

Eastern Shore Hockey Association

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2024

I. Call to order

Dave L. called to order the regular meeting of the ESHA board at 6:04pm on April 15th at Talbot County Community Center in Easton MD.

II. Roll call

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

President – Dave Levasseur	Communications Director – Louise Howie
Vice President – Dave Funk	8U Coordinator – Tom Crotti
Secretary – Angie Broll	Chief Manager – Alison Toepfer
Treasurer – Patty McNeal	CBHL Rep – John Schwaninger
Scheduler – Jeremy Melby	CCHL Rep – Jeff Simmons
Registrar – Natalie Holmes	EJEPL Rep – Shawn Miller-not present

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from December were submitted for approval. Motion for approval by Dave F, 2nd by Louise H., all in favor, none opposed.

IV. Director and Officer Reports

- a) President – nothing new to report.
- b) Vice President – nothing new to report.
- c) Secretary – nothing new to report.
- d) Registrar – nothing new to report.
- e) Treasurer – Currently we have \$192,330.18 in our checkbook. This includes \$17,241.38 for Crabs spring program, and also \$28,664.00 is in there for the Grady Scholarship fund as well. \$140,000 is what our basic base line in our checkbook. Patty thinks it would be a good idea to spend some of this excess money to give back to our equipment room and get some other things for our practices to update and add to what we have currently. Patty also thinks that if our registration stays on track, that it would be a good

idea give some money to each team to put towards a tournament. We have also not received our reimbursement from the PVAHA yet, but the mail has not been checked yet. John S. Has mentioned that if we get together a list of items that we are looking to purchase, he will reach out to a salesman that he has to see if we can purchase these items for cheaper. Jeff Simmons has mentioned that he can reach out about purchasing medical supply bags and items for them for cheaper and he will look into this. Dave L. Has mentioned sending out an email to the head coaches asking them to provide a list of items that they would like for their teams, for the board to approve. We budgeted for a total of 138- 10-18U and 20-8U and 12 goalies for the 24/25 season.

- f) Hockey Director – 10u and 12u assessments were completed and coaches have been contacting the players and their families. Is willing to have a discussion with anyone's families who may not be happy with their placement but so far none. We have had a few players reach out about coming here for our 12u program. I have been working with D. Wolfe to try and figure out how to bring power skating in however she has now backed out considering her schedule etc. In the future if the schedule allows she would be willing to come give our program a try. She definitely wants to be involved if we can make it worth her while with time in the car vs time on the ice. There is some thought behind reworking some of our practices to have full ice practices or even full ice skating instruction. Sam also wants to have the teams combined for skating at least once a month that way this can be done on full ice. Sam is also getting ready for the older players tryouts which are coming up in a couple of weeks. Sam has set up an area where it groups who is registering according to their rank, . 8U, 10U, etc. so that we have a more accurate number of registrants.
- g) Scheduler – Had a meeting with the past scheduler Colin F., and that went over well. He has also been in contact with Emily at the rink, and has been working on the upcoming seasons practice schedule. We currently still have all of our regular practice times carrying over for the new season. Right now each team has a ½ sheet of ice twice of week. If we add in a Monday skills, this will give each team a full ice practice a week. We would do groupings for skills, such as 10,12,14U, and then 16,18U and goalies on skills nights. Nothing new to report for game scheduling.
- h) Chief Manager – nothing new to report.
- i) Communications Director – will continue posting updates etc on our Facebook site.
- j) 8U Director – There is a lot of interest from the Jamie Webb parents from 8u all the way up to 14u. Both sessions are pretty full for this time of year. Tom is suggesting that

we set up a table at both sessions on Saturday to draw in interest. Patty has said that she will help in the aspect. Tom is hopeful that we will fill out our 8U age group.

- k) CCHL Rep – nothing new to report.
- l) CBHL Rep – They had their meeting the other night that lasted 3 hours. If there are 3 levels in a division, the top team has to be at least AA. They are looking for clubs to send their interest for the leveling festival so that they can book the ice for this event at Prince Williams. John is going to make sure we are placed in a correct region so that we can play closer teams that make more sense such as Bowie, Navy, etc. This will be for the teams placed in the CCHL so John is going to work with Jeff to make sure this works.
- m) EJEPL Rep – not present.

V. Committee Reports:

- a) Disciplinary Committee – nothing new to report.
- b) Fundraising Committee – nothing new to report. Not present.
- c) Bylaw Committee – nothing new to report. Not present.
- d) Rostering Committee – nothing new to report. Not present.

VI. Old Business

- A.)** 14U and 16/18U have started their spring practices and that is going well.
- B.)** Dave F. Is suggesting that next year we get the sign ups out earlier next year for our spring programs and clinics that way membership is aware and chose our things over others.
- C.)** Dave F. Is suggesting a 3v3 Sumer league at cross ice. This would be a “light” series where you come and “have fun” during the summer off time.

VII. New Business

- A.** We will be sending our 10U blue and 10U red teams to the leveling festival. This is going to cost about \$650 per team. The board was in agreement that the organization would fund the coast of this should the coaches and parents be in total agreement to attend.
- B.** EJ league will be sending an update around May for reporting back for the season previous.
- C.** Dave F. Is still in the process of notifying his team of the players who have made the 10u red team.

- D. We currently have 14 on the 12u blue team and 11 on the red team. We have a couple players from the Raptors program that are interested in our program and this is making our red team look more viable.
- E. The thought is to reach out to the Raptors program to see if they would be willing to emerge at the lower levels into one program.
- F. We are going to be looking for a new place to hold meetings that doesn't charge us a fee.

VIII. The board members will:

- A.) **Dave F:** will send out an email to all of the head coaches to gather a wish list from them for items they wish to have bought for their team. The board has voted to spend roughly \$15,000 for new equipment for our organization. Will be sending an email to the PVAHA about getting Natalie her username for being the registrar.
- B.) **John S.:** will work with Jeff S. To ensure that our teams placed in the CCHL will be placed in the correct division to help ensure we are playing closer teams such as Bowie, Navy, etc.
- C.) **Sam G.:** will fill out the leveling festival forms for the 10U teams.
- D.) **Natalie H.:** will reach out to Tammy to gain information and notes on being the registrar.
- E.) **Angie B.:** will have the check ins completed for the tryouts for the older age group. Will book the rink for the board meeting in May. The board was okay with keeping the board meetings on Mondays.
- F.) **Louise H.:** is going to advertise that we are looking for a 12U red coach. Louise will also post reminders for our upcoming tryouts at the higher level players.
- G.) **Jeremy M.:** will check on a venue to hold our monthly meetings.

Adjournment:

The next board meeting is scheduled for May 6th at 6:30-8pm.

At 7:56pm Angie Broll motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dave Funk 1st, Patty McNeal 2nd, all in favor, non opposed.