

*Eastern Shore Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes*

March 10, 2025

I. Call to order

Dave L. called to order the regular meeting of the ESHA board at 6:03pm on March 10th at the Talbot County Community Center. This was our season-end meeting where a lot of membership was present.

II. Roll call

Dave L. conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

President – Dave Levasseur	Communications Director – Louise Howie
Vice President – Jonny Brown	8U Coordinator – Tom Crotti- called in
Secretary – Angie Broll	Chief Manager – Ali Toepfer
Treasurer – Patty McNeal	CBHL Rep – John Schwaninger
Scheduler – Paul Sullivan	CCHL Rep – Jeff Simmons
Registrar – Natalie Holmes Hockey Director- San Gerdano	EJEPL Rep – Shawn Miller

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from February were submitted for approval. Motion for approval by Dave L., 2nd by Jonny B., all in favor, none opposed

IV. Director and Officer Reports

- a) President – Dave thanked all of the membership for the last few years that they served by him or with him. All other things will be discussed later on.
- b) Vice President – will address in the closed meeting.
- c) Secretary – nothing new to report.
- d) Registrar – not present.
- e) Hockey Director – He wanted to congratulate the CBHL teams who all won their league. He thinks that some teams will be able to move up to UA possibly since so many had such successful seasons. He held a clinic with 8U a few weeks ago and that was very

received. Sam is also holding pre assessment clinics starting tomorrow and it's been well received for 10U, 12U, and 14U.

- f) Scheduler – nothing new to report.
- g) Chief Manager – nothing new to report at this time.
- h) Treasurer- Patty stated that we are on budget as far as that goes, considering a few changes to the number of players we have registered. Patty stated that we currently have roughly \$332,629 in our checking account. However this includes approximately \$19,669 in donations for Grady. Currently our expenses are equaling \$159,119. Leaving us a true balance in the checking account of \$153,840.
- i) Communications Director – Louise has been advertising for the upcoming season and the mailing list is growing which is awesome. Please continue to send things to her so that she can continue to update our website.
- j) 8U Director – Tom thanked Dave L. for all he has done for the past few years. It was a strong heartfelt “thank you.” No update as far as 8U director goes.
- k) CCHL Rep – nothing new to report at this time.
- l) CBHL Rep – there will be fee increases for SHOA. No direct cost has been stated as of this time. Ashburn Icehouse put in to have an extra club ran out of their facility. Ashburn currently has LA and B and it was approved. There was an application put in for Tucker-road which was positive as well as Roanoke however it was less received for them. Louden Knights have officially suspended operation.
- m) EJEPL Rep – nothing new to report at this time.

V. Committee Reports:

- a) Disciplinary Committee – will continue this in the closed meeting.
- b) Fundraising Committee – Patty thanked Todd for all his hard work to date as he has raised about \$800 by selling magnets and stickers.
- c) Bylaw Committee – nothing new to report.
- d) Rostering Committee – nothing new to report.

VI. New Business

- a) The dates for the new season assessments were sent out and have been posted online by Louise our Communications Director. Each team will have 3 sessions.
- b) Tryout jerseys will be here next week. They are being shipped directly to the rink. Patty asked Sam to assess positions so that colors can be assigned according to their position and players will wear a penny. Teams will then gain 2 practice jerseys and the coach can tell the team which color to wear at practice.
- c) ESHA sent the Funk family \$1000 to the family.
- d) There is a new award in Dave Funks honor that will be voted on by the board. Membership can nominate a person for the board to select.
- e) Voting took place this evening. Lauren won for Secretary and Jonny Brown for President.
- f) Jonny Brown also thanked Dave L for his service over the years with the rink being shut down etc and that was well received.
- g) Todd Cranwell and family sent out a letter thanking Coach Knopp for all he did this year, how dedicated he was to coaching the kids and that was well received by the membership and the board.
- h) Season fees for next: 1900\$ for the new season and \$100 assessment fee for teams 10u and above.
- i) A parent addressed that we should do a more in house spring program now that we have the ice, to make a more informal spring team like Harrington did. Harringtons league ends on the 17th of May and Daves suggestion was that we should run a spring league after that ends. Jonny also agreed and stated that he also agrees with this. The Parent also stated that if this is going to happen that we should get word out now so that parents can make arrangements. The cut off for the crabs spring team is by the first tournament.
- j) Dave L also stated that no one will be charged for the crabs spring season until the team hits 12 interested kids. So sign up!
- k) A parent addressed the need for another sheet of ice and to start talking to the county about this. Jonny spoke how we all want to see this but we will need funding, major funding and suggests to start talking to the county council.
- l) A parent addressed that a skating clinic should be happening at least once every week or every other week. Sam agreed and stated he will be talking to the coaches.

- m) A parent spoke about having Sam helping the coaches so that more coaches are better trained especially the kids moving red to blue. Jonny spoke about how we are going to better streamline the kids and the coaching.
- n) A parent addressed what we will do now that Sawyer has resigned as our goalie coach. And the board is working on that. Jonny already spoke with a couple coaches this past weekend so we are searching for a new coach. The goalie coaching was well received from this past season.

Adjournment:

Dave L., motioned to more to a closed meeting at 6:49pm. Angie B., 2nd, all in favor, non opposed.