

Essex Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting – Essex Fire Station – Sandhill Rd
October 19, 2006

7:00pm

Attendees: Pat Burke, Jerry Heath, Maurice Roesales

Board Member Attendees: Craig Benson, Jeff Cabanaw, Rich Connolly, Al Foice, Bruce Garrapy, Scott Godin, Will Ganyeau, Kib Horsford, John Laliberte, Estelle LeClair, Kay Maloney, Paul Murray, Kevin Norris, Tomi Tanghe, Jill Vespa

1. September Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve the September minutes.
Approved by all.
2. Visitors Discussion – Squirt B Head Coach Pat Burke expressed his disagreement with the Squirt evaluation team's decision on roster sizes. Pat felt that the current roster size was unfavorable to the B team since this team carries 14 players and the A and AB team carries 11 each. The board explained the rationale behind the decision and provided several reasons in support of the decision. Pat respectfully disagreed with the board's position and asked the board to consider changes to the existing Policy regarding roster sizes. Currently the policy dictates the maximum number of players as 15 skaters and 2 goalies. The policy does not provide suggested numbers for rosters that carry less than the maximum. Pat suggested that we explore a policy similar to CSB's that would allow differences but not more than two players per team at the same level. Significant discussion ensued however no changes were made. Pat was advised that his feedback will be considered during the post-mortem exercise the board will conduct on the tryout process.
3. Committee Reports:
 - Registrar – Chair Kib Horsford reported. There are 314 members this year and still coming in. This includes both the house and travel teams. Kib noted that the number of volunteer coaches approximate 60 in all. Kib noted that copies of the coaches certification card should be made and placed in the team notebooks. The date to be reimbursed for coaching **certification clinics** is January 15th, **2007**. Request for reimbursement should be sent to Kay Maloney, 20 Hagan Dr, EJ, VT 05452 with a copy of the registration form. Coaches with questions should call Kay, 872-7834. Many use this as a donation opportunity.

- Treasurer – Chair Kay Maloney reported. Bank account report:

Rink Fund =	\$21,345.88
Primary Checking =	\$41,097.04
Secondary Checking =	\$46,884.74
Total =	\$109,327.66

There was discussion concerning the projected deficit of \$11,000 caused by the reduced number of registered players in the house program and on the travel teams. There were four options discussed

- 1) Raise fees All agreed that was not an option
- 2) Lower the ice expense (single biggest line item in the budget, \$151K). The board is very hesitant to pursue this as we are striving for two practices per week.
- 3) Allocate money from last years surplus to cover this years expenses
- 4) Take no action
- Questions were asked regarding the ice model used to determine the ice budget, do we need \$150K worth of ice? It was requested that Kay Maloney rerun the ice model to see if there is any projected savings in ice usage. Rich noted that at the same time last year we were \$30,000 in the red and ended up by year-end \$20,000 ahead. He suggested that it is too early to make the decisions since we don't have a true picture of actual cash flow and that we need to wait before making quick decisions. Tomin encouraged the board to be patient because ice schedules will change during the course of the season and we should come back to our budgeted numbers. The board decided to not take action at this point. All board members were requested to provide budget re-forecasts to Kay so we have a more clear picture at the next meeting.
- Travel – Chair Paul Murray reported. Now that the standards of play are being enforced, there will be more whistles blown meaning the potential for longer game times. It is important that we hold tight to schedules and anticipate late running games. Such games will need to have a running clock at a time deemed appropriate. The head coach will decide this and inform the guest head coach. Scott will get this word out to all of the coaches. Jill will get out a list of team coordinators. The schedulers are as follows:
 - Craig Benson – Mite B, Squirt B, Peewee B, Bantam B, Bantam A/B
 - Tomi Tanghe – Squirt A/B, Peewee A, Bantam A
 - Deana Cram – Mite A
 - Joanne Heath – Squirt A

Pat Lancour – U12, U14

Jim Wells – Midgets

- House – Chair John Laliberte, Will Gonyeau reported. There are 33 novice, 41 mites, 20 squirts and 20 peewee/bantams. This includes girls. There was a discrepancy between the number of novice players registered and John's Numbers. Kib and John will look into it.
- Head Coach – Chair Scott Godin reported. Scott started watching practices on a random but basis and will continue throughout the season. There was a coaches meeting to discuss the standards of play, head coach responsibility and accountability for the coaches, players, parents and spectators actions in the stands. Additionally, team jerseys and bags were handed out.
- Women's Director – Chair Pat Lancour not present. Al reported that Pat drafted a recruitment plan that hopefully will promote the girls program for years to come. Some examples include team parties where friends are invited, having the girls wear their jersey to school on Fridays, and bring a friend to practice or a game. Pat will provide more on this at future meetings.
- Ice Coordinator – Tomi Tanghe reported that all potential ice is scheduled.
- Fundraising – Clothing sales will be finalized in a couple of days. More fundraising will be needed. Action item – we need to get an email out to all parents asking for volunteers to help the fundraising drive and calling possible sponsors for the yearbook. Calendar sales, candy bars, Calcutta and work at the Teddy Bear Factory were all discussed as possibilities.
- Tournament Director – Chair Jeff Cabanaw reported. The golf tournament was a success bringing in \$7572 net and all had a great time! The Thanksgiving tournament is underway. We still need someone to head up the gift basket fundraiser held at this tournament. Chris Haskins is a possible back up if no one steps forward.
- Head Referee – Bruce Garrapy reported. All is looking good. Tomi has staggered games in a way to help the referee situation.
- Equipment Manager – Rich Connolly reported. Equipment has been given out and at this point we're still under budget in this area. Goalie equipment will be needed for this year and he has purchased a few items to support the Squirt level.
- State Representative – Kevin Norris reported. We need to be sure all of our coaches are screened every other year. The state does not provide a list of who has been screened but will do the screening at no charge. We screen

our coaches every year so this is not a problem but we do need our 1st year coaches screened. The board needs to provide a paragraph regarding our initiation into the program – how we run it. Wolfie to handle. Volunteers are needed to be part of a task force for feedback and communication with the state. It is required to have a player and parent involved but no specific level of player is required. It was recommended to be a Peewee or Bantam. USA Hockey requires the house program coaches to also wear helmets out on the ice.

- ❑ Past President – Craig Benson reported. The family skate was a success raising \$1448 and everyone had a great time. Special thanks to all that helped.

4. Old Business:

- ❑ U46 board feedback – Scott went to the board meeting however at this time there isn't any news to report.
- ❑ Tournament Selection – Ottawa was selected. More tournament opportunities coming for teams to vote on.

5. New Business:

- ❑ Final registration numbers – 314
- ❑ Goalie shortage – There will be 4 goalies moving up to the Bantam level next year and very little in the way of goalies moving up from Squirts. Discussion as to whether kids should be committed goalies or not at the squirt level. Some felt they should be trying all positions and not only focused on the goal. Some reported that there was definite interest by a few of the Squirts to transition into goalie.
- ❑ Lighting outside of the rink needs to be addressed.

6. Next Meeting Date – November 16th

7. Adjourn Open Session

8. Executive Session – closed session

9. Motion to Adjourn – Motion approved at 10:09pm

Jill Vespa
Secretary

