

EYHA Board Meeting

Essex High School

October 20, 2016

Board Members Present : Dan Forcier, Sean Haggerty, Rick Villamil, Sarah Stempek, Rachel Schek, Craig Benson, Jennifer McFaul, Scott Prim, Frank Parisi

Board Members Absent : Rob Young, Pat Burke, Bruce Garrapy, Mike Smith, Tanya Rassel

Others Present : None

Call to Order : Dan Forcier , President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

Agenda Items :

- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion from Craig and seconded by Rick to approve August Minutes
 - Unanimous vote - Approved
 - Motion from Craig and seconded by Rick to approve September Minutes
 - Unanimous vote - Approved
- **Visitors to Be Heard :**
 - None present
- **Executive Updates:**
 - **Treasurer ~ Frank Parisi** provided the Board with an up to date P&L statement which he reviewed with the Board, highlighting an error he found. Frank will correct.
 - **Ice Coordinator ~ Rachel Schek** had nothing new to report to the Board. She is waiting for a full transition from Mike to her
 - **Fundraising Coordinator ~ Tanya Rassel**, not present, no report
 - **VSAHA Representative ~ Craig Benson**, reviewed the VSAHA website requirements for entering games and scores
 - **Head Referee ~ Bruce Garrapy**, not present, no report
 - **Registrar ~ Dan Forcier** advised that registration numbers are currently at a 7 year low for the association. This is due in part to our 14U girls registering with CSB, our low Midget numbers and our following the territorial guidelines
 - Registration is open on-line for the Yamboree
 - Registration is open on-line for the skills camp
 - **Travel VP ~ Scott Prim** discussed power skating and goaltender clinics. He advised that Rich Celia is available to run goaltender clinics for the association. Craig pointed out that VSAHA's plan to provide goaltending support has encountered some delay. Scott raised the issue of the small rosters for both Bantam and PeeWee teams. He has concerns that some teams may encounter periods of time where they do not have enough players to play a game. Dan

spoke to the issue and advised that the decision to use players from another team is to be made by the two head coaches, based on the availability of players and how it will impact both teams

- **House VP ~ Jennifer McFaul**, advised that the Squirt/PW/Bantam House program currently has 15 skaters registered and only Cheryl VanEpps has volunteered to coach. Jen has sent a note out to the parents of that group looking for help but as of yet has not received a response. Dan suggests that we reach out to the travel coaches looking for assistance. Craig suggests that we reach out to former coaches, asking them to help with the House program. Craig advised that he will reach out to some that he knows.
 - Jen advised that she will contact Sport Central regarding jerseys for the x-ice house and NewBees
- **House Representative ~ Vacant**
- **Women's Director ~ Sarah Stempek**, advised that the UVM Women's team is hosting a youth hockey night this weekend with \$2 tickets available
 - The 8U girls schedule is out and set
 - All the other 8U girls teams in the state have been invited to the Yamboree
- **Head Coach ~ Mike Smith** not present, no report
- **Tournament Director ~ Rick Villamil** advised that planning for the Yamboree is well underway. He advised there will be a separate bracket for the 8U Girls. He is planning to have 33 teams again this year. He is working on his committee. He has been contacted by UVM to offer discounted tickets to participants for basketball and women's hockey games that weekend
- **Equipment Coordinator ~ Rob Young** not present, no report
- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator ~ Sean Haggerty** reminded Board members that their Safe Sport must be up to date by November 31
- **Past President ~ Pat Burke** not present, no report
- **President ~ Dan Forcier** advised the Board that he was impressed by and proud of the work done by the evaluation team this year. Parent concerns have been minimal but he is dealing with some. Dan presented the Board with a letter from one family who are challenging their child's placement. The Board discussed the matter and Dan will respond to them in writing, confirming that the evaluation team's decision stands.
- **New Business:**
 - **Scott Prim**, presenting on behalf of Sport Central, advised the Board that this season the EYHA Clothing Sale will be done through an on-line store that Sport Central manages. The new company is Screen My Logo.com. Scott advised that they will provide EYHA with 15% of sales from the Clothing Sale.
 - **Sean, on behalf of Bruce**, raised the issue of our meeting time. Meetings have not been well attended by Board members, due in part to the number that are also coaches. Could we possibly move the day or time? Dan reminded the Board that our meeting day is part of our by-laws and can only be changed by vote. It

was also suggested that we consider starting the meetings at 6:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm as it may help with attendance

- **Next Meeting:** November 17 @ 7:00 pm - Essex High School , Classroom C103

The Board adjourned open session at 8:41 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Sean E. Haggerty