

## **EYHA Board Meeting**

Essex High School

September 17, 2015

**Board Members Present :** John Laliberte, Jennifer McFaul, Sean Haggerty, Sarah Stempel, Rick Villamil, Daniel Forcier, Scott Prim, Bruce Garrapy, Mike Smith, Rob Young, Matt Clark, Frank Parisi

**Board Members Absent :** Pat Burke, Dave Kedzierski, Carney Daniels

**Others Present :** Gerry Cincotta

**Call to Order :** John Laliberte, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

### **Agenda Items :**

- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - Quorum of the Board not present at the time this item was discussed. Previous minutes not approved
  - **Minutes need to be approved at October meeting**
- **Visitors to Be Heard :**
  - No presentations or questions for the Board
- **Executive Updates:**
  - **Treasurer ~ Frank Parisi** advised that the initial letters of response to applications for financial assistance have been mailed to applicants. All invoices for tournaments that Frank has received have been paid
  - **Ice Coordinator ~ Dave Kedzierski** was not present, he did forward, by email, items to be discussed.
    - Grow the game ice on Sept. 19 - are we going to use it?
    - Goalie Clinic on Oct. 7 - is this going to happen?
      - John to follow up with Carney
    - Dave is having issues with the team tags on the NGIN website, looking for assistance.
      - Dan suggests contacting the NGIN helpdesk for assistance
    - Dave will be sending the master ice game schedule to game schedulers next week
    - Dave will send the master ice schedule to Bruce after that so referees can be scheduled

- Dave will begin entering practice schedule into NGIN once he is comfortable with team tags
- **VSAHA Representative ~ Matt Clark** nothing new to report to the Board
- **Head Referee ~ Bruce Garrapy** advised of the following dates for seminars for referees - September 27 at St. Mike's - October 17 at Hartford - November 8 at Rutland
- **Registrar ~ Dan Forcier** provided a brief update on registration. There continues to be one outstanding U10 not registered. The U14 coop team has 21 skaters registered and no goalie. The team will borrow goalies from CSB and EYHA U12 and Stars U13. The number of skaters is over the state allowed roster number of 20. This may or may not be an issue depending on how many girls leave for high school teams. Dan and Sarah will continue to monitor the issue and advise the Board
- **Travel VP ~ Scott Prim** advised that all travel teams are now registered for two tournaments
- **House VP ~ Jennifer McFaul** advised that she is currently working on the House schedule and it should be completed next week
- **House Representative ~ Mike Smith** nothing to report
- **Women's Director ~ Sarah Stempel** discussed the concept of a low cost - low commitment option for girls that are new to the game. She also discussed the concept of a girls development team to help new skaters get ready to move up to travel teams
- **Head Coach ~ Carney Daniels** not present, advised through Rob that the Coaches Meeting will be held on **October 11 at 12:00 pm** at the Essex Rink
- **Tournament Director ~ Rick Villamil** has begun planning the Yamboree and emails have been sent out to organizations who have previously participated confirming interest.
  - Rick made the Board aware of concerns voiced by some of last years participants over the conduct of one team, in particular the excessive running up of the score. The concerns also involved the same team being an unbalanced team made up of that association's best players. The Board discussed the issue and shares the concern as the Yamboree is designed to be a positive and fun experience and the rules indicate that teams are not to be "select" teams
  - Rick to email the concerned associations to advise we are aware of the issue and are addressing it. He will also send CSB a note to remind them that "stacked" teams are not welcome at the Yamboree and if they send that type of team again they will not be invited back
- **Equipment Coordinator ~ Rob Young** reviewed budget for equipment purchases. Rob advised that he could use assistance sorting practice jerseys and equipment at the storage locker on **September 28 at 6:00 pm**.
- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator ~ Sean Haggerty** reminded Board members that we will need Safe Sport certified locker room monitors for all the Dust Off

skates and Assessments. Requested that Board members assist with this as we do not have team parents yet

- Sean to send email to board members with dates and times
  - **Past President ~ Pat Burke** not present, no report this month
  - **President ~ John Laliberte** provided the Board with some information from the VSAHA Face Off meeting, including a reminder that the national tier 2 female championships will be held locally this year and the organizers are looking for volunteers.
    - Jay Peak, no update as of yet. Board discussed the need to set a date to close the registration to assist with planning. Agreed that registration will be closed as of October 2. Dan will update the website
    - Grow the game ice on Sept 19 (4:15- 6:15), John reminded the Board that this ice is donated to the EYHA. Discussed how the ice can or should be used. Board agreed that it will be used for a Stick and Puck session for all registered players. John to send an email to the membership advising.
    - Coaches for Dust Off skates, John advised that Carney is organizing this
    - Placement Format and Evaluators , John advised that Pat Burke is in the process of finalizing both
    - U14 update, was discussed earlier in report from registrar
- **Next Meeting:** October 15 @ 7:00 pm - EHS room C102

The Board adjourned open session at 8:19 pm.

- Executive Session
  - Motion from John Laliberte to open executive session, seconded by Sean Haggerty
  - Executive session opened at 8:19 pm
  - Executive session adjourned at 8:54 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Sean E. Haggerty

