



Minutes -

EYHA Board Meeting

11/20/2008

Attendees:	Board Members: John Laliberte, Jerry Heath , Pat Burke, Al Foice, Mauricio Rosales, Peter Glass, Dean Bartlett Other Attendees: Kristin Romick, Austin Martin-Anderson
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Notes:

- Meeting called into order 7:07
- Minute approvals – Minutes from Aug, Sept and Oct were approved
- Open discussion from visitors:
 - Austin brought two items for the Board regarding the cross-ice mite program
 - Standardization of Play: Austin noted differences between EYHA and other local associations in terms of standard of play including: use of smaller sized nets at different associations; leveling of teams; use of refs or coaches; number of players per team etc.
 - Board members discussed this matter and created an action item for Pete Glass to encourage standardization discussions with VSAHA Pete will use our X-ice model as a potential recommendation for a standard.
 - The issue of using the cross-ice mite program to help promote the development of young new referees was also discussed in more detail. Head Referee Bruce Garrapy suggested via email earlier in the week that EYHA continue to use refs for X-ice as it is a good learning opportunity and soft way of introducing them to the process. The board agreed with his perspective but suggested that this matter be discussed at the VSAHA level and presented to Brian Collamore to consider a statewide standard.
 - Second item: scheduling 6:30 practice and games in the same day has been difficult for families. Austin will get more information on this.

Board asked if Kick-Ice was possibly an option for this group – This will be brought up with Craig to explore other possibilities.

- Travel VP Report: Presented by Al –
 - A request was made to post a community notice on our web site from CSB. Paul brought up the concern that we have no policy for public service notices on our web site, and we could be in the position to have to manage this in the future from many different well intentioned sources.
 - The following policy was adopted by the Board: “Communications on the EYHA web site will only include items that are hockey related, Essex Youth Hockey related, and in support of the mission of Essex Youth Hockey”. – which passed unanimously
 - EYHA will pass along this community notice via the travel team e-mail tree (through team parents).



- We have a watch item for two teams to make sure they hit their travel profile
 - EHS Game volunteers: Paul is going to be asked to coordinate the EHS game volunteers. This service by EYHA families provides fundraising dollars to the organization.
- Women's Director: Presented by AI
 - U14, U12 major, U12 minor seasons are going well – we also now have a better idea of the level the teams are at - indicators are all positive
- House: Numbers update
 - 103 Total House – including Novice
 - 49 Novice (14 girls)
 - 33 Mites (4 girls)
 - 10 Squirt (0 girl)
 - 11 Peewee (1 girl)
 - Feedback on the “New” novice program has been very positive
- Head Coach (ACE) Report: Update on Tryouts
 - Full report will be ready next month
 - Feedback to date has been mostly positive
 - Feedback from the web site link has also been constructive
- Treasurers Report:
 - Financial reports mailed to board ahead of time. No questions on the reports
 - Amended budget target is next month – by then we will have Midget numbers as well as most of the second session Novice players
 - We received an additional donation \$3,400 from Backstage
- Registrars Update (via email):
 - Team books to be ready next week
 - Board members mentioned that the signed rosters still need to be completed – deadline is EOY
 - The packet must also include the complete coaches paperwork dataset
- Equipment Report
 - Distribution of new jerseys went mostly well.
 - Only a handful of issues mostly related to sizes, one family was not aware that a jersey purchase was needed
 - Next month we will spend additional meeting time discussing the possible jersey buyback program as well as any mechanics around it. General consensus is this will be too administratively burdensome and not something we should pursue.
- Fundraising report: (AI for Estelle)
 - Sponsor fundraising component is in final stages of completion.
 - AI has been working to complete the sponsor signs for the rink. Design is complete – just finalizing list of sponsors.



- Tournament Director
 - Yamboree preparations are mostly complete
 - Referees will be coaches
 - We have put in for a State Tournament –Midget
 - We have applied for a Regional Tier II tournament as well - weekend of March 20-22, 2009
- State Representative
 - Petition/challenges must be filled by Dec 1; parties notified by Dec 11
 - Any association not playing in the State tournament must indicate by Dec 11, after that the association may faces sanctions.
- President’s Report
 - Al announced to the Board that he will not seek another year as President of the association, but he will accept the position of “Past President”. The Board is to consider options for succession planning for next year.
- New Business – “Coffee Cart” concept presented by Kristin
 - Kristin presented a cost analysis for running a coffee cart – current pricing would provide 60cents profit on a \$1 cup of coffee. Other items, such as Gatorade, could also be sold
 - The Board discussed the challenges of getting volunteers, and ideas to make volunteering more attractive (such as discounts off travel fees).
 - The Board also inquired about how we could place the right controls in place (for \$, inventory, etc).
 - The Board decided that since we are going to need to sell coffee at the Yamboree that we use this as a learning opportunity (volunteers, sales, etc) to decide on next steps for a more global concept
 - Al will check with U46 administration as to willingness to allow us to operate an EYHA concession (much smaller scale)
- New Business – Calcutta at Backstage
 - Al brought up the possibility of a team or group running a Calcutta at the Backstage, the dollars raised could pay for a team second tournament and could be attractive in that respect.
 - Will solicit interest from travel teams.

There being no further business for the open session, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

The Board entered into Executive Session.

Action Items:	Date:	Responsible:
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1. Craig – to explore using kick-ice with cross ice mites in lieu of practice at 6:30 am on game days with Austin.



2. Paul – coordinate EHS volunteers
3. Deanna – Team books and signed USA Hockey rosters – completion – including entire coaches paperwork

Related Materials:

Treasurer's reports