

EYHA Board Meeting
Essex Rink Classroom
July 17, 2025 7:00pm

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present: (9 for quorum)	Helen MacAndrews	Jen Villamil	Tracy O'Connell
	Joe Baird	Renee Soutiere	Tracy Liebenow
	Sean O'Connell	Rick Villamil	Tonra Riehl
	Brianna Yarnell	Dominic Cloud	Corey Labor Mike Lorenz

Board Members Absent:	Frank Parisi	Kim Lassy
	Chris McGinty	Dave Alofsin

**EYHA Community
Members:**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Sean O'Connell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve [June](#) minutes, **Rick Villamil** motions **Corey Labor** 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.)*
 - None
4. **Previous Action Items:** *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Board members an opportunity to review previous action items)*
 - **ALL: renew SafeSport and BC (if needed)**
 - [CURRENT USA Hockey number](#)
 - [SafeSport training](#)
 - [Background screening](#)
 - [Volunteer Code of Conduct form](#) (must complete LAST)
5. **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.)*
 - **GUEST: Ben Finkelstein from [Vermont Hockey School](#) - rescheduled for Aug**
 - **Committee updates**
 - **Registration (Jen)**
 - **Registration on track**
 - **Parent Involvement (Helen)**
 - **Helen and Brianna will schedule meeting next week**

- **Player Coach Development (Joe)**
 - **Goalie:**
 - **Matt Welch will be the primary goalie coach for goalie skills**
 - **Will also add Shea and Leon with HS goalie support at Skills**
 - **Possibly a Try Goalie for Free event - date TBD**
 - **Exploring using Elev802 to support**
 - **10U/12U step up sessions from the spring: great feedback - will replicate it again Spring 2026**
 - **14U body contact clinic in August at Waterbury**
 - **8U**
 - **Kellian Hockey to provide 8U practice plan program**
 - **Bob McCabe will be On-Ice Coordinator**
 - **NewBees / House: Bri & Rick will spearhead**
 - **Community Events (Tracy L)**
 - **Moose lodge board event - Tracy will reach out**
- **Board Discussions:**
 - **8U coordinators / support - see above**
 - **Evals discussion moved to Player Development subcommittee**
- **Other**
 - **Team store - 2 options**
 - **Squad locker - year round store (convenient but expensive)**
 - **Pop up store - move to work with SportsCentral (not BSN)**
 - **Two pop ups - season start (middle of August) and holiday**

6. 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.)*

- **VSAHA:**
 - **Annual FaceOff meeting - Sunday August 24th @ Capitol Plaza, Montpelier**

7. Next meeting date:

- **August 21, 2025 @ 7:00 pm. Location: Remote - Google Meet**

8. Executive Session (if needed): none

9. Adjournment: 8:34 PM