

Eastern Shore Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2024

I. Call to order

Dave L. called to order the regular meeting of the ESHA board at 6:05pm on August 12th at the Talbot County Skating Rink.

II. Roll call

Dave L. conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

President – Dave Levasseur	Communications Director – Louise Howie Hockey Director: Sam Gerdano
Vice President – vacant position	8U Coordinator – Tom Crotti- not present
Secretary – Angie Broll	Chief Manager – Alison Toepfer
Treasurer – Patty McNeal	CBHL Rep – John Schwaninger- called in
Scheduler – Colin Fluharty- not present	CCHL Rep – Jeff Simmons
Registrar – Natalie Holmes	EJEPL Rep – Shawn Miller – not present

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from July were submitted for approval. Motion for approval by Louise H., 2nd by Patti McNeal, all in favor, none opposed.

IV. Director and Officer Reports

- a) President – nothing new to report.
- b) Vice President – Currently is a vacant position.
- c) Secretary – nothing new to report.
- d) Registrar – not present.
- e) Treasurer – Patty will get the group of manages compiled once she has the list of contacts. We currently have \$283,109.54 in the checking account. This is including the following: \$19,578.88 in donations and \$21,600.00 from Spring Hockey income with

projected expenses needed to be covered if \$13,000.00. Taking that into consideration we are left with an actual amount of \$241,930.66 in our checking account.

- f) Hockey Director – Power skating went really well. The younger age group session had a better turnout, but still a great turnout. He would like to continue to do this in the future with any open ice we may have. Sam will be hosting clinics on Thursdays for 2 weeks in August; he would like to continue this as well if there is any open ice in the future. There has also been a couple new players that will be joining contingent on making the blue team. They will be attending practices this week.
- g) Scheduler – not present. Will be uploading the August schedule into sports engine now that the two weeks for practices have been approved.
- h) Chief Manager – Will begin to reach out to the managers as soon as a list is compiled. Patty will be put this together so that there will be a group designated for the managers to be in contact with one another.
- i) Communications Director – nothing new to report.
- j) 8U Director – not present.
- k) CCHL Rep – 9/15 is the deadline for declarations. Ours has been turned in and we have a total of 4 teams competing in the CCHL. CCHL will be using Game Sheets again this year.
- l) CBHL Rep – The annual meeting is being held tonight and John is attending. Sam asked to confirm that 18U has enough for teams for that division.
- m) EJEPL Rep – not present. However multiple teams are playing next weekend in various showcases.

V. Committee Reports:

- a) Disciplinary Committee – nothing new to report.
- b) Fundraising Committee – nothing new to report.
- c) Bylaw Committee – nothing new to report.
- d) Rostering Committee – nothing new to report.


VI. New Business

- A) Dry land; the Church is pretty booked, and the courts are pretty expensive to use. Some teams have started this on their own but at this time its not a whole organization use for dry land as of now. Last year the younger age groups had a better turnout but Sam would need help with this.
- B) Goalie practice will be on Thursdays in August for 2 weeks.
- C) Goalie Coach and payments; He currently charges a \$60 per hour per child. He charged \$50 an hour last year and is asking to be paid \$60 an hour this year, which will be \$40 more a night. Sam suggested that we highly encourage the 8/10U kids to tryout this position to build our goalie pool. Angie motioned to approve the raise for the Goalie Coach, Patty 2nd, all in favor, and non were opposed.
- D) If a team isn't practicing on a night that the goalie coach is present, they are welcome to show up again for the extra night of goalie practice.
- E) Vice President: Dave Funk has resigned due to family issues. This is now a vacant position. He is also resigning from his 10U red head coach position, but there are a few new candidates. Head Coach Chris Thomas said that if there are any issues with practices for the 10U red team that they are welcome to join with blue.
- F) A parent was present in the meeting asking about when practices will begin. And they will begin in August, with training sessions on Thursday. Parents are asking for this to be confirmed so that others can make adjustments for other sports they may play.
- G) A parent was present and asked if fundraising was a requirement for teams, and it is not. If a team doesn't want to fundraise for personal tournaments then they do not need too. However everyone is encouraged to partake in any fundraiser that the organization does as a whole. Patty stressed that this helps to offset costs especially since ice prices will be increasing next year.
- H) Dave L. Updated the website so that all coaching requirements are in one place on the website to find.
- I) We are still recruiting for the fundraising committee.
- J) The next meeting will be held on September 9th from 6-8pm.
- K) A ref reached out about the increase we made last year for referees fees, and that will continue this year as well.
- L) Next meeting will be September 9, 2024 from 6-8pm at the ice rink.

Action Items:

Patty M. Will start compiling a list for the managers group.

Dave L. will Begin to upload the practice schedule into SE for the season now that the board has approved that.



Angie B. Will submit meeting minutes to be approved by the ESHA board. She will also book the room for the next meeting and send out the date in teams. September 9th is the next meeting.

Colin F., will continue to work on scheduling of games etc.

Louise H., will continue to add posts on social media.

Sam G., will work on the clinic plan for the two upcoming Thursdays in August.

Jeff Simmons motioned to move to a closed session at 6:56pm, all in favor and none were opposed.

