

**EYHA Board Meeting**  
REMOTE Via Microsoft Teams  
**October 21, 2021 7pm.**

**1. ATTENDANCE:**

**Board Members Present:** Helen MacAndrews, Tracy O’Connell, Joe Baird, Sean O’Connell, Jen Villamil, Rick Villamil, Sarah Stempek, Frank Parisi, Renee Soutiere, Dominic Cloud, Mike Ginnett, Bruce Garrapy

**Board Members Absent:** Brianna Yarnell, Corey Labor, Dave Alofsin, Mike Smith

**Community Members:** Josh Pepin, Chris Krings

**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 **September** meeting minutes made by Rick Vilamil seconded by Jen Villamil  
Motion approved.

**4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS:** None

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

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**6. EXECUTIVE UPDATES:**

- **Treasurer: Tracy O’Connell**
  - **Budget:** Updated budget report including the amounts for current registrations discussed
  - **EYHA raffle tickets** - Look at the HS schedule to pick a game before printing tickets. Likely will be just before Holiday Break in December.
  
- **Ice Coordinator: Renee Soutiere**
  - **Scheduling:** Most games are filled.
  - **Individual Team Scheduler Parent Volunteers:** Still looking for schedulers at the 10U level - reach out to [Dominic Cloud](#) or [Joe Baird](#)
  - **Picture Day**
    - Tentatively Nov 15 & 17 could get all teams done in 2 days
  
- **Fundraising Coordinator:**
  - **Fundraising Coordinator Nomination:** Tracy makes motion to appoint **Chris Krings**, Rick seconds. Motion approved. Chris is new Fundraising Coordinator - **Welcome Chris!**
  
- **VSAHA Rep: Mike Ginnett**
  - Attended First meeting in early October

- **Coach Credentials:** Reminders for coaches to get proper credentials (no free passes like last year)
  - **Game Schedulers:** Forward names of schedulers to Mike Ginnett to add them to the general VSAHA list of all schedulers in the state for contacts.
  - **Double Rostering:** Mike G will follow-up with Bob Greenmore at VSAHA re: the double rostering between programs (i.e. Glades hybrid). Sarah S believes you must declare before first official game.
- **Head Referee: Bruce Garrapy**
    - **8U Referees:** Is still short of referees at the 8U level
    - **Certified Referees:** All certified referees must reach out to individual associations to share their certifications.
      - **Contact Bruce Garrapy** with USA Hockey Official # to be eligible to ref for EYHA
- **Registrar: Jen Villamil**
    - **New Registrations:** 22 kids at 8U Travel level (4 teams)
      - **Game Jerseys needed?** Jen Villamil will reach out to Bruce to clarify number of game jerseys needed for new 8U registrations
    - **Jerseys** - hoping they will be ready by the 30th
    - **Rosters:** Should be complete by Oct 30th
- **Director of Communication: Mike Smith**
    - Not present
- **Travel VP: Sean O'Connell**
    - **Tournaments:** Most Tournaments are all set / just need to complete applications and fees
    - **Evals** went well
      - Sean, Corey and Frank will meet on Sunday morning (10/24) to review 10U and 14 U evaluations.
    - **Travel Practices:**
      - Looking to create equitable ice times with the 3 10U teams - goal is to keep the 10U teams together, but suggestion to rotate a 10U team through sharing ice with the 12U coed team
    - **EYHA signs:** Members will collect signs and bring to rink - Dominic will store them
    - **Girls Program:** 3 teams: 14U, 12U, 8U (some 2nd year 10U girls will play up with the 12U girls team)
    - **Dryland next year:**
      - Discussion of dryland next year for all kids in the association
        - Schedule - 1 day / week for CoEd; 1 day/week for Girls
        - Will check with Expo to see if this will be a possibility - should explore other options as well
- **House VP: Rick Villamil**
    - **NewBees Jerseys:** Rick will order jerseys for NewBees after first practice

