

EYHA Board Meeting
Remote: Microsoft Teams
July 18, 2024 7pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present: Helen MacAndrews Sean O’Connell Tracy O’Connell
Dominic Cloud Brianna Yarnell Jen Villamil
Joe Baird

Board Members Absent: Frank Parisi Dave Alofsin Jennifer O’Neil
Corey Labor Chris McGinty Kim Lassy
Mike Lorenz Rick Villami Renee Soutiere
Tonra Riehl Mike Shawl

**EYHA Community
Members:**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Sean O’Connell, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve [JUNE](#) Dominic Cloud motions, Jen Villamil seconds. June 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.)*
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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.)*
 - **Registration update**
 - Registration closes on 7/20 @ noon
 - Numbers look good.
 - Registration committee will meet to finalize teams
 - Hockey try-on’s: Sunday 7/21 & 7/28
 - **USA Hockey Neck Laceration policy**
 - Goes into effect 8/1 - ALL players / officials under age of 18 MUST wear neck laceration protection at ALL practices, skill sessions AND games
 - **Committee updates (if any) - most committees will meet after registration closes**
 - Sub-committees:
 - Registration (Jen)
 - Player / Coach Development (Joe) -
 - Consider moving evaluations to spring (board will discuss at later date)
 - Promoting parent involvement (Kim)
 - Policies / Procedures (Dominic)
 - Community Events / Fundraisers (Dave)

- **Referees:** EYHA will switch over to using VSAHA arbiter program for scheduling refs
- **VSAHA Face-off meeting:** Sunday August 25th at Capitol Plaza, Montpelier

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**
 - See update above
- **Head Coach: Corey Labor (not present)**
 - Bruins Learn to Play:
 - Registration is slated to open on 8/1. Typically an early registration link is available a week prior for EYHA friends and family.
 - re: neck guards in equipment setup? Will be provided in equipment package
- **Player Development Coordinator: Joe Baird**
 - Discussion about 12U skater and goalie numbers (and evaluations)
- **Ice Coordinator: Kim Lassy (not present)**
 - No update
- **Tournament Director: Dave Alofsin (not present)**
 - No update
- **Director of Community Relations: Jennifer O'Neil (not present)**
 - Met with David Alofsin to align on the position, including areas of new opportunities (such as for Yamboree getting sponsors for expenses like pucks and using their logo)
 - Any association members interested in supporting EYHA through sponsorship should contact Jennifer O'Neil
- **Director of Communication: Mike Lorenz (not present)**
 - No update
- **Safety Officer: Tonra Rhiel (not present)**
 - Will review First Aid Kits with Renee in August
- **8U Director: Mike Shaw (Not present)**
 - No update
- **Women's Director: Brianna Yarnell**
 - Updates on girls teams registrations
 - G14 - likely will be WhiteCaps through CSB
- **Equipment Coordinator: Renee Soutiere (not present)**
 - Equipment is in good shape for the season,
 - Connecting with Kevin Smiths for our swag store (looking to get more items that are less expensive)
 - Awaiting registration close to pull gear information for Bruce (jerseys / socks)
- **VSAHA Rep: Rick Villamil (not present)**
 - No update
- **Treasurer: Tracy O'Connell**
 - Nothing to report
- **House VP: Rick Villamil (not present)**
 - No update
- **Travel VP: Dominic Cloud**
 - Putting together a tournament schedule for Travel. Will discuss at August meeting. Each travel team will get 2 tournaments; T2 teams will get 3.
- **Past President: Frank Pairisi (not present)**

- **President: Sean O'Connell**
 - LiveBarn still in the discussions with EWSD. TBD
- **Secretary / SafeSport Update: Helen MacAndrews**
 - Board members should register for 2024 USA Hockey, complete background check & SafeSport then submit USA hockey # through [Volunteer Code of Conduct Form](#) so we can create a volunteer roster. Deadline Sept 1st.
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6. Next meeting date:

- **August 15, 2024 @ 7:00 pm. Location: REMOTE Teams Link**

7. Executive Session (if needed): none

8. Adjournment: 8:33 PM