

EYHA Board Meeting  
Essex Jct. Fire Dept.  
July 18, 7pm.

**Board Members Present:** Sarah Stempek, Frank Parisi, Amanda Cowan, Drew Hier, Sean Haggerty, Sean O'Connell, Joe Anger, Rick Vilamil

**Board Members Absent:** Kim Shunk, Dan Forcier, Mike Smith, Katelyn Tessier, Renee Soutiere, Bruce Garrapy, Mike Ginnett

**Community Members:** Adam Hammond

**Call to Order:** Sarah Stempek, President of the board, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the June meeting minutes  
-motion approved

**Executive Updates:**

**Treasurer- Frank Parisi.** Working with Drew to get registration link running.

**Ice Coordinator- Renee Soutiere.** Not present, no report.

**Team Schedulers-** We have open positions that need to be filled.

8U-Keith Walcott

10U Youth - Open need to find someone

12U Youth- Renee Soutiere?

14U Youth - Jamie Libby

10U Girls- Open need to find someone

12U Girls- Heather Moody

14U Girls- Non at this time. Co-Op with CSB Whitecaps

**Fundraising Coordinator- Kim Shunk.** Not present, no report.

-“Tuition reduction program” as option for fundraiser- families find businesses to donate to organization. When a family gets a \$100 donation, the business gets their logo on the EYHA website. \$50 goes to family to reduce tuition and \$50 goes to EYHA. Minimum donation of \$100, but could be higher amount and half of donation goes to family to reduce tuition.

Frank Parisi will be contact person for this.

-We are looking to host Annual EYHA Calcutta in October this year. Suggestions for a new venue include Catamount Club, Railroad and Main, and Jules on the Green. Sean O'Connell will reach out to venues and look for availability in October/November. Once we have a place and a date, we will put a committee together to plan.

**VSAHA Rep- Mike Ginnett.** Not present, no report.

VSAHA kick off meeting is Sunday, August 25th.

**Head Referee- Bruce Garrapy.** Not present, no report.

**Registrar- Drew Hier.** Registration is ready to go, they are just trying to figure out the payment link. It is expected to be “live” in the next week.

-3 Vs. 3 Registration is “live” and up on website.

**Travel VP- Joe Anger.** In process of gathering info and scheduling tournaments for all teams. Should have dates for tournaments by August 25th VSAHA meeting.

**House VP- Sean O’Connell.** Looking for someone to coach/coordinate House Mites. Once registration is complete, he will look at players and ask parent to volunteer.

**House Representative- open position.**

**Women’s Director- Katelyn Tessier.** Katelyn will be EYHA representative for 14U Girls Whitecaps.

**Head Coach- Mike Smith.** Not present, but had the following updates:

**Bruins Academy** - Link is live and working today and at noon we had 17 kids signed up and 9 were from Essex.

September 21, 2019 @ 9am

September 28, 2019 @ 9am

October 5, 2019 @ 9am

October 12, 2019 @ 9am

**EYHA Coaches-** working on going through existing coaches credentials on an individual basis sending each coach what they need for the upcoming season. I will send out on August 1 an email asking coaches if they have not done so, to sign up to coach and my goal is to have most of our coaches ready for the welcome back skates. Some coaches have already filled out the online form for 2019-2020 season. I am basically going through and telling each coach what is needed for the upcoming season if they plan on coaching. I have sent out an email out to our 8U Coordinator a list of coaches who needs what and asked him to reach out to possible coaches so I can vet the CEP data. All the 10U amd 12U girls coaches that have expressed they would like to coach have been sent an email of what is needed for the 2019-2020 season. I am in the process of working on 14UY, 12UY and 10UY coaches. I am also connecting with any coach that is moving up a level to make sure modules are done. I hope to have all our potential coaches up to date with info what is needed for next season by August 1. EYHA should be in a good place come Oct 1 in regards to coaches being ready to hit this.

**Evaluations** - 10U will only have 1 team this year. I did not plan for Evaluations.

10-Oct-19	Thursday	MAIN	Essex	7:30 PM	8:45 PM	14U Bantam Evaluations
11-Oct-19	Friday	MAIN	Essex	7:50 PM	9:05 PM	14U Bantam Evaluations
12-Oct-19	Saturday	MAIN	Essex	2:15 PM	3:30 PM	14U Bantam Evaluations

12-Oct-19	Saturday	MAIN	Essex	3:40 PM	5:10 PM	12U PeeWee Evaluations
13-Oct-19	Sunday	MAIN	Essex	9:10 AM	10:40 AM	12U PeeWee Evaluations
14-Oct-19	Monday	MAIN	Essex	6:00 PM	7:45 PM	12U PeeWee Evaluations

**Welcome Back Skates-** We will have the same as last year (5) and will merge the 10UY with the 12UY as we tend to have good numbers at the 8U and 14UY The girls will all be together.

**Misc.**

- Working on getting Vermont Locations for CEP clinics. We will host one level 1 at Essex on Sept. 29. Just working on time.
- Transfer & Release Submission Deadline for Allied Members is August 1, 2019.
- Working with Sean on Goalie clinics.
- Working with our 8U program to restructure our game to practice ratio. Also across the state we are using the term 6U instead of Minors and 8U instead of Majors.

**Tournament Director- Rick Villamil.**

3 Vs. 3 Tournament Updates:

- Registration is "live"
- Towels and tape have arrived
- Hannafords will be donating food. Dudley's Delights ice cream truck will be on site. Frank and Drew will grill.
- Bruce Garrapy will have his players help with refereeing and scoring. Rink workers will help also.
- Dicks Sporting Goods will be there.

**Equipment Coordinator- Sean Haggerty.** Working on sorting out the shed. He is creating an inventory of what we have and what we need.

- Ordering puck bags, 8U coaches bags
- Planning to have online store open at beginning of season and then before holidays.

**Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator- Amanda Cowan. VSAHA Background Checks must be done by Sept 1.** Mike Smith sent a list out of who is cleared and who is expired. Please take the time to get this done if needed.

- Go through registration on EYHA website to do background check.

**Past President- Dan Forcier.** Not present, no report.

**President- Sarah Stempek.** Lake Monsters game on July 21st. Mike Smith is getting confirmation about EYHA doing 50/50 raffle.

- Description of new proposed positions:

**Communication Director-** in charge of social media posts, update webpage with announcements, promoting events, send EYHA emails.

**8U Director** (formerly House Rep)- report to VP of Travel, run all aspects of Travel and House 8U, get coaches together for practice planning/skating curriculum, host parent meeting at beginning of season, contact person for EYHA with VSAHA and USA Hockey 8U.

-Sarah and Amanda will type up position descriptions. Board will approve descriptions at August meeting. An email will be sent out to all EYHA families on August 15 about vote, and voting via email will occur between September 15th and 18th.

**Next Meeting:** August 15th at 7pm, Essex Junction Fire Department.

**Adjourn Open Session at 8:43pm.**