- **Numbers** are increasing: 55 Newbees / 40 House (some switched from House to Travel)
  - **Practice Progressions:** Rick, Tyler Weeks and Josh P will connect about practice progression from last year to this year - from 8U up to 14U
- **8U Director:**
    - **8U Director Nomination:** Sean motions to nominate **Josh Pepin** as **8U director**, Rick Villamil seconds. Motion approved. **Welcome Josh!**
    - Josh Pepin thanks Kate Salvatori for helping support 8U practices
- **Women's Director: Brianna Yarnell**
    - Not present - notes as follow
    - **Girls Try Hockey** - went well. At least 2 families are interested in
      - Thank you to Sean, Jen, Joe, Mike for helping out
      - Has made meaningful connections with Meghan Sweezey
    - **EHS Girls Coach: Doc** has reached out to try to make connections between HS girls and EYHA girls - they will meet in the near future
    - **Dry Land:** Wrapped up pre-season Dry Land sessions - thanks to Renee, Helen and parent volunteers
    - **Girls 8U Coach:** Mary Keener has agreed to be the 8U girls coach
- **Head Coach: Corey Labor**
    - Not Present
    - **Reminder** for coaches to get **certifications completed**
      - Send certifications to [Corey Labor](#) and [Joe Baird](#)
- **Tournament Director: Dave Alofsin**
    - Not present
- **Equipment Coordinator: Dominic Cloud**
    - **Storage unit** is up to date
    - **Coaches bags**
      - Organized
      - Coaches should connect with Dominic to pick up coaches bag from his house
    - **Pinneys:**
      - Noelle asked if we want donated pinneys? Dominic will take them
      - **NEW Pinneys** for evaluations - Board Approve
      - donate old pinneys to House / NewBees program
- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator: Helen MacAndrews**
    - Helen will update EYHA contacts and email board members / update website
    - **GEAR STORE:** Will create a more extensive gear store - send any request / ideas to Helen
- **Safety Officer: Joe Baird**
    - **Coaches / Board: safesport** certificates to [Joe Baird](#):
    - **COVID:**

- No COVID trainings needed this year
    - Only close contacts considered for someone in direct contact with one who tests positive
    - This also changes dependent on Vaccination status
    - **Masks:** must be worn at all times by anyone in the rink (on and off ice) regardless of vaccination status
    - What are the guidelines around kids who have one or more symptoms?
  - **Communication to Association:**
    - Joe, Helen, Frank will craft email re:
      - masks
      - COVID guidelines and
      - When to attend / not attend practices / games due to symptoms / illness
- **Past President: Sarah Stempek**
  - Nothing to report
- **President: Frank Parisi**
  - **18U** “soft” registration out by Nov. 1st - will talk with Tracy about costs
    - Essex, CSB and Colchester (SASA has a team - mostly 16U)
    - Looking at 2 practices a week + 2 tournaments
  - **Glades Double Rostering Proposal to VSAHA:** Proposal presented at VSAHA meeting by Justin Martin - Glades. He wants to change the rules of “double rostering”. His proposal was sent out to all associations and this will be addressed at the December VSAHA meeting. VSAHA asked each association for feedback.
    - EYHA feedback is that this is not acceptable - the association message is that this will decimate hockey in Vermont. EYHA does NOT support this proposal
    - Proposal included [HERE:](#)
  - **Yamboree:** Renee suggests postponing the Thanksgiving Yamboree, will we be rescheduling in the Spring? Valentine's Day weekend, has lots of ice that weekend. Tentative pencil in that weekend.
  - **Holiday break games:** Sean suggests we NOT schedule games for the day after Christmas, however Jan 2nd is ok.

**7. NEXT MEETING:**                    **November 18 at 7pm**, location: REMOTE via Microsoft Teams

**8. MEETING ADJOURNED:**        Frank Parisi, President of the Board, adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM