

## **EYHA Board Meeting**

Essex High School

June 18,2015

**Board Members Present :** John Laliberte, Sean Haggerty, Fraser MacDonald, Dave Kedzierski, Mike Smith, Matt Clark, Sarah Stempek, Rick Villamil, Daniel Forcier

**Board Members Absent :** Jennifer McFaul, Scott Prim, Carney Daniels, Rob Young, Pat Burke, Bruce Garrapy

**Others Present :** James Henley

**Call to Order :** John Laliberte, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

### **Agenda Items :**

- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - No corrections required
  - Motion from Dave Kedzierski to approve minutes, seconded by Matt Clark
  - Motion approved unanimously
- **Visitors to Be Heard :**
  - James Henley, Owner of Body Resolutions, made a presentation to the Board regarding the services his establishment can offer in regards to off ice training
  - A handout was provided to board providing additional information regarding Body Resolutions and their services
  - Body Resolutions currently works with a number of athletic teams including the Rice Prep hockey teams and previously worked with the Glades organization
  - Body Resolutions would staff 2-3 trainers per group of 15-17 EYHA players. James indicated that they has the capacity to handle the number of players we have.
    - The discussion of off ice training and/or additional power skating was *tabled* by the board awaiting additional information
- **Executive Updates:**
  - **Treasurer ~ Fraser MacDonald** presented the proposed 2015-2016 budget to the board. Some highlights of the budget are:
    - Balanced Budget
    - No registration or travel fee increase
    - Jay Peak continues with no increase in fees
    - \$5.5K of off ice training included(TBD)
    - Reduced fundraising income by \$5.5K overall
      - Discussion was held regarding the budget

- Motion from Dan Forcier: **Adopt the budget as is but come back to vote on the \$5500 expenditure for off ice training after proposals have been received.**
  - Motion Seconded by Dave Kedzierski
  - Motion approved unanimously
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- **Ice Coordinator ~ Dave Kedzierski** advised that he has met with Noel and reviewed the available ice times at the Essex rink up until the High School tryouts begin on November 16. There will be ice time scheduled this year for evaluations for the girls programs. Dave reviewed a number of important dates with the Board and will follow up by sending those dates to board members via email
  - **VSAHA Representative ~ Matt Clark** had nothing new to report to the Board
  - **Registrar ~ Dan Forcier** advised the Board that registration will open in early July and close one month after
  - **House Representative ~ Mike Smith** had nothing new to report to the Board
  - **Women's Director ~ Sarah Stempek** advised that the Taste of Hockey Camp is set to go next week, June 24,25,26 at Cairns Arena, currently 7 girls registered. Mike Smith will be on the ice. Sarah is still in discussion with CSB regarding the U14 CO-OP and will have more for the Board in July
  - **Tournament Director ~ Rick Villamil** had nothing new to report to the Board
  - **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator ~ Sean Haggerty** had nothing new to report to the Board
  - **President ~ John Laliberte** had nothing new to report to the Board
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- **New Business**
    - **Off ice & Power Skating** - matter was discussed earlier in the meeting and *tabled*
    - **Geographic Boundaries** - John Laliberte led a discussion regarding the boundaries of the EYHA including the history and the current situation. Currently the only wording regarding our boundaries can be found in Policy & Procedure under the heading Player Eligibility and it indicates the following: *Any youth whom is a resident of Essex, Essex Junction, Jericho, Underhill, Westford, Richmond, or other town of which is not represented by a local organization of VSAHA, or has special permission to participate, is eligible to participate in evaluations* . The concern for the association is that we have seen the number of players from outside our traditional boundaries grow and this puts pressure on our team sizes and available ice time. Concerns also arise about the perception that we are taking players away from other associations which is not the intent of the EYHA. Of particular concern are the communities of Colchester and Williston

- The Board discussed what the boundaries are and how we should address the issue
- John proposed the following:
  - Players who are currently registered with EYHA travel programs will be grandfathered and allowed to remain with EYHA
  - The towns that EYHA services are as outlined in our Policy and Procedures. If a player lives in Colchester or Williston, which are serviced by other association, they will need special permission to play for EYHA
  - The Board shall incorporate some language in the registration site outlining what towns belong to our association to provide clarity and transparency
- Dan will add the wording to the registration site outlining the towns that belong to our association
- The Board will develop criteria on what will be required for special permission to be granted
- **Street Hockey Tournament** - Mike Smith presented to the Board the idea of hosting a street hockey tournament to be held on August 9 at the Essex rink as a fundraiser for EYHA. The Board agreed this is a project that should proceed.
- **Golf Tournament** - The Board decided to pass on holding a golf tournament this year. John will contact the golf course to advise them.
- **Next Meeting:** July 16, 2015 at Essex Town Fire Hall

The Board adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sean E. Haggerty