

Attendees:

Board Members:

Dean Bartlett, Craig Butkus, Jerry Heath, Pat Burke, Al Foice, Estelle LeClair, Lisa McGinnis, John Laliberte, Maurice Rosales

Other Attendees:

Deanna Cram

Notes:

- Meeting called to order 7:10 p.m. – with a quorum.
- Minutes were approved from last meeting with no discussion
- Board Business:
- Jerry Heath reported that Pat attended the state girl's meeting.
 - A lot of good recruitment is going on around to state to recruit girls into local programs.
 - The state announced that they are open to flexibility regarding combining programs so that older girls will have the opportunity to play.
- Treasurers Report – Maurice presented the treasurer's reports
 - Account balances, Budget and Cash Flow reports were reviewed and approved by the Board.
 - There was some discussion had about pricing for next year. Hopes were high that we would be able to keep pricing the same as last year, however ice prices are rising so this was a concern in that area.
- Girl's program – Craig Butkus reported
 - EYHA will have 6 or 7 U-14 girls next year and obviously those numbers do not support a full team. The first hope to resolve this issue is that we would release these players and have CSB absorb them into their program. Pat and Craig will be writing a proposal to present to the CSB board to see if they will allow this.
 - We will be teaming up with CSB to hold two "bring a friend" skates for the girls. One will be held on a Saturday and one on an evening.
 - Flyers will be hung again in different locales to try to recruit new girls into the program.
 - Various restaurants will be placing flyers into their take-out menus.
- Equipment – Dean Bartlett reported
 - Most teams have returned their jerseys and coaches bags. Al requested specific information about number of jerseys sold and returned etc. and anything outstanding including sponsor tags.
 - Suggestion was made that the new jerseys be numbered with even numbered birth years having even numbered jerseys and odd numbered birth years having odd numbered jerseys. Pat suggested that it would make sense for families with multiple children if it worked within that framework to have each child in that family have the same number so that jerseys could be passed down from child to child.
 - It was suggested that the jerseys be paid for with the first travel payment.

- Pat reported on coaching feedback forms. Good feedback was received from the membership and EYHA should be proud that most feedback received was positive and therefore it is perceived that the coaches are doing a good job.

New Board Business:

- Estelle was approached by a member questioning whether each team got the same number of practices and games at each locale. Discussion was had and it was determined that the feeling by the board was that Craig attempts to start everyone out evenly in this regard and that changes made after the season started may skew this to some extent but his intent was to evenly distribute the ice at each “home” locale.
- Al suggested that we consider our practice of attending in season tournaments out of respect for families and the state of economy such as it is. Instead of paying high tournament fees teams could travel to different locations and play a number of teams in that area over a weekend which would allow for the “tournament atmosphere” i.e. staying in a hotel, team bonding etc. while not having to pay the tournament fees. Craig Benson will need to weigh in on practicalities of this option.

There being no further business for the open session, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Executive Session:

- The board reviewed interested candidates for the remaining term of the Registrar’s position. Two highly qualified and dedicated parties were interested in the position. The Board appointed Deanna Cram as Registrar for the upcoming season.

Action Items:	Date:	Responsible:
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1. Discussion about scheduling on a team by team basis.
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Related Materials:

- Treasurer’s reports
- Play-up Proposal
- Coaching List and Tryout Protocols
- Registration Status Report