

**Attendees:****Board Members:**

Dean Bartlett, Jerry Heath, Pat Burke, Craig Benson, Al Foice, Lisa McGinnis, John Laliberte, Bruce Garrapy, Jeff Cabanaw

**Other Attendees:**

None.

**Notes:**

- Meeting called into order 7:35 – with a quorum.
- Minutes were approved from last meeting with no discussion
- Scheduling – Craig Benson reported.
  - While he works very hard to make sure that scheduling goes smoothly, there are going to be errors made when scheduling as many teams as he does. He apologizes for any errors that have been made.
  - Craig has requested that only himself or people that he specifically designates contact tournament directors directly.
- President’s Report – Al Foice reported on behalf of absent members the following:
  - Craig Butkus is working with Chris Furlani at Kick Ice regarding parental concerns regarding safety regarding synthetic shavings. Kick Ice assures us there are no issues however they will work with EYHA to provide air quality assessment information in support of their position.
  - EYHA has been awarded the Peewee AB state tournament as well as the New England Squirt Tier II regional tournament.
- Treasurers Report – Maurice presented the treasurer’s reports
  - Account balances, Budget and Cash Flow reports were reviewed and approved by the Board.
  - Al reported that YTD Backstage fundraising proceeds are approximately \$1,500.
- Thanksgiving Jamboree – John Laliberte reported
  - Referees are needed to officiate the games. He questioned if we should be using coaches, parents or certified volunteers. Bruce commented that he felt that the referees should be certified by USA hockey. John will implement appropriate solutions for the event.
  - Jon was working on arrangements for donations to be made to be able to run a snack bar since the rink snack bar was not open yet. So far donations have been obtained from Champlain Farms, the movie theater (popcorn) and Green Mountain Coffee Roasters.
  - The St. Albans and Essex transition teams wished to play full ice. It was determined that since this is a cross ice tournament they would play two cross ice games and then one full ice game.
- Head Coach – Pat Burke reported.
  - Pat provided an excellent document related to the tryout process. This documented the current processes that EYHA uses and any feedback he received from members regarding the process as well as his recommendations for improving the process. He will propose motions in future meetings to implement needed changes.

- Safety issues regarding use of mouth guards and neck guards have been brought to his attention. After length discussion the board agreed on two policies regarding these issues:
  1. Policy regarding mouth guards – Mouth guards are required for skaters 12 and up and recommended for everyone.
  2. Policy regarding neck guards – EYHA recommends that neck guards be worn at all levels. This policy is in line with USA hockey recommendations.
- New Business:
  - Jerry attended the state meeting and advised that petitions to move up or down a level and challenges are to be submitted by 12/01/07.
  - Craig proposed that the Family Skate Night be held on New Year’s Eve. The board agreed that this date would be fine. Craig will coordinate and Al will assist.

There being no further business for the open session, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

The Board entered into Executive Session. Executive session adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Action Items:	Date:	Responsible:
1. 3 on 3 postseason hockey tournament		Pat Burke
2. Family skate event		Craig Benson

Related Materials:
Treasurer’s reports
Head Coach Pre-Season and Try-out Report