

EYHA Board Meeting

Essex High School

October 22, 2015

Board Members Present : John Laliberte, Jennifer McFaul, Sean Haggerty, Rick Villamil, Daniel Forcier, Mike Smith, Matt Clark, Pat Burke, Dave Kedzierski, Carney Daniels

Board Members Absent : Sarah Stempek, Frank Parisi, Bruce Garrapy, Scott Prim, Rob Young

Others Present : John Maddalena

Call to Order : John Laliberte, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Agenda Items :

- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - No corrections were required for the previous two month's minutes
 - Motion from Dave Kedzierski to approve August minutes, seconded by Rick Villamil
 - Motion approved unanimously
 - Motion from Dan Forcier to approve September minutes, seconded by Rick Villamil
 - Motion approved, Pat Burke abstained from vote

- **Visitors to Be Heard :**
 - **John Maddalena** appeared before the Board to follow up on his concerns regarding practice schedules for EYHA teams, in particular the times of the bantam practices. Mr. Maddalena had previously outlined his concerns and proposed changes to the ice schedule in an email addressed to EYHA President John Laliberte. Mr. Maddalena was inquiring as to the progress of the matter
 - **John Laliberte** advised Mr. Maddalena that the sub-committee tasked with reviewing the practice schedule and his proposed changes has yet to meet due to the work and travel commitments of its members. John advised that the committee is aware of his concerns and will discuss his proposed changes as soon as possible

- **Executive Updates:**
 - **Treasurer ~ Frank Parisi** was not present, no report for the month. John Laliberte requested that the secretary follow up with Frank and request a copy of the financial statement be sent to all Board members for review

- Dan Forcier advised that he has sent all outstanding monthly credit card payments to Frank for follow up
- **Ice Coordinator ~ Dave Kedzierski** advised that he is in the process of organizing the ice scheduling sub-committee so they can examine the current schedule and possible changes
 - Dave advised that both Leddy and Gutterson have requested Confirmation of Insurance forms this year. Both have been sent. Dave advised the Board of the process through USA Hockey and indicated if anyone needs one he can walk them through the process
 - Dan Forcier advised he will post the COI request form to the website
 - Dave advised the next goalie clinic has been scheduled for December 7 at 7:00 pm - 7:50 pm at Essex rink. He is planning for another one in January
- **VSAHA Representative ~ Matt Clark** advised that he attended the monthly meeting of VSAHA last week. VSAHA has offered to provide 2x4 banners/signs for all member associations to hang in their home rinks that encourage positive behaviour from fans. Matt has emailed Noel about hanging one. The Board is in support of the idea.* Copy of the sign is attached to bottom of minutes
 - VSAHA grant requests are due prior to the November meeting (Nov. 13). After discussion the Board agreed to request \$1000 grant to assist with the purchase of goalie equipment and a Sure Shot Training device. Mike Smith and Matt will work together to obtain quotes and Matt will prepare and submit the grant request
 - Matt advised that the USA Hockey New England District Selects format has changed. Moving forward it will be for players 14yrs and older, for this year 13yr olds will be grandfathered. The new format will no longer be a festival style but a camp format
 - Matt reminded the Board that VSAHA requires all games scores be entered into the Dashboard within two weeks
 - Background check invoices will now only be sent to member associations twice a year
 - Matt reminded the Board that all transfer documents are due Nov.1
- **Head Referee ~ Bruce Garrapy** was not present, no report for the month
- **Registrar ~ Dan Forcier** advised that he is in the process of preparing and distributing the team books and USA Hockey rosters for all teams. Dan and Carney Daniels will work together to ensure that all coaches are aware of what is required of them in regards to maintaining the team books
 - Dan advised that it has been a somewhat unusual year for movement of players in and out of the association. He explained that our numbers are down 12-15 over last season and that we have declined to register 12 new players from Colchester this year as per our boundary policy
- **Travel VP ~ Scott Prim** was not present, no report for the month
- **House VP ~ Jennifer McFaul** nothing new to report

- **House Representative ~ Mike Smith** nothing new to report
- **Women's Director ~ Sarah Stempek** was not present, no report for the month
- **Head Coach ~ Carney Daniels** advised that the Jay Peak Camp was a success and thanked all those involved
- **Tournament Director ~ Rick Villamil** advised that registration for the Yamboree is going well with a total of 24 teams registered so far (5 house, 16 travel, 3 U8 girls).
 - Matt recommended adding a link to registration onto the VSAHA website, Rick to send the info to Matt and Matt will have it added to the website
- **Equipment Coordinator ~ Rob Young** was not present, but advised through **Carney Daniels** that the U10 and U12 girls are in need of goalie equipment
- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator ~ Sean Haggerty** advised that after a recommendation from Bruce Garrapy, a request to CCSU Property Services to move EYHA Board meetings to the classroom at the rink
- **Past President ~ Pat Burke** nothing new to report
- **President ~ John Laliberte** nothing new to report

New Business:

- **U8 ~ Dan Forcier** provided the Board with some background regarding the U8 issue. Other local associations have begun to provide U8 programs and there are opportunities for U8 games. There have been inquiries from EYHA parents about the formation of a U8 team. Currently we do not have a U8 option for girls and all our mite teams are mixed. Sarah sent a survey to all female mite parents asking about interest in forming a U8 team. The responses from parents were mixed. Dan advised that for this year things will remain status quo and if there are opportunities to pull together a U8 team they will be looked at individually. The possibility of forming a U8 team next season will be reviewed by the Board prior to registration opening next year
- **Spring vs Fall Assessments ~ Matt Clark** advised the matter should be tabled to a later date
- **Broomball Fundraiser ~ Mike Smith** advised this idea is on hold and he plans to bring other fundraising ideas to the Board in the future
- **U12 Goalie - Double roster? ~ John Laliberte** brought forward a concern raised by Scott Prim regarding one of the Pee Wee AA goalies playing for both the Pee Wee and U12 teams. Dan Forcier advised that the Pee Wee goalie in question is committed to the Pee Wee team first and will only be available to assist the U12 and/or U14 teams when there is no conflict with the Pee Wee schedule. She will not be double rostered.
- **Assessment Review ~ Pat Burke** did a review of how the assessment process went this year. He advised that overall the process went very well this year. The division of the larger groups into smaller ones assisted in the process. One recommendation from Pat for next season is to divide the groups not only alphabetically but also by birth year so as to avoid clumping of major and minors in any one group.
 - Pat also recommended to the Board that next season we consider eliminating A teams from our association when we have 3 teams in a group. In the case when

we have 3 teams we could have 2 balanced AA teams and a B team or 1 AA team and 2 balanced B teams. The Board will discuss the matter further prior to next season

- **Bruins PASS Clinic ~ Sean Haggerty** advised the Board that EYHA is one of 10 youth hockey associations in New England to be selected to host a TD Bank Bruins PASS (Partnership to Assist Skaters and Shooters) Clinic. The clinic will be available to 50 Squirt and Pee wee aged players from our association. John Laliberte and Sean are organizing the clinic with Bruins staff and a date will be determined in the near future. A random draw of all Squirt and Pee wee aged players in the association will be done to determine attendance
- **Next Meeting:** November 19 @ 7:00 pm - Essex Rink Classroom

The Board adjourned open session at 9:07 pm.

- Executive Session
 - Motion from John Laliberte to open executive session, seconded by Sean Haggerty
 - Executive session opened at 9:08 pm
 - Executive session adjourned at 9:22 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Sean E. Haggerty

***VSAHA Banner**



