

Essex Youth Hockey Board Meeting May 18, 2006

Attendees: The following Association members were in attendance:
Belinda Davison, Mike Haskins, Monica Sheffert, Jackie Palmer, Lau Almeida, Gail Lamos, Maurice Rosales, Peter Croce, Jay Kagan, Stephanie Paquette, Dale Nelson, Mickey LeBlanc

Board Member Attendees: John Laliberte, Jeff Cabanaw, Scott Godin, Jill Vespa, Rich Connolly, Tomi Tanghe, Al Foice, Kib Horsford, Pat Lancour, Kevin Norris, Paul Murray, Bruce Garrapy, Kay Maloney, Will Gonyeau

Missing Board Members: Estelle LeClair and Craig Benson

Minutes: Minutes were not available from the last meeting. Maurice Rosales had taken notes and will pass on to the secretary for the official record.

Agenda Items:

1. Reports:

- **Treasurer:** Year ended April 30th in the black!! EYHA Rink Fund - \$21,147.45 , Primary Checking - \$8,323.66, Secondary Checking - \$14,922.24. Total bank accounts - \$44,393.35. Year ending April 30th. Finished year in the black. Pinched pennies all year as it was known we were not clear how the year would end financially. Rich Connolly suggested that \$8 - \$12,000 should be set aside each year for new uniforms. A finance committee will be put together for next year. Kay Maloney will establish a committee and provide a status to the board at the next meeting.
- **Registrar:** Kib, as new registrar, has met with Al Brearley. EYHA Base Player Projection Sheet for the year 2006-2007 was presented. The U14 girls are still a bit unknown - based on how many girls make the high school team. There was a drop off in numbers this past year from 430 to 347.
- **House:** Chair was present with nothing new to report - looking forward to next year's season.
- **Travel:** Chair was present with nothing new to report.
- **Ice Coordinator:** Chair was present with nothing new to report.

- **Tournament Director:** Jeff Cabanaw reported that the tournaments did very well this year. Great committee of people to help run the events. Vermont All Star Tournament will be held in March '07 utilizing 5 local rinks including Essex. All hands on deck help will be needed.
- **Fundraising/Sponsor:** Chair not present - no report
- **Head Coach:** Chair was present with nothing new to report.
- **Head Referee:** Chair was present with nothing new to report.
- **Equipment Manager:** Chair was present with nothing new to report.
- **State Representative:** Evaluations were done last year for both the coaches and players. Not all were turned in but a great tool that will be used this coming year.
- **Women's Director:** Chair was present with nothing new to report.

2. **Elections:**

- President: Al Foice accepted as the only nominee and was unanimously elected.
- Board vote to fill Ice Coordinator position: Don Russell left with one year left in term. Tomi Tanghe accepted nomination to become Ice Coordinator for remainder of Don's term. Unanimous vote for Tomi.
- Vote on Appointed Board Members: In the past there were people holding two positions which lead to 14 voting members. This is being changed so there will be 16 voting members. Welcome all new members.

Board members for 2006-2007 are as follows:

President - Al Foice

1st President - Will Gonyeau

2nd President - Paul Murray

Secretary - Jill Vespa

Treasurer - Kay Maloney

Ice Coordinator - Tomi Tanghe

Tournament Director - Jeff Cabanaw

Registrar - Kib Horsford

Fundraiser - Estelle LeClair

State Representative - Kevin Norris

Head Coach - Scott Godin

Head Referee – Bruce Garrapy
Equipment Manager – Rich Connolly
Women’s Director – Pat Lancour
House Representative – John Laliberte
Past President – Craig Benson

3. Old Business:

Discussion blended with elections and notes are above.

4. New Business:

- The compressor at the ice rink will be replaced this coming Summer. We’ll play our normal season and they will break ground on the new rink construction in the summer of ’07.
- Mike Haskins discussed a program he has created for the midget level. It is not within the EYHA but would like the support of EYHA. It is a team of 20 players who try out for the program. Participants must be registered with USA Hockey and if they do not make this team, there registration fees will be transferred to EYHA if this is where the player wants to play. They will be in need of ice time. Other rinks will give them ice but will take it away if their own teams need it. Mike would like to see this program advertised on the EYHA web site and be able to utilize any mailing opportunities we may have. It was also suggested that Mike advertise in the Essex Reporter.
- New web site discussion took place. It is the board’ opinion that we can enhance our current site. We do not represent ourselves well currently. A new web site would be a great tool for the teams and parents. Paul Murray followed up by emailing a comprehensive proposal. Board members reviewed and corresponded via email as to their approval, questions and how to move forward. A vote via email was documented with a final tally of 12 votes yes and 4 not voted. Discussion for the next meeting will be how we ensure we will be utilizing the site to its fullest, who will have access to update information, time frames that this should be done, etc.

5. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 15, 2006 room c102

6. Motion to Adjourn. Motion Approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Recorded by: Jill Vespa, Secretary