

EYHA Board Meeting
Essex Rink Hockey Classroom
November 17, 2022 7pm.

1. ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present:	Tracy O'Connell	Kim Lassy	Mike Hughart
	Joe Baird	Rick Villamil	Helen MacAndrews
	Renee Soutiere	Dave Alofsin	Jen Villamil
	Corey Labor	Mike Ginnett	Dominic Cloud

Board Members Absent:	Sarah Stempek	Tonra Riehl	Frank Parisi
	Sean O'Connell	Josh Pepin	Brianna Yarnell

Community Members:

2. CALL TO ORDER: Rick Villamil, House Vice President of the board, called the meeting to order at **7:00** pm.

3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve **October** meeting minutes: Dave Alofsin motions, Joe Baird seconds. Minutes approved.

4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- None

6. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:

- **Treasurer: Tracy O'Connell**
 - Emailed P&L - see Appendix below
 - Send all invoices to Tracy
 - EYHA Raffle tix - January EHS-MMU game - 1/7/23
 - Tickets will be available in the first week of December
- **Ice Coordinator: Renee Soutiere**
 - Dave to email Renee / Noel ice times of Yamboree
 - VSAHA website is now updated with travel team games
- **Registrar: Jen Villamil**
 - Jen to set up donation link on website for direct donation
 - Still getting signups for HOUSE / NEWBEES
 - Registration notes for 23/24 season: Consider keeping lawn signs out longer / add a big vinyl sign at 5 corners
- **VSAHA rep: Mike Ginnett**
 - Update - there will soon be tier movement for some travel teams (mostly at 10UT3 level)
 - EYHA 12UT3 →12UT2

- Home game requirement note for 10UT3: No longer Home - Home requirement / just need to play each team once
- **Referees:**
 - **Be kind to all officials**
 - **How do we make VSAHA aware that when games only have 1 ref there are player safety concerns? Mike will bring this concern to VSAHA**
 - **VSAHA is starting an Officials Mentoring program**
- **Fundraising Coordinator: Mike Hughart**
 - Raised \$5000 in sponsorships
 - Football squares:
 - Regular season football squares - sold out
 - Superbowl squares - 60% sold out - keep pushing it out - continue to share on FB to bring in \$\$ from those outside the association
 - March Madness squares to come
 - Amazon Smile account - fundraising program - %age comes directly to EYHA
 - Kim to post on socials
 - Tracy to ask Frank about Amazon Smile
 - Future ideas:
 - Pull tabs
 - Golf Tournament in Spring / Fall
 - Pancake breakfast
 - Rink Ads:
 - EWSD: No rink ads on boards
 - Ads can be placed on 8U cross-ice boards for during Yamboree
 - Waterbury rink says yes to Rink Ads
 - Calcutta
 - New date: March 11th
 - Sub Committee
 - Still vetting venues
 - Connect with Mike H
- **Tournament Director: Dave Alofsin**
 - Tournament is live / schedule is up on [Tournament Machine](#)
 - Each team guaranteed 5 games
 - 151 skaters / 19 teams
 - No HOUSE division
 - Josh will email rosters to families
 - Dave will load rosters into Tournament Machine
 - Financials look good - goal is to bring in \$5 - \$7K
 - Need: Logistics around food
- **Director of Communication: Kim Lassy**
 - Uploaded Yamboree link to website
 - Send Kim pics to post on socials
 - Promote Advanced skills / Stick and Puck for Thanksgiving break
- **Equipment Coordinator: Dominic Cloud**
 - Great feedback on Jerseys
 - Equipment NEEDS: 4 new goalie sticks and helmets for 8U / 10U

- **Player Safety Officer: Tonra Riehl**
 - Not present - sent update
 - **First Aid Kits:** All teams should now have updated
 - **Stop the bleed:** is a real thing and bleeding in general is very anxiety provoking
 - Recently one of our players had a wrist laceration that required medical attention
 - **Notes for all coaches:**
 - consistent pressure and slowing the blood supply with a tourniquet to the area (usually an extremity) has proven to improve life threatening injuries to main blood supplies
 - Essex Rink has **Stop The Bleed** kits stored with each of the 2 AEDs located in the following:
 - warming room downstairs &
 - upstairs hall near the viewing lounge
 - “clotting gauze” will be available for our travel teams to be added to First Aid kits
 - **strongly encourage coaches** to watch this brief online course: <https://www.stopthebleed.org/training/online-course/>
 - Email Tonra with any questions: Tonra.walsh@gmail.com
- **8U Director: Josh Pepin**
 - Not present
 - When putting up / taking down walls for ½ ice - more volunteers need to be around to help remove walls; everyone needs a helmet when on the ice
- **Women’s Director: Brianna Yarnell**
 - Not present; no update
- **Head Coach: Corey Labor**
 - All coaches must complete CEPs - must be done by Dec 31st or they are “redlined”
- **Director Player Development: Joe Baird**
 - Noel donated ice:
 - Thanksgiving break - skills in the am / practice in the evening
 - February break - extra skills during those days as well
 - Use the EYHA bulletin board to update notes of Advanced Skills
- **House VP: Rick Villamil**
 - Nothing to report
- **Travel VP: Sean O’Connell**
 - Website update - went live Thursday 11/17
 - Travel tournaments still being booked / paid for
 - Possibly return to Lake Placid tournament for 8U
- **Past President: Sarah Stempek**
 - Not present

- **President: Frank Parisi**
 - Not present
- **Secretary / SafeSport: Helen MacAndrews**
 - Nothing to report
 - **SafeSport Update:**
 - All board members, locker room monitors and coaches should be SafeSport certified by Dec 31, 2022.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

- **Frank / Tracy:** Connect about Amazon Smile
- **Dave:** Email Noel about Yamboree ice slots
- **ALL:** Continue to promote Superbowl squares
- **Josh:** will email 8U families with Yamboree rosters
- **Dave / Josh:** will re-send corrected Signup genius
- **Helen:** send Signup Genius to association
- **Dave:** google doc for food to share with board
- **Tracy:** review website for sponsors
- **Helen:** review email lists for alumni
- **Kim:** upload Yamboree link to website
- **Josh:** send email to all 8U coaches that all coaches need a helmet when on the ice - when moving boards
- **Frank:** contact USA Hockey to verify liability of volunteers walking on the ice without a helmet
- **Dom / Kim / Helen:** Update Bulletin board
- **Mike:** Work with Gary Scott and carpenter to showcase Championship plaques
- **Helen / Kim:** Clean up website / email association with new website link

8. NEXT MEETING: **Dec 15 at 7pm**, Holiday Retreat - Location: City Sports & Grill

9. MEETING ADJOURNED: Rick Villamil, House Vice President of the board, adjourned the meeting at **8:41 PM**

See Addendum below:

ADDENDUM 1: Budget:

