a provision that they are cognizant of those in financial need. This motion was passed unanimously.

- Potential coaches need to fill out online registration form. VCI forms have to be filled out online, printed and then submitted.
- Previously the potential for some U-14 skaters from Stowe becoming part of EYHA was discussed. The current feeling is that 3 – 4 players may make the commitment. Pat will be going to Stowe on 9/3 at 7:00 p.m. to speak to the families of the players.
- The beta test for the tryout drills that are going to be implemented this year went well. Pretty much all age groups, boys and girls were represented and all skaters were capable of performing the drills.
- A motion was made that by the time the skaters who have a birth year 2000 are peewees, all EYHA skaters will need to have black helmets, gloves and pants. In the meantime, this is the suggested dress code. This motion was passed unanimously.
- A motion was made that the only stickers allowed on an EYHA skaters helmet would be the EYHA stickers in a mandatory arrangement with a list of exceptions. An amendment was made to this motion stating that there be no exceptions, only EYHA stickers shall be placed on helmets. This motion was passed with three no votes. The association will be providing the EYHA stickers to each skater.
- A motion was made to disallow names being put on the backs of jerseys. This motion was passed with 7 yes votes, 4 no votes and 2 undecided.
- There was a question of being able to hang a banner in the rink to recognize sponsors rather than using sponsor tags. This will be addressed with Noel the rink manager.
- Treasurers Report – Maurice presented the treasurer’s reports
 - Account balances, Budget and Cash Flow reports were reviewed and approved by the Board.
 - Budget was approved with no discussion.
- VASHA Report – Pete Glass reported
 - Pete attended state kick off meeting. Key points are as follows:
 - Each team is required to play at least four games in the state prior to December, if they don’t they are automatically bumped up a level for the state tourney.
 - New England All-Star tryout change for girls 92 – 95. Tryout for Vermont girls only the weekend of November 8th and 9th at Norwich.
 - As of the 2009 – 2010 season, the Tier II national tournament will become an affiliate tourney meaning that each state will send one team to the national tournament. There will no longer be a regional tournament.
 - Coaching clinics are online – 2 clinics per level.
 - VSAHA looking for a “Grow the Game Coordinator” and is suggesting that each local organization appoint a similar role.
- House Representative – Jon Laliberte reported
 - He has been fielding many calls from novice parents. The split season is being well received.
- Golf Tournament – Al Foice reported
 - Everything is coming along well. We have contracts with the Links and Rick’s catering. There are currently 18 teams signed up.

There being no further business for the open session, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

The Board entered into Executive Session.

Action Items:	Date:	Responsible:
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Related Materials:

Treasurer's reports