

Essex Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting
June 15, 2006

Attendees: Maurice Roesales

Board Member Attendees: Al Foice, Kib Horsford, John Laliberti, Estelle LeClair, Kay Maloney, Paul Murray, Kevin Norris, Jill Vespa

Agenda Items:

1. May Meeting Minutes – Already reviewed and approved by board via email vote.
2. Committee Reports –
 - Treasurer – Kay Maloney and Maurice Roesales presented – No new financials. The UVM ice costs came in late and will be part of last year's numbers. The finance sub committee is as follows: Kay Maloney, Maurice Rosales, Jeff Cabanaw, Tomi Tanghe, Paul Murray. The committee has met outside of the board meeting and presented their objectives, budget status, player forecasts & next steps.
 - Registrar – Kib Horsford present – Discussion regarding early registration for the 2007–08 season. Motion to introduce online registration with an option to make payments online. Motion Approved.
 - House – Chair was present with nothing new to report.
 - Travel – Paul Murray present – Discussion regarding the new web site. Sample home page presented. Discussion regarding web site responsibilities. Who can access what and when to make appropriate changes. Discussion regarding players pictures on line (permissions and how to handle).
 - Ice Coordinator – Chair not present. Information provided via email regarding ice times and concerns. Motion to experiment with Kick ice for the mites, squirts and U12 girls teams, 2 hours per week total giving each of those teams kick ice for 1 hour every 3 weeks November through the second week of February – pending

verification of the cancellation policy. Cancellation policy must be 30 days prior or better for the board to approve moving forward. Motion approved.

- Tournament Director – Chair not present. Discussion regarding the location and timing of the golf tournament fund raiser. The Links, Essex Country Club and Bolton are all options.
- Fundraising / sponsor – Estelle LeClair present. Motion to accept the new sponsorship form and new pricing for the gold membership. Motion approved. Discussion regarding the success of the pizza drive and whether we should do this again this year. More information needed and will discuss further in July.
- Head Coach – Chair not present, no report
- Head Referee – Chair not present, no report
- Equipment Manager – Chair not present, no report
- State Representative – Kevin Norris presented a proposal from the Burlington Amateur Hockey Association to the VSAHA. The BAHA is proposing that the VSAHA create a Vermont Hockey League (VHL). They propose starting with A teams to schedule a 20 game season which will play all teams evenly, track team records and creates standings of VHL members. The goal being to make games “count” towards the seeding in the State Tournaments, rather than drawing out of a hat. Representing EYHA, Kevin Norris provided feedback on the proposal asking three questions: 1. What’s not working with the current method (i.e. What’s broke) 2. How will the costs to administer be handled and who will provide the service? 3. How to commission the December challenges with AB teams at the challenge meetings. December will appear too early in the year to assess whether AB teams should play at the A level. This will impact scheduling and results. The Board concurred with Kevin’s feedback and pended additional action until more information is learned from VSAHA.
- Women’s Director – Chair not present, no report

3. Old Business – Presented above

4. New Business – 1. The board discussed the possibility of issuing an Essex Sting Hockey newsletter to communicate changes to the membership. Paul Murray indicated the new website using the current domain name will be ready to populate with messages and information. The board discussed having 2005–2006 head coaches send an email message to the membership to get information regarding the new site disseminated. Additionally, the possibility of using the Essex Reporter might be useful to provide information to new potential members. 2. Al Foice and Paul Murray will be getting together to discuss the Essex Youth Hockey mission statement as well as new draft of a comprehensive EYHA Policy and Procedure manual.
5. Next Meeting Date – July 20, Location: Essex Fire Department – Sandhill Station near Foster Road. Park in the rear and on Foster Road.
6. Motion to Adjourn – Motion approved at 10:00pm

Jill Vespa
Secretary