

EYHA Board Meeting
Essex Rink Classroom
October 17, 2024 7pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present:

Helen MacAndrews	Sean O'Connell	Jen Villamil
Corey Labor	Brianna Yarnell	Kim Lassy
Joe Baird	Rick Villami	Mike Lorenz
Dave Alofsin	Dominic Cloud	Renee Soutiere
Tonra Riehl	Tracy O'Connell	

Board Members Absent:

Frank Parisi	Chris McGinty	Mike Shaw
Jennifer O'Neil		

EYHA Community Members: None

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Sean O'Connell, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
- 2. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve [September](#) Dave Alofsin motions, Corey Labor seconds. September minutes approved.
- 3. EYHA Member Communication:** *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the general public an opportunity to address the board on matters that are either not on the agenda or are slated for action. Any discussion, if any, will be limited to determining next steps.)*
 - None
- 4. Previous Action Items:** *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Board members an opportunity to review previous action items)*

September Action Items

- ~~HELEN: will elicit feedback from board about LiveBarn~~
- ~~DAVE: get teams for Yamboree—advertise on socials and website~~
 - 22 teams currently
 - 4 Essex teams (2 majors, 1 minor, 1 girls)
 - Sponsors for bag tags and pucks
 - Will need lots of parent volunteers
- ~~KIM: schedule Parent involvement committee meeting~~
- HELEN: schedule policy committee meeting
- ~~DAVE: excel spreadsheet for food for Yamboree to board~~
- ~~TRACY: apply for grant from COSTCO~~
- ~~HELEN: send email about official trainings~~
- ~~TRACY: connect with Bruce and arbiter for paying refs~~
 - Getting setup with Arbiter pay
- MIKE: LiveBarn social blast and other advertising swag
- DAVE: Team Baskets (~\$5 / family) - send to coaches and team parents

- 5. New Business / Presentations:** *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Board members with an opportunity to discuss various issues. Any action to be taken, if any, would occur at a future meeting.)*
 - **LiveBarn update**
 - **ESF1-LIVE - Helen will send association email**
 - **Elev802 update**

- Looking at Mid-December for opening S. Burlington space
- Locker Room Cell Phone Policy discussion
 - Align [USA Hockey LR policy \(p20\)](#) with [EYHA LR Policy](#)
 - **USA Hockey SafeSport:** “Cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, which includes voice recording, still cameras, and video cameras, increase the risk for some forms of abuse or misconduct. As a result, the use of any device’s recording capabilities in the locker rooms, changing areas, or similar spaces is prohibited.”
 - **EYHA LR Policy: Cell Phones and Other Mobile Recording Devices:** Players should not bring their cell phones and “leave it in their bag”. If they must bring a phone, they should give it to a parent or coach for the duration of the practice
 - **REVISION: EYHA policy to align with USA Hockey LR policy:** Coaches (2 minimum) may be allowed to use devices in locker rooms for the sole purpose of hockey instruction / game prep only - never for recording purposes; However, cell phones / devices remain prohibited in the Locker Room for all players and parents.
 - **EYHA LR Policy revision:** Rick Villamil motions to approve; Dave Alofsin seconds; motion approved.
- Yamboree update - see Action Items update
- GameSheet Update (subcommittee will discuss rollout and report back)

6. Executive Updates: *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide board and administration representatives an opportunity to report out on the current activities of various programs, board committees, etc. There may not always be a report from each group if there have not been any changes since the last time this was on the agenda.)*

- **Director of Community Relations, Jennifer O’Neil:**
 - **Yamboree Sponsors:**
 - Looking for sponsor for:
 - logo on back of medals
 - Ice time sponsors
 - Needs: board members to send updated list of current sponsors
- **8U Director, Mike Shaw:**
 - Reserving some dates with UVM Athletics to participate in honorary captains
- **Ice Scheduler, Kim Lassy:**
 - Trying to be creative about looking for ice in January
 - Stowe, Montpelier, 4pm at Gutterson, Elev802 Essex, Studio ice at Leddy
 - Reminder to association members that ice is in VERY short supply in Dec and Jan due to HS teams.
 - We are also impacted by the delay in the opening of the Elev802 facility in South Burlington.
- **VSAHA representative, Rick Villamil**
 - Creating committee to discuss challenges of scheduling across associations
 - Looking for volunteers - Kim L may help out
 - Bruins tickets available - \$105/ticket - meant for 8U-12U kids plus a guardian
 - Jan 23rd
 - Bruins - Senators
 - Rick will get info out to teams who are available to go
 - **14U Girls update:** 4 EYHA 14U girls will be joining CSB and BAHA to form a combined team (Northern Lights) for the 24-25 season. EYHA board to approve this combined team at Nov meeting after VSAHA special meeting to bring back the “Combined Teams Policy”
 - EYHA plans to vote YES to VSAHA Combined Teams Policy proposal
 - Rick will report back to EYHA board after VSAHA Special Meeting
 - Play Up request: EYHA will allow play-ups of two 12U goalies, Emily McGinty and Elana Kitchen to the G14U Northern Lights team as needed.

Both players will prioritize their primary teams (12UT2 and G12U, respectively). Board approves request via email vote: 15 Yes 0 No.

7. Next meeting date:

- **Nov 21, 2024 @ 7:00 pm. Location: Essex Rink Classroom**

8. Executive Session (if needed): none

9. Adjournment: 8:37 PM