

**Attendees:**

## Board Members:

Dean Bartlett, Craig Butkus, Jerry Heath, Pat Burke, Craig Benson, Al Foice, Paul Murray, Estelle LeClair, Lisa McGinnis, Maurice Rosales

## Other Attendees:

Mark Berardo, Colleen Berardo, Lee Burnett, Randy Burnett, Lori Handy, Lisa Butkus, Tim Baustert, Joe Tomaino, Peter Glass, Jason Morse, Tomi Tanghe

**Notes:**

- Meeting called into order 7:08 – with a quorum.
- Minutes were approved from last meeting with no discussion
- Women’s Program – Craig Butkus reported
  - There are six returning U-14 players. Options are currently being explored to make sure that these girls have a place to play should EYHA not have numbers to sustain a U-14 team including talks with CSB to combine teams and giving the girls an option to play with the boys. Conversations with U-12 players from last year regarding moving up to U-14 have yielded a dominant sentiment that these players were not interested in moving up.
  - Recruitment efforts are in full swing for the girl’s programs. Flyers are being posted as well as inserts in local take out menus at area restaurants. Three “Bring a Friend” skates are currently being scheduled. These will take place on two Wednesday nights in August with CSB as well as one Saturday.
  - Discussion was then had about five EYHA players who tried out for the Vermont Stars program. If these five players were to go to the Stars program it would be necessary to dissolve the U-14 program due to lack of numbers, however if these girls were to remain with EYHA it would allow EYHA to sustain a U-14 team. The importance of speaking to these families and urging them to remain with the program was discussed. Sentiment was that these players would receive as high a level of play with the EYHA U-14 team as they would if they were to leave the organization to play with the Stars. Pat Burke was going to make contact with these families and speak to them about the opportunities that EYHA could afford them and urge them to remain with the organization.
- Equipment Update – Dean Bartlett reported
  - All jerseys have been accounted for and/or paid for with the exception of a few which are in the process of being recovered. Estelle inquired as to the status of all team sponsor tags.
- VSAHA and Tournament update – Jerry Heath reported
  - VSAHA kick off meeting in August.
  - Yamboree a go for next year.
- Scheduling – Craig Benson reported
  - He was hoping to put cross ice mites on a Saturday, Sunday and Monday schedule with two practices and two games a week.
  - Essex ice start time will be pushed back 20 minutes due to the high school’s start time being pushed back.

- Head Coach Report – Pat Burke reported
  - Everyone should check out the 10,000 shot club on the web site.
  - Pat will be having a shooting clinic at his house on Wednesday nights. He will take three kids at a time on a first come first serve basis. Information regarding this can be found on the web site.
  - Pat advised that he would like to appoint a Director of Goalie Development to help facilitate goalie specific training. A motion was made to support this and was passed unanimously. Pat advised that he would like Dave Airoidi to take on this position and again the board made a motion to support this decision and it was passed unanimously.
  - Pat also indicated that he would like to appoint a Director of Player Development who could stay up to date on the latest in player development and keep EYHA coaches up to date as well. The board again made a motion to support this and it passed unanimously.
- Treasurers Report – Maurice presented the treasurer’s reports
  - Account balances, Budget and Cash Flow reports were reviewed and approved by the Board.
  - Much discussion was had about offering the membership an opportunity to register as an “early bird” for the 2008-2009 season at last year’s registration rate.
- The following motions were considered, voted on and approved by the EYHA board.
  - Start of regular season games on October 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Tryouts to start the week of October 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Run preseason clinics (possibly for a fee) October 6 – 10.
  - Reduce overall profiles for all levels.
  - Officially set as policy that tournament games count at 3 games against the profile regardless of number played.
  - Officially set as policy that State, Regional and National USA Hockey games do not count against the profile.
  - Officially set as policy that teams are not authorized to exceed the high end of the profile.
  - Officially set as policy an official end to the season after the close of the second week of February or the last game of sanctioned state, regional or national play, whichever comes first.

Profiles current and Proposed:

	Current	Proposed
Bantam	34-38	32-34
Pewee	42-46	36-38
Squirt	42-46	36-38
Mites	34-36	30-32
Girls U10	20-22	30-32
Girls U12	42-46	36-38
Girls U14	34-38	32-34
Midgets	34-38	32-34

There being no further business for the open session, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

The Board entered into Executive Session.

The Board appointed Pete Glass as the new State Representative.

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<b>Action Items:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Responsible:</b>
1. Speaking to families considering move to Vermont Stars.		Pat Burke
2.		

<b>Related Materials:</b>
Treasurer's reports