

## **EYHA Board Meeting**

Essex Fire Hall

July 16,2015

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

**Board Members Absent :** Jennifer McFaul, Carney Daniels, Rob Young

**Others Present :** Gerry Cincotta, Frank Parisi, Jennifer Villamil, John Maddalena

**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 Scott Prim
  - Motion approved unanimously
- **Visitors to Be Heard :**
  - **Frank Parisi** introduced himself to the Board and expressed his interest in replacing Fraser MacDonald as Treasurer. Frank advised that he currently has one child involved in the association. He is employed as a commercial banker with the Key Bank
- **Executive Updates:**
  - **Treasurer ~ Fraser MacDonald** presented to the Board for the last time as Treasurer. He advised that the association's taxes are currently with the accountant
  - **Ice Coordinator ~ Dave Kedzierski** reminded Board members that he sent out a document last week containing key dates for the association and reviewed these dates for the visitors to the meeting. Dan Forcier will add the key dates to the website. He updated the Board on where we are with the scheduling of ice and advised that he continues to meet with Noel at the rink. Dave made the Board aware that there is still a need for a Midget scheduler.
  - **VSAHA Representative ~ Matt Clark** reminded the Board that the VSAHA Face Off meeting is scheduled for September 13. Advised that the NE District will be hosting a Tier 1 Midget tournament this year. VSAHA will be doing jamborees again this season on December 15.
  - **Head Referee ~ Bruce Garrapy** nothing new to report to the Board

- **Registrar ~ Dan Forcier** advised the Board that registration has been open for 2 weeks and will be open for a total of 5 weeks, closing for travel on August 15. Thus far no issues and Dan will send reminders to the membership to complete their registration.
  - **Travel VP ~ Scott Prim** advised that he did receive some feedback from last years coaches in regards to previous tournaments attended and this is helpful in determining what tournaments to schedule. He is currently in talks with CHE regarding some of their tournaments
  - **House Representative ~ Mike Smith** had nothing new to report to the Board
  - **Women's Director ~ Sarah Stempek** advised that 8 girls attended the Taste of Hockey Camp and that the feedback was all positive. There is hope that some of these girls will register for the season. The board discussed the possibility of making equipment that we currently have available to new skaters whenever possible. All Board members were in agreement that this is a good idea. Sarah advised that she is meeting with CSB on August 1 to finalize details of the U14 team. Sarah indicated that it currently appears that the U12 team will have 15 skaters and 1 goalie
  - **Tournament Director ~ Rick Villamil** reviewed the progress of the upcoming 3 on 3 street hockey tournament
  - **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator ~ Sean Haggerty** had nothing new to report to the Board
  - **Past President ~ Pat Burke** had nothing new to report to the Board
  - **President ~ John Laliberte** advised the Board of the addition of two Advisory Board members. These are non - voting members who are the managers of the two establishments that assist us in fundraising for the association, their names can be found on the website
- **New Business**
    - **Off ice & Power Skating** - Matt Clark previously sent the Board information regarding Chris Line's proposal for powerskating. Chris is prepared to provide powerskating instruction at a cost of \$75 per hour. The Board discussed the matter and decided to discuss the issues of powerskating and off ice training separately.
      - Bruce Garrapy proposed that the Board accept Chris Line's proposal of \$75 per hour for power skating instruction. Motion was seconded by Fraser MacDonald
      - Dan Forcier requested an amendment to the motion to allow up to and including a dollar amount of \$2300 be spent on powerskating instruction for the upcoming season
        - The motion including the amendment was passed unanimously
      - Matt Clark with liase between Chris Line and the Board to determine Chris' availability and ice times

- The matter of off ice training for the upcoming season was discussed and the Board decided not to pursue any further
  - **Try Out Process** - John Laliberte led a discussion around concerns raised by membership over the tryout process in last season's end of year survey. A number of possible alterations to the process were discussed, including the use of outside evaluators. There was no support from the Board for the use of outside evaluators. There was a consensus that when the number of skaters being evaluated is high, as it was last year with the squirts, there is a need for additional ice time to allow for more evaluation of the skaters
  - **Treasurer Opening** - John Laliberte advised that he and Fraser MacDonald met with Frank Parisi to discuss his interest in replacing Fraser as treasurer and both are in support of Frank.
    - John Laliberte puts forth a motion that the Board appoint Frank Parisi as treasurer of the EYHA, seconded by Rick Villamil
      - Vote taken and Motion was passed unanimously
  - **New Policies** - John Laliberte advised that our accountant has suggested the addition of new policies that are standard for non-profit organizations. John will bring them forward at a future meeting
  - **Team Schedulers** - John inquired as to our current requirements
    - Dave advised that we only require a Midget scheduler
  - **Street Hockey Update** - discussed early in meeting
  - **VSAHA "Grow the Game"** - Matt Clark reminded the Board that if we have any requests for funding from VSAHA we should put together proposals and submit
- **Next Meeting:** August 20, 2015 at Essex Town Fire Hall

The Board adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sean E. Haggerty