

**EYHA Board Meeting**  
Essex Rink Classroom  
April 17, 2025 7:00pm

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board Members Present:**

Helen MacAndrews	Corey Labor	Joe Baird
Jen Villamil	Mike Shaw	Dominic Cloud
Brianna Yarnell	Rick Villamil	Tracy O'Connell
Sean O'Connell	Kim Lassy	

**Board Members Absent:**

Frank Parisi	Renee Soutiere	Tonra Riehl
Jennifer O'Neil	Dave Alofsin	
Chris McGinty	Mike Lorenz	

**EYHA Community Members:**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Sean O'Connell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- 2. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve **March** minutes, **Corey Labor** motions **Jen Villamil** seconds. March 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)*

**March**

- **16U Split Season:**
  - ~~JEN: Create pre registration by 3/25 (through 1st week of April)~~
  - ~~Registration Fee \$25~~
  - ~~"Tryout" / skate~~
  - ~~KIM: 1 sheet of ice Cairns in April 5/18~~
  - ~~HELEN: Write up for 16U split~~
  - ~~HELEN / MIKE L: post on socials / emails~~
- **MINI CAMP**
  - ~~HELEN: create google "registration" form~~
  - ~~HELEN: Email players~~
  - ~~JOE: schedule ice~~
  - ~~JOE: create feedback forms~~
  - ~~COREY: coordinate "off-ice" assessors~~
  - ~~HELEN: Organize "off-season" hockey opportunities doc~~
- ~~HELEN: plan for Annual Meeting - send out email to association~~
  - ~~Re: annual meeting~~
  - ~~Open positions for voting (5 exec board + Registrar + tourney director)~~
  - ~~Survey association feedback on season?~~
- **ALL: prep for annual meeting - 2-3 bullet points of highlights of season - send to Helen by 4/15**
- **Awards Ceremony**
  - ~~Renee: book date~~
  - ~~HELEN: email association~~
  - **Corey / Rick: Agenda for evening**

- **ALL: submit nominations to SEAN**

**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.)*

- **Annual meeting**
  - **Review of 24-25 season**
    - **Goaltending continues to improve. Increased from 11 goalies to 29.**
      - **Goal: 10% of players in the association to be goalies**
    - **Advanced Skills continues to be an amazing opportunity for our players**
      - **Includes goalie specific training each week at skills**
    - **Great showings at State tournament**
    - **Our numbers continue to improve**
    - **LiveBarn a great addition to EYHA**
    - **GameSheet rollout was positive**
  - **Goals for 25-26 season**
    - **Away Tournaments:**
      - **Set tournaments early**
      - **Memo to each coach clarifying tasks to prep for tournaments:**
        - **Hotel / schedule / dates etc**
    - **Increasing Parent involvement**
    - **“True” girls teams at each level**
    - **Maintain 2 teams / sheet of practice ice**
    - **More sheets of Essex ice**
  - **Creation of 25-26 sub-committees**
    - **Budget**
    - **Board recruitment / team parents**
    - **Registration**
    - **Fundraisers: Calcutta / Yamboree / Regionals**
  - **Executive Board Elections (voting to commence via Google Form sent to association immediately following Annual meeting)**
  - **Open Appointed Positions for May**
    - **Director of Community Relations**
    - **8U Director**
- **Awards night**
  - **Tuesday, April 29, 6 - 7:30pm**
  - **EHS Auditorium**
- **Memorial Day parade**
  - **May 26th**
- **Proposal: remote option for summer board meetings (June, July, Aug)**
  - **Motion to approve: Kim Lassy motions, Dominic Cloud seconds. Motion approved.**

**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, Rick V: VSAHA update**
  - **Open VSAHA positions:**
    - **Grow the Game Coordinator**
    - **Girls Coordinator**

- Disabled Hockey Coordinator
    - Referee in Chief
  - VSAHA Street Hockey tournament option
  - Tournament Committee
    - How best to determine placement for teams at T3 / T4 / T5
  - VSAHA Leadership Symposium, May 4th
  - Policies:
    - VSAHA will continue to cover the cost of GameSheet 25-26
      - Will look into adding out of state teams
  - EYHA 14U Checking clinic - VSAHA would like to help out
  - DRAFT EYHA 25-26 Teams:
    - 8U - 3 coed / 1 girls
    - 10U - 3 teams + 1 girls (T2 / T4 / T5 + T4 girls)
    - 12U - 3 teams + 1 girls (T2 / T4 / T5 + T4 girls)
    - 14U - 2 teams + 1 girls (T2 / T4 + T4 girls)
    - 16U split (T2)
- Registrar, Jen Villamil:
  - 16U split season update: Team is a go!
- Director of Player Development, Joe Baird
  - Up Your Game mini camp update:
    - 66 players participated
    - Feedback is good

7. Next meeting date:

- May 15, 2025 @ 7 pm. Location: Essex Rink Classroom

8. Executive Session (if needed): none

9. Adjournment: 9:35 PM