

EHA Board Meeting Community Room
July 13, 2009

Attending: Billy Klein, Joanne McGarry, Renee Hunzelman, Scott McGarvey, Ken Feinberg, Kathleen Vorlicky, Peter McComber, Bob Levy, Tom Terwilliger, Todd Shuman, Jon Palmer, Cyndy Wallin.

Acceleration Hockey/OUTSIDE VENDORS TRAINERS:

Several vendors have proposed their programs to the EHA for outside training. As the organization is non-profit and includes families from many Businesses, it was decided to offer services to our skaters via our website in support of sponsorship of the EHA.

PRACTICE ICE PRIOR TO TRYOUTS: Prior to tryouts, the EHA will be providing free checking clinics, as well as additional mite training.

Coaches update: Several new Head Coaches were announced including Greg Dornbach who is moving up from Squirt A to Bantam A. Squirt A will be coached by Steve Brown, former Squirt A2 coach and multiple year coach in the girl's and boys' programs.

Tryout schedules and ice times: The board reviewed the ice schedule and grading dates for the fall as well as an update from Hat Trick Hockey.

MITE PROGRAM: Billy Klein and Todd Shuman met with different groups of Mite Coaches to determine the direction of the program for the upcoming season. A Mite Playbook is being written that will standardize the training process among the teams. Because certification is so costly, mite teams will be limited to a maximum of three coaches per team. Several additional goals for the mite program are affordability, improved development, emphasis on neighborhood teams, as well as outside ice. Additionally, it was pointed out that many skaters are choosing to play both EHA Mite hockey and the Choice program at Minnesota Made.

COMMUNICATION and FACEOFF: Renee Hunzelman and Judy Goodman have been involved in the transition to the new EHA website. Several items will be available for review on the website including: estimated costs per player, registration dates, code of conduct, toast of hockey information, refund policy and tournament dates.

CODE OF CONDUCT: New code of conduct will be put on the website. Questions should be directed to lead liaisons.

RESIDENT RULES: MINNESOTA HOCKEY'S residency rules are now available on the website. Questions should be sent to District 6.

TOAST TO HOCKEY: A Committee has been formed led by Billy Klein, Joanne McGarry and Todd Shuman. The toast will be held at ECC on September 18. Families may register for the toast on-line in conjunction with the season registration. The association is working to reduce printing and mailing costs, therefore most communication will be sent via the website and email for the upcoming season.

Next meeting: August 3, Arneson Acres.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35.