

EYHA Board Meeting
REMOTE Via Microsoft Teams
September 16, 2021 7pm.

1. ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present: Helen MacAndrews, Tracy O'Connell, Sean O'Connell, Renee Soutiere, Corey Labor, Jen Villamil, Rick Villamil, Joe Baird, Dave Alofsin, Frank Parisi, Brianna Yarnell

Board Members Absent: Sean Haggarty, Mike Smith, Sarah Stempek, Bruce Garrapy, Mike Ginnett, Dominic Cloud

Community Members: None

2. CALL TO ORDER: Frank Parisi, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve **August** meeting minutes made by Rick Villamil seconded by Sean O'Connell
Motion approved.

4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Calcutta:** still looking at spaces
 - Possibly Friday October 29th 6-9
 - Try VFW / Legion by Spanked Puppy
 - VFW is booked
 - JCAT - \$5000 food / drink minimum - doesn't seem feasible
 - Suggestion to put Calcutta off until the spring due to COVID concerns
- **Yamboree:** Frank suggests that we need to put this on pause as well
- **Board consensus:** Revisit at January meeting to decide about both Yamboree and Calcutta

6. EXECUTIVE UPDATES:

- **Treasurer: Tracy O'Connell**
 - Updated budget report including the amounts for current registrations
 - Looks like we are on track
- **Ice Coordinator: Renee Soutiere**
 - Ice is getting scheduled
 - Early part of the season is on the calendar
 - Welcome Back Skates typically for players who will participate in evaluations, not everyone (10U and 14U are only groups who need evaluations)
 - Corey - has coaches lined up for evaluations

- Sean - would like to have equity for all players: offer Welcome Back skates for 10U,10UG 12U, 12UG, 14U, 14UG (all agree)
 - Frank - would like to consider 10U and 14U get 1 extra sheet of ice since they are doing evaluations - all agree
 - Renee continues to work on getting game schedules filled
 - 14U T2 is only T2 team in state - VSAHA suggests they play Tier 3 teams. Still coordinating that
 - **Scheduler request:** Renee would like help with game scheduling from teams where there is only 1 team.
 - Frank: 10U T2 also only has one other team (CSB) - they will likely be playing T3. Stick with 3 teams at 10U - T2 / T3 / T4
 - **REQUEST:** Looking for a Copy of Insurance and contract for Girls Dryland training at EXPO
- **Fundraising Coordinator:**
 - **Vacant**
- **VSAHA Rep: Mike Ginnett**
 - Not present
- **Head Referee: Bruce Garrapy**
 - Not Present
- **Registrar: Jen Villamil**
 - 214 currently signed up
 - Continues to receive inquiries - newbees and house
 - Girls for Hockey - rink waivers
 - Sean: Waterbury: waivers and masks for unvaccinated
 - Jen will send email with Waterbury Rink guidelines
 - Bruins Learn to Play: program will be entirely at Essex Rink
- **Director of Communication: Mike Smith**
 - Not present
- **Travel VP: Sean O'Connell**
 - **Tournaments:**
 - 14U registered for 2 tournaments
 - 10U - still in flux - need full rosters to register
 - Sean will register for 2 tournaments per team
 - EYHA pays for 1 tournament (most expensive)
 - Families pay for 2nd tournament
 - 3 (2011) 10U girls will play up to 12UG
 - 2011 girls - 3 to play co-ed and 1 will move to 10UG at CSB
 - Girls dryland starts 9/20 EXPO (7-8pm) - all parents must have safesport and background check
- **House VP: Rick Villamil**
 - 51 newbees / 31 house
 - Will skate at Essex Rink this season
 - Ice at Elev802 on Sunday pm - does this make sense for House - yes

- **8U Director:**
 - Vacant

- **Women's Director: Brianna Yarnell**
 - Girls try hockey for free: lots of interest
 - Megan Sweezey will run it
 - G4H has waivers at the door
 - Essex waiver? Not yet - reach out to Noel
 - 1st session is at Waterbury
 - Possibly need a coach for 8U girls

- **Head Coach: Corey Labor**
 - Welcome back skates are all scheduled
 - Evaluations: scheduled - looking for on-ice and off-ice evaluators
 - Has 30 coaches lined up - is in communication with them about rules changes / background checks / safesport
 - Evaluations: October 17, 18 20 (already on the calendar)
 - Jen will send out group email to let families know about upcoming Dust of skate and evaluation dates

- **Tournament Director: Dave Alofsin**
 - Yamboree on hold until January Board meeting
 - Interested in other fundraising opportunities
 - Ideas include:
 - Pond hockey tournament
 - Backyard rink tour

- **Equipment Coordinator: Dominic Cloud**
 - Not present

- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator: Helen MacAndrews**
 - Notes from VSAHA Safesport meeting
 - [VSAHA Safesport](#)
 - Safesport training available for all groups: Players & Parents / coaches / officials
 - VSAHA Safesport website includes updated handbook
 - VSAHA Safesport coordinator: Ray St.Pierre rstpierre@neair.com
 - **Mandatory Safesport training:**
 - **Who:** Anyone who has responsibilities to work with kids:
 - Board members
 - Coaches
 - Locker room parent
 - (NOT: penalty box / time keeper / scorekeeper)
 - **Background checks:** \$30 - everyone listed above (reimbursed for Coaches and Officials)
 - **How often updated:**
 - Safesport: Every year (1st year is 90 min / refresher is 15 min)
 - Background check - every other year - is now a NATIONAL background check

Documentation: Email certificates to:

- Joe Baird: je_baird2000@yahoo.com

- **Safety Officer: Joe Baird**

- Coaches / Board: safesport certificates to Joe Baird: je_baird2000@yahoo.com
- Essex Rink:
 - Currently Adult league - Masks on at all times except for on the ice
 - Youth: Everyone in masks 100% of the time
- On website: RINKS: expectations / waivers for each rink

- **Past President: Sarah Stempek**

- Not present

- **President: Frank Parisi**

- Mask policy:
 - Fully masked at Essex Rink regardless of vaccination status
 - Current recommendation is to follow each rink policy
 - Recommendation: revisit this policy at October 21st meeting
- Midget team is a go with CSB & BAHA (SASA / MAHA / MIDD will a Midget team)
 - Jen will open a MIDGET registration
 - Sean will look for 19U T3 for tournaments (HS age team)
- Goaltending clinics
 - Mack Goaltending
 - 1 weekend per month
 - 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U

7. NEXT MEETING: October 21st at 7pm, location: REMOTE via Microsoft Teams

8. MEETING ADJOURNED: Frank Parisi, President of the Board, adjourned the meeting at **8:24 PM**