

EHA Board Meeting August 9, 2010

Attendance:

Present - Joanne McGarry, Pat Foley, Jon Foust, Dan McGraw, Carrie Knowles, Peter McComber, Renee Hunzelman, Billy Klein, Judy Goodman, Peder Larson, Jim O'Neill, Bob Levy, Tom Terwilliger, Erik Hendrickson, Russ Lemker, Todd Shuman, Dan Rectenwald, Kathleen Vorlicky.

Absent: Jon Palmer.

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Dan Rectenwald.

Approval of Minutes:

The July minutes were approved.

Finance:

Bob Levy briefly noted the current financial situation (in Treasurer Jon Palmer's absence). Jon will provide a more detailed report in the September board meeting.

Registration Update:

Jon Palmer, Judy Goodman, Jon Foust and Joanne McGarry have been working on the current registration process which now offers a payment plan option for fees. Registration Fees now include three levels: EHA registration fees, ice costs and tournament fees. They may be broken down into three payments. Any additional ice expenses or team costs will be voted on by teams and will be collected by team managers. The US Hockey fee of \$40 is unchanged. The Mite fees have gone down significantly. Registration will open August 15. Renee Hunzelman and Erik Hendrickson will write the explanation for what to expect at the boys and girls' levels. Russ Lemker will draft the Mite information. Goalie information will be provided by Peter McComber.

District 6:

Bob Levy attended the most recent District 6 meeting and gave the following report. The game length for the upcoming season remains the same. The penalty minutes will be 1.5 minutes in length (1 minute and 30 seconds). Minnesota Hockey suggested all associations

train parents on calculating this reduced time on the clocks prior to the season. For overtime the format will be five on five, four on four and then to a shootout. Championship rounds of district playoffs will be kept the same. A ruling by District 6 has been brought forth with regard to participation on multiple teams. For a complete explanation, refer to the District 6 website.

Coaching Committee Update:

Dan Rectenwald noted the committee will finalize the vote on open coaching positions later in the week. Dan Rectenwald noted the committee has spent quite a few hours interviewing the many coaches that have applied for these positions. The coaching committee will meet in the next few days to make final decisions on the coaches.

Tournament Update:

The Cake Eater is full with waiting lists at every level, according to Tournament Director Joanne McGarry. Tourneyville is handling the programs, etc. for the EHA. Trophies will remain the same. Applications and planning for the O'Connor, Reimann and Edina Invitational Tournaments are underway.

Modifications to EHA Guidelines:

Dan Rectenwald presented a rough draft of the guidelines. Russ Lemker changed the formatting of the guidelines and made many substantive changes and recommendations for the guidelines which had been presented directly to Dan in July. Dates and other items that have become obsolete will be changed; major content and EHA position statements will not. Russ also automated the creation of the table of contents from the one in the original. A final analysis of the guidelines will be made after registration due to time constraints. Peder Larsen pointed out that in the future we will look at many aspects of the guidelines. The registration policy will change and Joanne McGarry and Jon Palmer will take care of posting this. Other minor edits will be posted immediately. Junior Gold policy will be voted on by the next meeting.

Tryout Process:

Dan Rectenwald discussed the role of lead liaisons during tryouts. Peter McComber will be the chief operating officer of the tryout process (COOTOP), and will focus especially on procedural issues. Commissioners are key people for this process. Their involvement varies from day to day during the tryouts. Lead liaisons need to select the commissioners.

Parents are not allowed in the EHA room if their own child is involved. Russ Lemker suggested the EHA may want to consider posting tryout results online or via PDF files similar to other associations. Joanne McGarry noted the Girls' Program will be doing this process in the upcoming season. Dan listed the many responsibilities. Bob Levy noted the liaisons are responsible to insure as many potential coaches as possible should be at the tryouts.

Toast to Hockey:

Carrie Knowles gave an update on the Toast of Hockey to be held September 18 at the Edina Country Club. Key sponsors are Twin Cities Orthopedics and General Sports (donating \$2,000 worth of merchandise). Carrie needs a 501 determination letter needed. Registration Invitations will be mailed as well as emailed. Carrie listed the big tickets items for auction.

Girls Update:

Erik Hendrickson will head up the Girls' Program as Scott McGarvey has resigned from the EHA Board (due to outside time commitments).

Goalies:

Peder Larson suggested the EHA encourage each team to have one person (coach) responsible for goalie training or mentoring. This coach would attend some of Goalcrease training throughout the season.

Coaching Development:

Pat Foley, Jon Foust and Erik Hendrickson outlined the three key areas which include administration, philosophy and resources for coaches. It was suggested this information is put in writing and communicated to the coaches upfront. An outline of each person's role should be included as well.

Bob Levy pointed out the Mite program needs more coaching development in a concrete system. Pat Foley and Erik Hendrickson will share the PDF for the Girls' Mite Program.

Mites:

Todd Shuman listed the costs and hours for the Mite program.

Referee Program:

Russ Lemker reported Dave Kemp is willing to do a four hour referee training program. Russ is researching returning the referee program to the EHA.

Sponsorship:

Kathleen Vorlicky and Dan McGraw are in the process of contacting all existing sponsors and dasher board advertisers.

Fundraising:

Billy Klein outlined a fund-raiser for the EHA which involves a coupon book for managers to give to the kids on the team. Billy will have plan and more details by the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28.

Next meeting will be September 13, 7:00 P.M. City Hall Community Room.

