

**EYHA Board Meeting**  
Essex Rink Classroom  
**August 21, 2025 7:00pm**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board Members Present:**  
(9 for quorum)

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| Helen MacAndrews | Jen Villamil   | Tracy O'Connell |
| Sean O'Connell   | Renee Soutiere | Tracy Liebenow  |
| Brianna Yarnell  | Kim Lassy      | Corey Labor     |
| Dominic Cloud    | Joe Baird      | Mike Lorenz     |

**Board Members Absent:**

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| Frank Parisi  | Dave Alofsin  | Tonra Riehl |
| Chris McGinty | Rick Villamil |             |

**EYHA Community  
Members:**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Sean O'Connell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve [July](#) minutes, **Corey Labor** motions **Sean O'Connell** seconds. July 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.)*
  - None
4. **Previous Action Items:** *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Board members an opportunity to review previous action items)*
  - **ALL: renew SafeSport and BC (if needed)**
    - [CURRENT USA Hockey number](#)
    - [SafeSport training](#)
    - [Background screening](#)
    - [Volunteer Code of Conduct form](#) (must complete LAST)
  - **EYHA gear store: through SportsCentral (no longer BSN)**
    - ready to launch in mid-September for season.
    - And open again before the holidays
  - **Moose Lodge fundraiser: will choose to go another direction in the community and will not support EYHA again. EYHA will present appreciation jersey.**
5. **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.)*
  - **GUEST: Ben Finkelstein from [Vermont Hockey School](#) rescheduled**
    - This will remain an option for teams when ice is hard to come by

- **Committee updates**
  - **Parent Involvement (Helen)**
    - **Plan for getting more parent involvement**
    - **Plan to get EYHA players to attend EHS / MMU HS games**
  - **Community Events (Tracy L)**
    - **Working to get yamboree organized**
    - **Essex Community event Sept 20 10 am - 3 pm at Foster Rd.**
      - **Booth - shooting lane / radar**
  - **Player Coach Development (Joe)**
    - **Positive feedback on 14U checking camp and 10U/12U feedback sessions**
- **Board Discussions:**
  - **Evals - clarify dates - email to be sent to association**
  - **Teams / Tiers for 25-26 season**
    - **8U: 2 Major / 1 Minor + Girls**
    - **10U: T2/T4/T5 + Girls**
    - **12U: T2/T4/T5 + Girls**
    - **14U: T2/T4 + Girls**
  - **Tournaments**
    - **All tournaments are scheduled**
- **Other**
  - **Elev802 - teams will use the Palace ice this season - 1 team at a time**

**6. 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.)*

- **VSAHA:**
  - **Annual FaceOff meeting - Sunday August 24th @ Capitol Plaza, Montpelier**

**7. Next meeting date:**

- **September 18, 2025 @ 7:00 pm. Location: Essex Rink Classroom**

**8. Executive Session (if needed): none**

**9. Adjournment: 8:08 PM**