

EYHA Board Meeting

Essex High School

November 17, 2016

Board Members Present : Dan Forcier, Jennifer McFaul, Scott Prim, Sean Haggerty, Rick Villamil, Sarah Stempek, Rachel Schek, Craig Benson, Frank Parisi, Mike Smith, Rob Young, Bruce Garrapy

Board Members Absent : Pat Burke, Tanya Rassel

Others Present : Bob Vickery

Call to Order : Dan Forcier , President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

Agenda Items :

- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion from Rick and seconded by Scott to approve October Minutes
 - Unanimous vote - Approved
- **Visitors to Be Heard :**
 - Nothing presented
- **Executive Updates:**
 - **Treasurer ~ Frank Parisi** provided the Board with an up to date budget and reviewed it with the Board. He advises that we are on target to have a balanced budget for the year. Discussion about how the format of the budget document could be better presented
 - **Ice Coordinator ~ Rachel Schek** advised she is now working on the scheduling. Some discussion regarding leftover Midget practice ice and what to do with it.
 - Dan reminded the Board that scheduling of games is the responsibility of the team schedulers and not parents or coaches. Coaches consult with schedulers and do not act unilaterally
 - **Fundraising Coordinator ~ Tanya Rassel**, not present, no report
 - Dan advised that he has received some concerns regarding the raffle ticket fundraiser. He reminded the Board that the association needs to fundraise in order to provide the level of programs we do at the current cost. Dan will communicate with concerned members as well as the membership on a whole regarding the importance of fundraising
 - **VSAHA Representative ~ Craig Benson**, reported that VSAHA will begin to fine associations \$50 for non-attendance at VSAHA monthly meetings.
 - Craig advised that there were 121 transfers within the State this year, 10 required votes after being denied
 - **Head Referee ~ Bruce Garrapy**, confirmed that all teams have someone who has access to Arbiter to confirm refs for their games

- **Registrar ~ Dan Forcier**, advised that registration is winding down. There are only 45 coaches left that need to complete their background check. There remains a number of coaches that need to complete their CEP requirements by Dec.31
- **Travel VP ~ Scott Prim**, advised that the Rail City Tournament for the 12U girls was cancelled. He continues to look for a tournament for the 10U girls
 - Scott reviewed the commitment concerns that have previously been raised, he has communicated with all coaches that if they require support to reach out to him. Concerns have arisen about players leaving their Essex winter season teams to play for other spring season teams in tournaments, this leaves our teams short of players and impacts the cost per player attending tournaments
 - Board discussed concerns about winter season commitment and what the expectations are and how other sports and teams impact attendance. Dan reinforced that hockey is a winter sport and our travel teams require a commitment
- **House VP ~ Jennifer McFaul**, advised the Board of concerns raised by Will Gonyea about the lack of volunteer help for the New Bee program and Jen has concerns about the program going forward. Dan has also spoken with Will regarding what help he needs. The Board discussed the need for help with the program, specifically someone to take on the leadership role. Also discussed other possible options like partnering with Parks and Rec
- **House Representative ~ Vacant**
- **Women's Director ~ Sarah Stempek**, advised that BAHA has reached out about the possibility of a 12U merger next season. This would allow for 2 12U teams. Dan advised that discussions should start in March/April regarding possible mergers.
 - 8U girls program is going well
 - 14U girls program is going well
- **Head Coach ~ Mike Smith**, advised he is working with VSAHA on a second Level 1 coaching clinic in Essex, possibly Dec 10, final date will be posted to VSAHA website. Mike is working on additional goalie clinics, dates will be added to website when confirmed
- **Tournament Director ~ Rick Villamil**, advised the Yamboree schedule is almost completed, more teams this year than last, there will not be a skills competition this year as a result. He will send Sean the schedule and link to sign up list to post to website.
- **Equipment Coordinator ~ Rob Young**, advised that equipment has gone missing from the House Locker at the rink. Rob has distributed gear out to all that have requested it
- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator ~ Sean Haggerty** reminded Board members that their Safe Sport must be up to date by November 31

- Discussed with Board members if the December meeting should be cancelled and replaced with our annual holiday celebration, all agreed to replace
- **Past President ~ Pat Burke** not present, no report
- **President ~ Dan Forcier**, advised the Board that he is actively seeking feedback from Board members on his leadership as President and would welcome their comments and suggestions
- **New Business:**
 - All New Business items were discussed during executive reports
- **Next Meeting:** January 19 @ 7:00 pm - Essex High School , Classroom C103

The Board adjourned open session at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Sean E. Haggerty