

EYHA Board Meeting
Essex Rink Classroom
March 21, 2024 7pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present:

Helen MacAndrews	Mike Ginnett	Tracy O'Connell
Brianna Yarnell	Sean O'Connell	Rick Villamil
Jen Villamil	Renee Soutiere	Dave Alofsin
Joe Baird	Kim Lassy	Tonra Riehl
Dominic Cloud	Mike Shaw	Corey Labor

Board Members Absent: Frank Parisi Chris McGinty

EYHA Community Members: Mike Lorenz Tyler Weeks

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Sean O'Connell, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve [February](#) Rick Villamil motions, Corey Labor seconds. February minutes approved.

3. **EYHA Member Communication:** *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the general public an opportunity to address the board on matters that are either not on the agenda or are slated for action. Any discussion, if any, will be limited to determining next steps.)*
12U T2 Head Coach TYLER WEEKS:
 - **Captains/Assistants at EYHA**
 - Every 2 weeks, coaches picked C and A's. All players had opportunity to act as either C or A.
 - Consider expanding this program - Board to create Captains Program committee
 - Consider allowing C or A on jersey.
 - **Timing of Tryouts at EYHA**
 - Consider moving tryouts in the spring for 25-26 season
 - **U14 Tryouts/Tiering next year**
 - Encourage conversations about how teams are tiered at evals
 - **Coaching Collaboration at EYHA**
 - Encourage as much planning with coaches before the season as possible
 - Standardize practice plans for younger coaches - coaching mentor program

4. **New Business / Presentations:** *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Board members with an opportunity to discuss various issues. Any action to be taken, if any, would occur at a future meeting.)*
 - **Discussion: NED Regionals (March 22-24)**
 - 8 teams
 - EYHA will net about 5-6K
 - **Plan for Annual meeting in April**
 - Board presentation of season highlights
 - Committees
 - Survey to association
 - Ask about tournament experience (what worked well, what needs revision); Local vs Can/AM vs out of state

- **Volunteering issue**
 - **Future Team Parent training (Helen, Jen, Kim)**
- **Open Board positions:**
 - **Director of Community Development (former Fundraising Coordinator) - open**
 - **Director Communication: Candidate Mike Lorenz**
 - **Equipment Coordinator: Candidate Renee Soutiere**
 - **Ice Scheduler: Candidate Kim Lassy**
- **Board Nominations for:**
 - **Frederick J. Reidy Award – Distinguished Service Volunteer**
 - **Weston Lea Spirited Player Award – Association Player Enthusiasm Award**
- **Awards Ceremony**
 - **April 3**

5. Executive Updates: *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide board and administration representatives an opportunity to report out on the current activities of various programs, board committees, etc. There may not always be a report from each group if there have not been any changes since the last time this was on the agenda.)*

- **Registrar: Jennifer Villamil**
 - Nothing to report
- **Head Coach: Corey Labor**
 - Nothing to report
- **Player Development Coordinator: Joe Baird**
 - Nothing to report
- **Ice Coordinator: Renee Soutiere**
 - Nothing to report
- **Tournament Director: Dave Alofsin**
 - Cornhole tournament dates:
 - Potential date: June 9th
 - Amateur and pro division
- **Fundraising Coordinator: Vacant**
- **Director of Communication: Kim Lassy**
 - Nothing to report
- **Safety Officer: Tonra Rhiel**
 - Nothing to report
- **8U Director: Mike Shaw**
 - Nothing to report
- **Women's Director: Brianna Yarnell**
 - Any 14U girls interested in playing for Essex - reach out to Brianna
- **Equipment Coordinator: Dominic Cloud**
 - Nothing to report
- **VSAHA Rep: Mike Ginnett**
 - **VSAHA Association Symposium: June 2** - Association symposium at Capitol Plaza in Montpelier - any board member is encouraged to attend
- **Treasurer: Tracy O'Connell**
 - Fiscal year ends April 30th
 - Please send any outstanding invoices to Tracy
- **House VP: Rick Villamil**
 - Nothing to report
- **Travel VP: Dominic Cloud**

- Nothing to report
- **Past President: Frank Pairisi (not present)**
- **President: Sean O'Connell**
 - Bruce is willing to remain ref scheduler
 - Sean will meet with Gary Scott / Noel to discuss adding LiveBarn to Essex Rink
 - Sean meeting with Gary Scott / Noel about ice times at Essex
- **Secretary / SafeSport Update: Helen MacAndrews**
 - Nothing to report

6. Next meeting date:

- **Annual Meeting - April 18, 2024 @ 7:00 pm. Location: Essex Rink Cafeteria (upstairs)**

7. Executive Session (if needed): none

8. Adjournment: 9:17 PM