

EYHA Board Meeting

Essex High School

May 17 , 2018

Board Members Present: Sean Haggerty, Sarah Stempek, Craig Benson, Amanda Cowan, Frank Parisi

Board Members Absent: Brent Carpenter, Andrew Hier, Bruce Garrapy, Rick Villamil

Others Present: Katelyn Tessier, Nick Salvatori, Adam Hammond

Advisory Board Members: Vince Dober (not present), Jessica Stough (not present), Austin Dober (not present)

Call to Order: Sean Haggerty, 2nd Vice President of the board, called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

Agenda Items:

Previous Meeting Minutes: motion from Sean Haggerty to approve April meeting minutes, seconded by Craig Benson.

-Motion approved

Visitors Open Discussion: There were no comments or questions.

Executive Updates:

Treasurer- Frank Parisi nothing new to report. Has started to send numbers to CPA and is beginning to go through process for compliance. Fiscal year begins May 1st. Currently working on determining numbers in each group to determine costs for players (travel, house, newbees). Mike Smith suggested looking at creating a committee that will look at possibility of Midget team. Sarah will be creating a budget committee. It is still important to look for some businesses to sponsor and look to get a fundraising coordinator. No outstanding bills and no one owing money to organization.

Mike Smith asked how much Backstage donated this past year. Frank reported approximately \$21,000. Current balance is just under \$100,000 and we are settled for the year.

Two biggest fundraisers we have are raffle tickets and Backstage. Frank thinks that if we get to August and haven't been able to look at any new sponsors, we should look at fees.

Considerations for budget: *inventory equipment, what is needed next year
*Bruce Garrapy has offered more use of his facility
*place for off ice training (we have used specific professionals in the past and did not have great turnouts

or

responses)

Ice Coordinator- Craig Benson During high school season Essex rink availability is Mondays 6-7:50pm, Tuesdays 8:20-10:00pm, Wednesdays when there aren't home games, Thursdays 7:30-10:00pm. At this point UVM won't give out ice times to Essex early. He expects to have some practice times from Waterbury, will find out in June. Last year we did not take ice times from Cairns or Burlington. Craig expects to have ice times set by August for every facility except UVM.

The long weekend in October (19th-21st) Mike Smith would like to do a camp for Squirts/Peewees/Bantams on Friday and then give ice time on Saturday to Mites (to do a kickoff to season). 2 hour ice time on Sunday would be for goalie clinic. Sean suggests doing early advertising to get other organizations to sign up for Mite event.

- **Fundraising Coordinator- Open**
- **VSAHA Rep-** no new report
- **Head Referee- Bruce Garrapy** not present, no report
- **Registrar- Andrew Hier** not present, no report
- **Travel VP- Sean Haggerty** no new report
- **House VP- Brent Carpenter** not present, no report
- **State Representative- open position**
- **Women's Director** EYHA is in Memorial Day Parade. Sarah won't be at parade so she will reach out to some other parents to help out. Katelyn Tessier offered to help organize.

Sarah met with Brody and Doc about working out with High School girls team. We need a special events form from USA hockey for girls to fill out for a waiver. Registrar will need to sign off on it.

- **Head Coach- Mike Smith** reported that there have been inquiries about who will be coaching. There are many qualified coaches and we don't want to lose them to other organizations. We cannot pick coaches early. He is working on getting a sign up sheet and registration form ready.

Little Bruins Academy: Noel has ice time blocked off. There will be some different guidelines this year. There will be 4 sessions.

Tryouts: same times as last year. Warm ups will also be at the same times. Mike wants to look at streamlining it more this year. He wants to utilize ice time more to have better observations of squirts and peewees. Frank suggested alternating times of groups so each group has one earlier and one later time. Also having goalies alternate groups so they are working with all other players.

- **Tournament Director- Rick Villamil** not present, sent email update.

Local vendors have been contacted regarding the August 4th event.

I am no longer able to provide my large grill for the event and have looked for a catering company to run the grill (local group). They are interested.

1. I would like your input on the number of teams we should cap this at.

Last year we had 17 teams, the event ran from 9am to 5:30pm. It was entirely indoors last year, as due to rain, we were fortunate it worked out. Previous

events were 23 teams and 27 teams. They included an outdoor hay rink which was a large amount of setup/tear down.

I'd like to see 20 as the cap personally. It's manageable, less stress.

2. Water bottles are an option for the free give out. Thoughts?

3. Tshirts design out soon, order all online.

- **Equipment Coordinator-** no report
- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator- Amanda Cowan,** no report
- **Past President- Dan Forcier** not present, no report
- **President- Sarah Stempek**

New Business:

Appointment of the following positions by the elected officers:

Sean nominated the following individuals for positions-

Head Referee- Bruce Garrapy

Head Coach- Mike Smith

Equipment Manager- Nick Salvatori

Women's Coordinator- Katelyn Tessier

State Representative- Mike Ginnett

Sean Haggerty made a motion to vote. Frank Parisi seconded the motion. Sarah Stempek called for a vote. Positions approved.

House Coordinator and Fundraising Coordinator remain as vacant positions.

Sarah appointed Dan Forcier as Past President.

Next Meeting: June 21, 2018 Essex High School

The Board adjourned open session at 8:26pm.