

**EYHA Board Meeting**  
Essex Rink Classroom  
**December 19, 2024 5:30pm (Special Time)**

**ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	Helen MacAndrews Corey Labor Jennifer O'Neil Tonra Riehl	Sean O'Connell Dominic Cloud Dave Alofsin	Mike Shaw Brianna Yarnell Rick Villami
<b>Board Members Absent:</b>	Frank Parisi Joe Baird	Chris McGinty Mike Lorenz Jen Villamil Renee Soutiere	Kim Lassy Tracy O'Connell
<b>EYHA Community Members:</b>	None		

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Sean O'Connell, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.
- 2. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve [November](#) motions, **Rick Villamil Corey Labor** seconds. November 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)*

**October**

- JEN V:** During Registration - offer "bench coach" as an option (non-skating coach)
- Policy Committee:** discuss adding parameters around commitment for travel players
  - This should be a conversation between coach / family / Head Coach / VP Travel
- ~~COREY: touch base with coaches who are struggling with player commitment~~
- MIKE L:** display LB promotional posters
- ~~DAVE: Yamboree signup genius~~
- ~~MIKE S: drum up 8U parent volunteers for Yamboree~~
- ~~ALL: Yamboree volunteers / donations~~
- ~~ALL: review this doc [HERE](#) to help Jen O with sponsor list~~
- MIKE:** LiveBarn posters and sandwich signs displayed
- RENEE:** Banners?
- ALL:** Calcutta
- ~~ALL: Bulletin Board~~
- ~~RENEE: order stickers / helmet stickers being distributed~~
- MIKE L:** put together SquadLocker online store

**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.)*

- **Proposal: 25-26 16U Split Season - move discussion to Jan board meeting**
- **Calcutta planning - tentative Sat. Feb 1st**
  - **Green Meadow Catering**
  - **VFW in Colchester**
- **Playdowns: EYHA consider hosting**
  - **14UT2**
  - **Feb 21-23**
  - **3 team Round Robin - 6 sheets of ice over 3 days**
  - **Essex Rink**
- **EYHA patches - Mike L can order patches**
- **EYHA logo - goalie helmet - Mike L will give graphic to family**

**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.)*

- **VSAHA Rep**
  - Update:
    - 8U jamboree / clinic March 8th
      - 2016 "festival"
      - Mike S will connect with BAHA President
    - Grow the Game grants due
      - Brianna will apply for Girls Try Hockey
      - Helen will connect with Renee
    - Tournament committee
      - Scorekeeper reward program - rewarded with DD GC for correct completion of Gamesheet (scorekeeper name / correct Referees etc)
      - Gamesheet page should be embedded into our website (Mike L)
    - Seeing resurgence of 16U and 18U teams across the state
    - CSB will host a 16U /18U team. EYHA will get the word out
    - VSAHA has seen an overall 8% increase across the state
    - Discussion about how to manage more teams and ice sheets
      - Suggestion to have 3 teams / ice sheet next year
    - Tier discussion:
      - Tier 5 will still be around next year
      - Rick will discuss with committee about Tiering mandate
- **Tournament Director:**
  - **Yamboree**
    - **improved volunteer signup**
  - **Great feedback from other associations**
  - **Adjust food offerings throughout weekend**
- **President**
  - **Disciplinary issues on the rise.**
    - **Increase in instances of Abuse of Officials,**
    - **kids on ice outside of their scheduled times**
    - **Playing off-ice hockey in the rink**
    - **Will send out an association email about behavior**

7. **Next meeting date:**
  - **January 16, 2024 @ 7 pm. Location: Essex Rink Classroom**
8. **Executive Session (if needed): none**
9. **Adjournment: 7:14 PM**