

## EYHA Meeting Minutes July 17, 2014

**Members present:** Patrick Burke, John Laliberte, Fraser MacDonald, Dan Forcier, Laura Zambarano, Dave Z, Julie Miller Johnson, Rob Young, Gerry Cincotta, Matt Clark, Carney Daniels

**Guests present:** John Madelena

Call to order: 7:00PM

### Meeting Minutes

- Laura made motion. Seconded by Dave. Approved unanimously.

### Visitors items

- John Madelena came and spoke about a Girls hockey activity with UVM. UVM would come to Essex for a practice. Our girls watch, maybe a pizza party. VT sports images there. Joint skate after; coaches could speak. Saturday November 1 11—1? UVM has game following day. EYHA can't advertise the practice.

### Treasurer

- EYHA has received some money from pull tabs at The Back Stage
- Taxes are in. Bill is about to arrive. It will be available at next meeting.

### Ice Coordinator

- DK meeting with Nowl to fill in gaps and then will start to communicate with Leddy. Meeting is the 21 of July.
- Board members wanted to know if there were any increases or decrease to ice cost. Cairns is \$195, Essex \$165. **Dave will check on rink prices for next meeting and report back.**
- Rob had suggested pushing ice budget to \$140,000. Fraser reminded board that the budget passed last month with ice coming in at \$132,000.

### Fundraising

- None

### VSAHA

- Matt, no change, no movement... still in a holding pattern. EYHA seems to be the only group that gave any push back. EYHA is still trying to communicate with other associations so that we can be a unified front.
- State still thinking to combine Schedulers meeting & Face off meeting
- There has been a proposal by the state that only 2 games played by any association will count toward the 20 games needed to be played to get into state tournament.

### Referee

- None

### Registrar

- DF has NGIN up and running.
- There is a Milton family that wants to join our program, realized they can't play in state tournament. The family likes the size of our teams, and wants proper placement/tryouts. Milton board is in favor of transfer.
- John can't remember a situation where EYHA has allowed a transfer like this. Essex has always declined this type of request. PB agreed. JL spoke with Maurice and he suggested not to touch this as it is a slippery slope.
- **Dan will tell family that EYHA will be rejecting the transfer.**

- Dan provided a handout with numbers
- Dan believes EYHA will be “the Chittenden County Midget Program.”
- If Essex controls Midgets it can provide the guidance.
- U14 numbers low, but we are joining with BAHA. Not worried.
- 2, U10 and 1, U12 new players from the taste of hockey camp.
- Discussion regarding Bantam numbers and placement and movement.
- Pat reminded us that kids can return for POST season play, but can not participate in state tournament.
- Registration signs are ready and waiting to get put out.
- Total cost to play travel hockey is \$835, goalies receive a \$300 discount

### **Travel Update**

- Gerry is reaching out early to all tournaments. His goal is to get us in tournaments BEFORE our season starts as it is much easier.
- Reminder that EYHA pays for ONE tournament.
- It was requested that the Rail City Tournament be kept.
- If teams want to play MORE tournaments then the team parent must collect money from families and pay for it themselves, this does pose a problem for tournaments that want to be PREPAID. Short discussion.
- **Gerry and Carney will be sure to let parents/coaches know about 2<sup>nd</sup> tournament fees and collection procedures.**
- Reminder that games played in tournaments (3) count toward the team profile.

### **House Update**

- None.

### **Women’s Director**

- 12 girls attended the Taste of Hockey Camp
- Cancelled the other program, only one signed up
- Mike Smith is organizing 8 preseason ice practices for girls at Cairns 2 on Sundays starting August 17.

### **Head Coach**

- Dan is forbidden to put a coach on the roster without that coach having completed the Safe Sport Training.
- Training takes about 90 minutes. **Pat, Laura and Carney will take and report back.**

### **Tournament Director**

- Mike Smith not present, but sent an email. Ice time in Essex for Yamboree is Friday 11/28 and Saturday 11/29.
- Proposes we host championship 3/6-3/8
- Pushing back street hockey ice until next year.

### **Equipment Coordinator**

- Rob Young would like to be equipment coordinator. John L made motion to accept Rob as equipment coordinator. Gerry seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Rob would like to beef up our med kits and make sure that everyone knows where the AED device is located.

### **Past- President’s Report.**

- Pat present, but no report.

### **President’s Report**

- John L present, nothing to report

**New Business**

- Matt C had a question about the dry land training.
- Mike and Jen are developing plans. Board has asked for a proposal and would like it by our August meeting. **Laura will send Mike and Jen a reminder email.**

8:40 Open Session Adjourned.

No Executive Session.

Minutes taken by Laura Zambarano

\*Action Items are in **RED**