

Eastern Shore Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2022

I. Call to order

Michael C. called to order the regular meeting of the ESHA board at 1745 on January 10, 2022 virtually.

II. Roll call

Michael C. conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

President – Mike Corner	Chief Manager – Dave Levasseur
Vice President – Dave Connolly	Communications Director – Stephanie Kevan
Secretary – Amy Grier	8U Coordinator – Kelsey Miller
Registrar – Tami Weber	CCHL Rep – John Schwaninger
Treasurer – Vince Allen	CBHL Rep – Dave Finlay
Hockey Director – Rob Wefelmeyer	EJEPL Rep – Mike Watson

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from December were submitted for approval. Motion for approval by Michael C., Seconded by Tami W., All in Favor.

IV. Director and Officer Reports

- a) President – Nothing to report.
- b) Vice President – Nothing to report. Parent requested that the organization make a donation in memory of hockey player that died in Connecticut. Dave L. made an announcement to put up on the TV with information for the charity and Stephanie K. can post on social media.
- c) Secretary – Nothing to report.
- d) Registrar – Nothing to report. Covered in new business.
- e) Treasurer – ~\$234,000 balance. We don't have the ice bill for first part of the season yet. Should be coming soon.

- f) Hockey Director – Assessments possible on April 23rd. Rob W. will secure ice. Dave C. mentioned that will be Spring break for a lot of people. Rob W. will look at April 30th weekend and/or May 7th. Mike C. requested that we have one of the final practices to observe players for next season while they are still fresh.
- g) Scheduler – Not on call.
- h) Communications Director – Stephanie K. will post on social media about Connecticut player.
- i) 8U Director – LTP being included in mini jam went well. 1 more game at the end of the month.
- j) Chief Manager – Parents are also requesting to get T-shirts. Mike C. asked that Dave L. send him those requests on the side. Dave L. asked about changing the code for the lock on the door. Will proceed with new lock and code. Dave L. will send announcement about Connecticut player to Stephanie to post on social media.
- k) CCHL Rep – Messaged CCHL recently concerning Bowie vaccination proof requirement. No real response about that or the end of year tournament. Rob W. stated that 18U will be end of February and other teams will be the first weekend in March.
- l) CBHL Rep – CBHL meeting is tonight. Bowie should be addressed. COVID is on the agenda. Tournament locations all in Virginia.

Addendum report from after meeting: Fees for next year will be \$400 per team (this past year it was \$350). The cost for the new score system and ice for playoffs is inclusive. Tournaments will tentatively be held 2/26-2/27 and 3/6-3/7. Request that everyone do their best not to cancel games. Only cancel if there aren't enough players to play a game.
- m) EJEPL Rep – Wrapping up final games of the season. Playoffs the first weekend in February.

V. Old business

- a) Annual Meeting Planning – March 9th – Will use the back room at the rink. Mike C. asked if we can have U18/U16 players volunteer to supervise the ice. Rob. W. stated that maybe Assistant Coaches would be a better option.
- b) ESHA Bylaw Review – Mike C. will look at them and put out suggested changes to the board.

- c) Equipment Room Lock – addressed in officer reports

VI. New business

- a) 2022- 2023 Planning – fees, next year’s estimated numbers, etc. – Vince A. in favor of increasing fees to help offset increased costs for ice. Mike C. requested that Vince A. try to pull together some numbers and estimates to bring back to the board to discuss. Dave F. noted that there will be no referee increase next year, but possible increase in CBHL fees next year due to digital scoresheets needing an iPad. Federation leagues are paying more for referees and have less restrictions on play so we are losing refs to them. Rob W. can email Preston to see if they are expecting any increases in fees and will communicate to Vince A. Potentially 171 players next year based on current numbers – 18U – 14, 16U – 32, 14U – 45, 12U – 32, 10U – 29, 8U – 19.
- b) Finalizing Rosters – Tami W. reported that there were some issues with the rosters. Need to communicate to coaches and managers to ensure they are reviewing and ensuring their rosters are correct well prior to January. Mike C. recommended some sort of audit process be instituted for the managers to sign in September attesting to verification of their rosters.
- c) St. Patrick’s Day Parade – Parade will be held on St. Patrick’s Day. Tami W. can register ESHA and then see what kind of feedback we get from the players. Tami W. can have business cards made up to distribute during the parade.
- d) Compensation for Coaches – Rob W. will talk to Vince A. based on projections for fees next year. This is the 3rd year with the current fee structure. Will need to adjust U18 fees if they will continue to not have 3 refs on ice.
- e) Elections – Vice President and Treasurer – Mike C. will send out email to the organization about upcoming elections for positions.
- f) Scheduling of Next Board Meetings – 2/7, 3/14 end of season board meeting, Rob W. will ask about what the melt down date will be. 3/8, 3/9, 3/10 will be possible dates for play up games. Will need someone else to run the games so the coaches can observe players.
- g) Neck guard requirements – Will need to see what USA hockey says based on the incidents.

VII. Adjournment

Michael Corner adjourned the meeting at 1841.

Minutes submitted by: Amy Grier

Minutes approved by: Michael Corner

Action Items:

Michael C. will:

- Create a working copy of the Bylaws for review and propose revisions to the Board.
- Send out email to the organization about the upcoming Board Positions up for election.

Stephanie K. will:

- Post announcement about Connecticut player on social media.

Dave L. will:

- Post announcement on TV about Connecticut player.
- Send announcement to Stephanie K. to post on social media.
- Get T-shirt sizes to Mike C. including the additional list of parent requests.
- Get the Equipment Room Lock/code addressed.

Rob W. will:

- Look into April 30th and/or May 7th for assessments and secure ice.
- Will discuss with Vince options for increasing Head Coach and Assistant Coach discounts.

Tami W. will:

- Register ESHA for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- Look at getting business cards to distribute at the Parade.

Vince A. will:

- Review financial status to assist with determining fees and discounts.