

Essex Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting – Essex High School -7:00 pm
January 20, 2011

Board Members: Pat Burke, Al Foice, Deanna Cram, Kristin Romick, Rebecca Stone, Matt Clark, Bruce Garrapy, Rob Sink, Rob Young, John Laliberte, John Madelena

Guests: Steve Schultz, Frances Estes

Meeting called to order at 7:05

1. Meeting Minutes - review and approval. December 16, 2011 Meeting minutes approved

2. Visitor Open Discussion. – (10 minutes or as needed)

Frances Estes came to discuss the role of the ref. She has a son who is a midget. She described a game in Waterbury against Troy, New York. In her opinion the game was dangerous and nothing was called. She wrote a letter to Vermont state hockey and heard nothing back. She sent this letter Tuesday of last week. Frances requested that the board do whatever it takes to make the game safer. Pat will look at the Saturday night game issue including having more experienced refs with the midgets.

3. Discussion items:

- Travel Report – Larry absent .
- House Report – Dan Forcier will be the house rep
- ACE / Head Coach report – John said that all coaches are set for state tournaments.
- Treasury Report – Rebecca gave reports in advance to board and went over.
- Registrar Update – Every tournament needs to be registered. Host rinks need to have the proper rosters and numbers for state tournament tee-shirts.
- Equipment Update – U14 needs a wipe board. The boxes are not complete. Dean will need to get the practice jerseys from Bruce. He has 2 boxes.
- Ice Update- Google doc is helpful
- Fundraiser report _ Back Stage gave us another check.
- Tournament Director – U16/U19 Regional....Matt is working on this
- State Representative Report – VSAHA minutes from last week's meeting can be viewed from the following link: <http://vthockey.org/app/images/janmin.pdf>
- Head Referee Report – Bruce wanted to bring up the incident at Waterbury already discussed by Frances.
- Woman's Report: -Girls' Hockey Night – Jan 1/22. Any girls can get in for free if they wear their jerseys. Coaches get in for free too. -Mentor Program – Girls Hockey Buddies program w/ EH. Positive Feedback from the Hybrid Program. Use of incentive \$\$ has worked well. -Positive Feedback from Boston Bruins. Would like to do this again. They feel like the EYHA was the best event they had attended.

4. New Business

- a. Board replacements: Pat Burke will be stepping down and is looking for a replacement, Kristin Romick has asked but has not gotten any interest, Deanna Cram does not have any interest in her position, Rebecca Stone does not have any interest in her position, Rob Young would like to stay in his position another year if that is an option.
- b. Calcutta: Looking good...will still need to push.

- c. Yearbook : Ashley B is doing the yearbook. Carney needs to follow up with the ads.
- d. Mite 8 and under committee update: Matt Clak, Deanna Cram and Bruce Garrapy. Deanna has not heard back Burlington. CSB would like to wait until the end of the season.
- e. Recommendations for awards – need to coordinate: Pat did this through survey monkey last year. Larry will need to do this.
- f. End of year team activities. End of year awards will be in March. Will need to know when the yearbook is complete. Encourage team awards. Winners of the organization awards be provided at each team event by a member of the board who can attend the respective event. Recognition on the web page.

5. Old Business

6. Next Meeting – February 17, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. Essex High School Rm C102

7. Adjourn Open Session @ 8:40

8. Executive Session

- a. Disciplinary update

9. Adjourn @ 9:05pm

Key Dates:

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