

EYHA Board Meeting
Essex Rink Classroom
February 15, 2024 7pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present:	Helen MacAndrews	Corey Labor	Tracy O'Connell
	Mike Ginnett	Sean O'Connell	Rick Villamil
	Jen Villamil	Renee Soutiere	Brianna Yarnell
	Joe Baird	Kim Lassy	Dave Alofsin
	Dominic Cloud	Mike Shaw	Tonra Riehl

Board Members Absent: Frank Parisi Chris McGinty

EYHA Community Members: None

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Sean O'Connell, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve **November** Rick Villamil motions, Corey Labor seconds. November minutes approved.
January meeting minutes - Rick Villamil motions, Corey Labor seconds. January 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.)*
None

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.)*
 - **Discussion: Spring Advanced Skills (Joe)**
 - Anticipating 10-12 sessions. First session is Sat / hoping for Sunday nights (Cairns / Waterbury / Gutterson / Leddy / Essex); \$150
 - Who: 10U - 14U Travel players & 2016's who played travel 8U
 - Start date: SATURDAY 3/9
 - **Discussion: Anticipated teams for 24-25 season (Sean / Dominic / Joe)**
 - 8U: 5-6 teams
 - 10U COED: 3 teams (T2 / T3 / T4)
 - G10U: 1 (possibly 2) teams
 - 12U COED: 2 teams (T2 / T4)
 - G12U: 1 team (T4)
 - 14U COED: 2 teams (T2 / T4)
 - G14U: Exploring options of partnering with CSB Whitecaps; EYHA board would allow any EYHA players who may play for Whitecaps to participate in EYHA Advanced Skills
 - **Registration will open in early JULY 2024**
 - **EYHA Storage opportunity (Brianna)**
 - Opportunity to purchase mobile storage unit - Board agrees that is not a good use of funds.

- Brianna will use the second “locker” under the bleachers for storage for Girls Try Hockey program
- At end of season, Renee will do an “Equipment Drop” at the storage unit for coaches to return gear
- **Other Discussions:**
 - **Calcutta review:** Net \$6K; great feedback on the space (American Legion) and food (Green Mountain Meadows catering); consider end of October (Saturday evening)
 - **Extra MedKit:** in place in Essex - behind benches; Waterbury to be in place shortly
 - **Regionals 12UT3:** Waterbury / March 22-24 / Volunteers needed!

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**
 - Nothing to report
- **Head Coach: Corey Labor**
 - Nothing to report
- **Player Development Coordinator: Joe Baird**
 - See Advanced skills notes above
- **Ice Coordinator: Renee Soutiere**
 - Nothing to report
- **Tournament Director: Dave Alofsin**
 - See notes above re: 12UT3 Regional tournament. Rick V is point person
- **Fundraising Coordinator: Vacant**
- **Director of Communication: Kim Lassy**
 - Nothing to report
- **Safety Officer: Tonra Rhiel**
 - Nothing to report
- **8U Director: Mike Shaw**
 - Nothing to report
- **Women’s Director: Brianna Yarnell**
 - Nothing to report
- **Equipment Coordinator: Dominic Cloud**
 - Nothing to report
- **VSAHA Rep: Mike Ginnett**
 - **Next year** - mandatory neck guards (USA Hockey sanctioned neck guards) - for 18U (players and officials)
 - **Credential books for States** - make sure they are up to date (only allowed 4 non-participants on the bench)
 - **Teams to regionals / nationals** - Birth Certificates must be sent in and verified
 - **VSAHA Association Symposium: June 2** - Association symposium at Capitol Plaza in Montpelier - any board member is encouraged to attend
- **Treasurer: Tracy O’Connell**
 - See Calcutta notes above
- **House VP: Rick Villamil**
 - **Equipment** should stay at the rink - tennis balls, cones, ringettes, blue pucks
 - **HOUSE:** 1 away game scheduled for the HOUSE 8U team at Leddy
- **Travel VP: Dominic Cloud**
 - Nothing to report

- **Past President: Frank Pairisi (not present)**
- **President: Sean O'Connell**
 - **End of season** - typically season ends after the state tournament. This year, teams may attend a USA hockey sanctioned event as an EYHA team (cannot go to CAN).
 - **NOTE:** Board members & coaches should be mindful about not having conversations about player placement in upcoming seasons. Player placement shall be determined through Evals.
- **Secretary / SafeSport Update: Helen MacAndrews**
 - All board members reminded to share their 23-24 season reflections with Helen before the next board meeting

6. Next meeting date:

- **March 21, 2024 @ 7:00 pm. Location: Essex Rink Classroom**

7. Executive Session (if needed): none

8. Adjournment: 9:00PM