

EYHA September 18, 2014 Minutes

Members present: Dave Kedzierski, Gerry Cincotta, Julie Miller-Johnson, Carney Daniels, John Laliberte, Mike Smith, Jenn McFaul, Dan Forcier, Matt Clark, Bruce Garrapy, Missy Blondin, Laura Zambarano

Visitor: Craig Benson

Meeting called to order 7:02

Approve Minutes. Julie moved for approval. Gerry seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer report. No Fraser.

As reported by Carney:

\$1200 from ABC

\$4000 from Doucevicz for Zamboni advertising

Ice Coordinator - Dave Kedzierski

- October & November practice ice done through Thanksgiving will be populated soon. To be in by end of next week, by next Sunday.
- All preseason skates in calendar, except Midgets.
- Carney asked for Jay Peak weekend home ice to go to x-ice mites
- House starts following week.
- Game week starts 11/1
- last weekend before that will be practice ice.
- December 6th Jamborees will be happening in some other towns (Harwood-Squirts; CSB-Peewee).

Fundraising - Missy Blondin

- Final revenue for golf tournament, is approximately \$3700 (nice job, Missy!)
- Carney indicated Noel is giving EYHA the door board for EYHA logo.
- Recommendation to have a mid-course hot-dog stand.

VSAHA - Matt Clark

- Scheduling meeting a bit disorganized

Referee - Bruce Garrapy

- All must do referee modules. New from VSAHA.
- Dan asked how referees are monitored for compliance.
- Can't get their patch unless they do their modules, an online test, an open book test, and take a seminar. Modules are free. Bruce is worried that these new modules will discourage new to referee.

Registrar - Dan Forcier

- VSAHA state went well.
- New software for registration works really well.
- Registration ahead of where it usually is.
- Only a couple of families not registered that we were expecting.
- Midgets still a wild card. Laura Pierce is working on this. Not sure if we will have one or two Midget teams.
- House and Newbee registration still open.
- X-ice mites = 40 registered with one on waiting list. Registration deadline is past and one on waiting list. All board members should be aware that x-ice is full and to talk to Dan who will put them on the wait list. Dan says this should be the message for ALL travel teams.

- Unusually high BAHA->Essex transfers. Especially at the x-ice level. Nothing is written about where the Colchester line is. Dan wants to work in the off-season to define and put into writing if and where we create BAHA transfers.
- Bruce asked Dan for list of jersey requests.
- Laura asked what the youngest age is for Newbee. John says they have to be four years old to get on the ice.

Travel

- All local tournaments set and confirmed
- Travel tournaments... see attached (need to get from Gerry)

House

- The question was asked about who would coach house teams?
- **Jen will send an email out** to find out who can do what and make sure all age groups are covered.
- We need to make sure that house coaches have level 1 coaching, background checks, registered with USA Hockey and have completed safe sport. It was discussed that the absolute minimum will be back ground check (VSHA)

Women

- Solid U10 and U12 teams
- Below U10 is a little weak. We need additional younger players.
- U14 team is now made up of CSB, BAHA and EYHA. This came about because of the recent death (Colchester family who played for BAHA). BAHA numbers dropped after death, CSB needed placement for players, and we needed players. This could potentially be a long-term solution to our U14 issue.
- Julie will update bulletin board
- Julie asked to have a weekend skate option for girls during tryouts.

OFF TOPIC... Craig Benson asked if his daughter could skate with squirts during “dust off the rust” sessions because of some other conflicts.

Head Coach

- Jay Peak, Mike, Pat and Carney will be getting together to finalize things
- Need condo parents
- Try to get coaches to be condo parents
- Dave Z will check people in
- Do volunteers need to register as chaperones at registration?
- Website still has last years information
- Pat and Marie have been highly organized in past
- Dan will open up registration and Gerry will update website
- Registration opened 9/16 last year. It will open 9/19 this year.
- 7:30 on Monday meeting at the backstage to discuss Jay Peak
- Folks are ready to run “dust off the rust sessions”
- Dan has heard good things about the girls “preseason” including feedback from other associations.
- EVALUATIONS are 95% ready. Carney will finalize things tonight
- (John) EYHA needs to be clear that evaluators have obligations before, during and after evaluations. We can't control the rumor mill, but we can be as professional as possible.
- BEFORE, evaluators can not be representing themselves as evaluations during preseason skates
- DURING, evaluators show up, get sheets and go to stands. Turn in sheets and DO NOT talk with anyone
- Carney will email evaluators to remind them so we can avoid conflict.
- AFTER, is not the time to discuss why kids are where they are

- John is happy to be the “Jerk” with evaluators if needed.
- Carney has a list of who the evaluators are if needed
- EVALUATORS need to take their role VERY SERIOUSLY!
- Bylaws have great information regarding evaluations
- Lots of talk about evaluations

TOURNAMENT

- Yamboree has 25 teams signed up, including 4 house teams (typical)
- Working on collecting money and getting volunteers, currently have 4-5 volunteers who are not board members.
- Should be a good money maker

SAFE SPORT

- VSHA wants all certificates by Nov. 1
- ALL COACHES MUST complete safe sport training to be on the ice.
- Question was asked about locker room policy and how parents will know? This takes place at the team meeting.
- Coaches meeting it will be made clear as to what policies are and then it will get passed down at each team parent meeting
- **Laura and Dan working on Policy**

PRESIDENT

- Noel would like EYHA so reiterate the rink rules. We need to reinforce them as a community

OTHER

- Craig Benson asked a profile question regarding Squirt AA. With 36-38 games and only 13-14 home slots, it is hard to get games... any advice?

Meeting adjourned 9:05

Notes taken by Julie Miller Johnson and Laura Zambarano