

## **EYHA Board Meeting**

Essex High School

June 15 , 2017

**Board Members Present :** Dan Forcier, Sean Haggerty, Frank Parisi, Mike Smith, Sarah Stempek, Brent Carpenter, Bruce Garrapy, Rick Villamil, Jennifer McFaul, Craig Benson, Tanya Rassel

**Board Members Absent :** Rob Young, Pat Burke

**Others Present :** None

**Call to Order :** Dan Forcier , President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm

### **Agenda Items :**

- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - Motion from Rick to approve the minutes for April & May, Seconded by Frank. Motion approved
- **Visitors to Be Heard :**
  - None present
- **Executive Updates:**
  - **Treasurer ~ Frank Parisi** advised that he has met with our CPA, who is in the process of reviewing our books
    - Year over year our finances are good, we finished last year under budget
  - **Ice Coordinator ~ Craig Benson** advised that he is working with Noel regarding our ice at Essex, has it booked until Nov.10 when High School starts. Ice is booked at Waterbury for Sunday morning games. He will soon start looking at ice distributions for teams
  - **Fundraising Coordinator ~ Tanya Rassel** advised that she is looking at the verbiage for our raffle tickets for the upcoming season registration. Board discussed the matter and agreed that it will be 10 tickets per travel player and 5 tickets per house player. Tickets will be part of registration and families have the option to keep or sell them to recover the cost.
    - Tanya reminded the Board that the Yamboree will need to have specific volunteer roles for all mite parents, this will need to be part of the registration process for mites
  - **VSAHA Representative ~ Open position, no VSAHA Meeting until August**
  - **Head Referee ~ Bruce Garrapy**, nothing new to report
  - **Registrar ~ Dan Forcier (acting)** , advised that the online registration for the Street Hockey event will be open shortly. He also advised that he is in the process of getting the registration open for the coming season. He intends to make some modifications to the process

- **Travel VP ~ Brent Carpenter**, advised that he has obtained the list of previous tournaments and has reached out to CHE already. He is looking for additional contacts
- **House VP ~ Jennifer McFaul**, intends to schedule a meeting in the near future with people who have offered to help with the House Mites program this coming season
- **House Representative ~ Vacant**
- **Women's Director ~ Sarah Stempek**, thanked Mike Smith for organizing the group to march in the Memorial Day Parade.
  - She has reached out to CSB in regards to their intentions with 8U Girls for the coming season, she has not received a response
  - In regards to 14U Girls, BAHA has indicated that they have 1 girl so far who wishes to play, with the potential of 3 others
- **Head Coach ~ Mike Smith**, advised that he will send an email to all the coaches regarding the thank you gift cards
  - Mike is not certain if we have any current coaches who require their level 4 to coach this season but will confirm
  - Mike confirmed that there will be 2 level 1 clinics this year and one will be in Essex in September
- **Tournament Director ~ Rick Villamil**, is in the process of organizing the annual street hockey event, he has contacted previous sponsors, needs the online registration opened
  - Discussed with the Board changing the name of the event to a "Festival" instead of a "Tournament" as it is intended to be fun and there are no awards given. Board agreed and changes to wording will be made to website
- **Equipment Coordinator ~ Rob Young**, not present, no report
- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator ~ Sean Haggerty** confirmed with the Board that meetings will be scheduled for July and August. Meetings can't be held at the High School during those months, Sean will request the use of the Essex Town Fire Hall Community Room
- **Past President ~ Pat Burke** not present, no report
- **President ~ Dan Forcier**, advised that VSAHA has partnered with the Boston Bruins to offer a new program for new 8U skaters as part of their effort to grow the game. More details to follow, Mike Smith will be involved
- **New Business:**
  - Annual Appointments
    - House Coordinator - **Remains open**
    - Head Referee - **Sean nominates Bruce Garrapy, Second Dan - Approved**
    - Head Coach - **Sean nominates Mike Smith, Second Dan - Approved**
    - Equipment Manager - **Sean nominates Rob Young, Second Dan - Approves**

- Fundraising Coordinator - **Dan nominates Tanya Rassel, Second Sean - Approved**
  - Women's Coordinator - **Dan nominates Sarah Stempek, Second Rick - Approved**
  - State Representative - **Remains open**
  - **Dan appoints Pat Burke as Past President**
  - Dan presented the Board with a proposed budget for the year. The budget presented is a balanced budget. The Board discussed the proposed budget. The matter of reimbursement of coaches USA Hockey fees were discussed and possible other manners of thanking coaches were discussed.
    - Dan Forcier makes a motion that : The Board adopt the proposed budget for the 2017/2018 year as presented, including the keeping of registration fees the same and to include the adding of the fundraising fee per player. Seconded by Rick Villamil
    - Motion approved unanimously
  - Mike discussed social media and the use of it by our association, especially in regards to regulations set out by USA Hockey and VSAHA, reminded the Board that post need to be appropriate
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- **Next Meeting:** July 20, 2017 @ 7:00 pm at the Essex Town Fire Hall

The Board adjourned open session at 9:04 pm

Respectfully submitted by,  
Sean E. Haggerty