

EYHA Board Meeting
Essex Rink Classroom
September 21, 2023 7pm.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Board Members Absent:	Frank Parisi	Dave Alofsin	Renee Soutiere
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EYHA Community Members: None

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Sean O'Connell, President of the board, called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
2. **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve [August](#) meeting minutes: Corey Labor motions, Rick Villamil seconds. 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.)*
 - **Mike Hughtart steps down as Fundraising Coordinator**
 - **Anyone interested should reach out to Helen or Sean**
 - **Prioritize fundraiser efforts:**
 - Calcutta
 - Yamboree sponsors
 - Coaches - Enforcers game
 - Superbowl Squares
 - **Adoption (Vote):**
 - [By-Laws revision](#)
 - **Discussion**
 - **Motion to Approve:** Dominic Cloud motions to approve; Rick Villamil seconds. By-Laws revision approved.
 - [Policies and Procedures revision](#)
 - **Discussion**
 - **Motion to Approve:** Jen Villamil motions to approve, Rick Villamil seconds. Policies and Procedures revision approved.
 - Helen will post revisions on website and send email to association.
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**

- Registration #s are over last year
- House / NewBees still open
- EYHA being asked by VSAHA to host '23-'24 10U T3 Regionals at Waterbury / Stowe
- Jen will invoice T2 players for extra fee
- **Head Coach: Corey Labor**
 - Evals wrapped up - went smoothly
 - Suggestions for next year:
 - No ice times before 6pm
 - All at Essex (or at least last eval at Essex)
 - Possibly Sunday
 - Communicate to families - Two required, highly recommend all 3;
 - Timing of evals spreading out across 2 weeks was good
 - Bruins LTP - full - 55 skaters!!
 - Still slots in other associations
 - Jen will track registrations for EYHA after LTP
 - NEWBEEES / HOUSE: ANY parent on the ice MUST be registered with USA Hockey / SafeSport / Background check
 - Jen and Rick will create sign in sheet.
 - Coaches meeting will be held within the month
- **Player Development Coordinator: Joe Baird (absent, update sent)**
 - Advanced Skills going well!!! Kids skills are noticeably improving (as noted by Torey Mitchell, Elev802)
 - **NEED:** More coaches at skills and parents to monitor locker rooms (especially with older groups)
 - **ASK:** Schedulers to be mindful of securing ice for Jan / Feb (**Gutterson?**) so that teams can maintain 2 practices / week PLUS ice for skills
- **Ice Coordinator: Renee Soutiere (absent, update sent)**
 - Successful session of game scheduling at Face Off Meeting
 - Working on getting practices loaded into calendars - into early November
 - all "Hockey "Night" in Essex" games have been scheduled
 - November 4th:
 - 10U T4 - 4:15pm
 - G12U - 5:30pm
 - 12U T2 - 7:00pm
 - 14U - 8:15pm
 - November 11th:
 - 08U Navy & 08U White - 10:00am
 - 08U Gold & 08U Black - 11:15am
 - G08U - 12:30pm
 - G10U - 4:15pm
 - 10U T3 - 5:30pm
 - 12U T3 - 7:00pm
 - November 18th:
 - G14U - 6:45pm
 - Equipment Notes:
 - Equipment purchases, including med kits, have been purchased
 - Coaches bags being prepared for distribution
- **Tournament Director: Dave Alofsin (Absent, update sent)**
 - Yamboree updates:
 - New logo

- Goal is 24 teams (up from 19 last year)
 - Looking for sponsorship
 - **ASK:** board members please volunteer / communicate volunteer expectations to House and 8U families
 - Calcutta:
 - Venue / date discussion
 - Looking at a date closer to the end of the season
- **Fundraising Coordinator: Vacant**
- **Director of Communication: Kim Lassy**
 - Arbiter update - review again in January
- **Safety Officer: Tonra Rhiel**
 - Updating first aid kits
 - “Stop the bleed” kits are located inside each rink AED
- **8U Director: Mike Shaw**
 - Rosters set (practices and games)
 - 3 tournaments scheduled (including Yamboree) - Parents pay for 1 tournament
- **Women’s Director: Brianna Yarnell**
 - Girls Try Hockey - going well
 - U14 & HS volunteers have been a huge help
- **Equipment Coordinator: Dominic Cloud**
 - Jersey orders are in
 - EYHA store feedback
- **VSAHA Rep: Mike Ginnett**
 - Nothing to report - first meeting is Oct 10th
- **Treasurer: Tracy O’Connell**
 - ALL purchases MUST get approval by Tracy
- **House VP: Rick Villamil**
 - Newbees numbers are good
 - House numbers lower than typical (many moved to Travel)
- **Travel VP: Dominic Cloud**
 - Play-Up Discussion:
 - After pre-season planning and talks with VP Travel, Girls Director, President and the parents of affected players decision for play ups as follows:
 - 2013 birth year girls will be approved to have 12U girls as their primary team
 - 2011 birth year girls will be approved to have 14U girls as their primary team
- **Past President: Frank Pairisi** (not present)
- **President: Sean O’Connell**
 - Nothing further
- **Secretary / SafeSport Update: Helen MacAndrews**
 - Working with Tracy to create Whistleblower and Conflict of Interest policies to add as Appendices to Policies and Procedures. Will review with EYHA Accountant / Legal counsel
 - Send USA Hockey # to Jen Villamil for SafeSport / Background check / coaching verification
 - [SafeSport Training link](#) (every year!)
 - [Background Screening](#) Valid for 2 seasons. \$30
 - [Coaching Certification link](#)

- [Officiating Certification link](#)

6. Next meeting date:

- **October 19, 2023 @ 7:00 pm. Location: Essex Rink classroom**

7. Executive Session (if needed): none

8. Adjournment: 9:43 PM