

## EYHA November 21, 2014 Minutes

\* Action Items are in RED

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

Meeting called to order 7:00

**Visitor:** Jen Villamil, Joe Forbes, Craig Benson

- Joe has been fielding a lot of questions regarding full season and was looking for more information about the upcoming schedule. Dan was able to answer questions. Regular season is open. Players should sign up ASAP. Registration will close in one week. Midget program is open to all as long as they register through EYHA. Carney thanked Joe for coaching. Joe will continue to coach as long as his son plays.
- Craig Benson, scheduler for Squirt Blue is finding that other teams do not want to play them because of their success. Gerry is looking for a new tournament for them.

**Approve Minutes.** Laura moved for approval of corrected minutes. Bruce seconded. Corrected minutes approved. Pat abstained.

**TREASURER REPORT** - Fraser not present

**ICE COORDINATOR** - Dave not present

- Short discussion regarding practices over holidays.
- Short discussion regarding game times (length of). **Carney will send an email to the coaches and team coordinators to ask them to keep track of start and end times of games.**

**FUNDRAISING** - Missy Blondin

- Working on Green Mt. Harley sponsorship
- Zamboni price was dropped by \$500 (per Noel).
- Started talking with backstage about Calcutta
- Tournament going well
- Jen Vilamil will help out with Snack Bar. **Jen and Carney will connect**
- Missy will focus on Calcutta after Tournament

**VSAHA** - Matt Clark

- Followed up on grant. State has \$13,000 in funds with \$17,000 in requests. Hopefully we will hear back soon. Matt has sent an email.
- EYHA is only board to be SafeSport certified
- Registration is down about 300. No trends
- BAHA raised issue with CSB. CSB has been going after BAHA players for ½ off registration price. Happening in girls program.
- BAHA and CSB numbers are down
- Town line definitions have not been “stated” it is for local associations to sort out. State does not want to deal with this. It is up to associations.
- St. Albans and MAHA has made it official and put it in writing not to take each others kids.
- **EYHA needs to discuss towns that can play for Essex.**

- State Finals March 6, 7 and 8. Sled hockey is being added to championship weekend. Girls have their own weekend. State will not put semi and finals closer together
- Julie asked if the girls were to separate from the boys would the state condense the tournament?
- St. Albans wants a championship weekend and didn't get it. They will host a Xice tournament.

#### **REFEREE** - Bruce Garrapy

- All is scheduled through November
- Mike is all set for tournament
- Need \$ from Fraser to pay referees for Oct.-Nov.
- **W9's not needed last year, will be needed this year.** Referees working more.

#### **REGISTRAR** - Dan Forcier

- Reported out on coaching credentials. Some missing USA hockey #'s. Some missing SafeSport and some CEP will expire soon. **Dan will share coaching spreadsheet and Carney will email those who are delinquent.**
- Midgets. If schedule changes dramatically Dan will follow up with John
- Players need 10 games before states to be able to play in regionals. Injuries count as playing.
- Craig Benson mentioned that B teams want to double roster teams. Teams need to contact Dan.
- **Need travel form to play in Canada. Dan will send one to Matt. Pat will need one as well. EYHA generates paperwork. It is only need to cross boarder.**

#### **TRAVEL** - Gerry

- Gerry still needs USA hockey numbers from many teams in order to register for tournaments.
- Question about tournament pins... EYHA not participating (Monahan is working on a pin sponsorship)
- No injury reports
- No discipline reports
- ADK for U14 and Natick for U10 & U12

#### **HOUSE** - Jen

- Jen is struggling with House help
- Communication is not good. Jen has emailed the coaches about how important communication is. Getting volunteers has been hard, collecting \$ has been hard.
- Jen will continue to spread the word about needed help.
- Tournament help has been great from MMU players. There are no ESSEX players. Jen is disappointed about Essex. She will connect with Rob Young next year.

#### **WOMEN** - Julie

- UVM Day had an AWESOME turn out. All players were great (UVM and ESSEX). Convo with Grant Kimball after about how to raise awareness about girls hockey
- There are 90 girls in our program this year. 32 are 2006 and younger. We have U6 and U8 pipeline. EYHA needs to continue to enrich girls program.
- EYHA needs to find out why girls leave and see what we can do to make them stay. Julie will do this in her newsletter. Thinking about more girls house programs and Xice.
- Mike did something just for girls at the Yamboree (2 games and skills sessions). Mike is working on more house and Xice opportunities for girls during regular season as well.

#### **HEAD COACH** - Carney

- Nothing to report

**TOURNAMENT - Mike**

- No concerns. Couldn't do this without everyone's help. He has had a lot of help. Mike has posted all of his information about the tournament on our website. Needs help spreading word about tournament as there are others this weekend as well.
- Some Mite issues as some associations do not want to travel

**EQUIPMENT – Rob**

- Not present. Nothing to report

**SAFE SPORT - Laura**

- Laura will cross check SS and locker room monitors.
- Talked about putting crates or a bench outside locker rooms for parents to be able to tie skates outside of locker room easier.

**PAST PRESIDENT - Pat**

- VPA passed bylaw that any school can put an 8<sup>th</sup> grader on a team to field a team that is trying to save a program. There can be no cuts if take and 8<sup>th</sup> grader
- This will become an issue with girls U14Calcutta discussion. It is at the end of January. Weekend before Super Bowl. John will ask Missy to form a sub committee
- EYHA will have a snack bar, we will share profit, Jen V. will help
- Team photos are coming up. Jen M. will help out again this year.

**PRESIDENT - John**

- Nothing to report

**NEW BUSINESS**

- None.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 Next meeting Dec. 18th

Notes taken by Laura Zambarano