

EYHA Board Meeting
Essex Rink Hockey Classroom
February 16, 2023 7pm.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Board Members Absent:	Sarah Stempek	Dave Alofsin	Mike Hughart
	Frank Parisi	Mike Ginnett	Renee Soutiere

EYHA Community Members:

None

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Sean O'Connell, Travel Vice President of the board, called the meeting to order at **7:04** pm.
2. **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve **JANUARY** meeting minutes: Rick Villamil motions, Corey Labor 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.)*
 - **Advanced Skills (post / pre season):**
 - **Proposal** to have spring adv skills (11 sessions over 14 weeks); \$150 / skater
 - Goalie coach (goalies skate free)
 - Cairns / waterbury rinks
 - Start date March 19th / Sunday evenings
 - Birth year: 2008-2015 (possibly 06/07)
 - **Motion to Approve** Spring / Fall Advanced skills: Sean motions, Rick seconds; all approve. Motion passes.
 - **Consider items for next year - 23-24**
 - **CoEd and Girls Travel team #'s / levels**
 - 10U girls / 12U Girls low / 14U girls - most other associations will have combined 12 and 14 girls teams
 - CoEd: 2 10U teams / 2 12U teams / 1 14U
 - 14U's will be able to participate in Adv Skills
 - EYHA to communicate incoming coaches for 23-24 season (Corey)
 - **12U T2 (proposal)**
 - **Propose to declare one 12U T2 team for next year and communicate level of commitment needed from families**
 - T2 players **must** participate in Advance skills
 - T2 travel may include both out of state and Canada

- T2 player / families agree to make T2 hockey team their first sport priority for the season
 - T2 evals will happen in early fall
- **23-24 registration to BEGIN in June**
- **Spring tryouts - not necessary / but tryouts should be earlier in fall**
- **Goalie fees - how do we keep goalies?**
 - Proposal for **next year's budget:**
 - 10U: pay 50% EYHA season fee (with goalie commitment)
 - 12U - 14U: dedicated goalies pay 0% EYHA season fee
- **January / Feb ice availability challenge (note for next year)**
 - HS teams make-up games affected our ice slots Jan/Feb
 - Propose having 3 teams on a sheet when ice is tight
- **Upcoming annual meeting (April) and board vacancies (President)**
 - APRIL: Frank stepping down - President Open
 - For MAY: Josh Pepin stepping down as 8U director
- **Calcutta**
 - March 12th 2 - 6PM Lighthouse Restaurant, Colchester
 - Sell tickets!!
 - Print out fliers - put them around town
- **EYHA apparel store:**
 - Consider opening store 3 times per year
 - End August (Registration)
 - Before christmas
 - After Christmas
- **Outreach to EYHA families re: player development / coaching staff**
 - Corey will reach out to coaches to encourage all to give players written year-end feedback

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.)*

- **Review Action Items (Helen)**
- **8U Director, Josh Pepin:**
 - Requests a 2hr block for last "game" and a celebration jamboree at end of each season for 8U (Note for Ice Scheduler)
- **Head Coach, Corey Labor:**
 - Worked with head coaches to ensure they are prepared from a team book perspective for Tournament play. Jen has assisted with approved rosters, etc.
 - Worked with head coaches on a few behavior issues over the last couple weeks. Monitoring forms have been completed and the individuals in question have been counseled.
 - Sportsmanship awards: working with coaches / Rick will work with Corey to create plaques
 - Coaches survey: Corey will send Survey to all families asking for coach feedback
- **Player Safety Officer, Tonra Riehl:**
 - Coaches - please return all med kits to Tonra Riehl at the end of the season.
 - FYI: Med kits should be stored at room temperature
- **President, Frank Parisi:**
 - **Annual meeting: APRIL**
 - Frank stepping down - PRESIDENT position will be open. Anyone interested in running, please reach out to Frank or Helen before March 16, 2023
 - APRIL meeting vote is for EXECUTIVE BOARD positions only
 - MAY meeting - other positions appointed
 - 14U goalie situation for next season is being worked out with CSB

- **Safesport / Secretary, Helen MacAndrews:**

- **Letter from VSAHA re: abusive behavior**

Vermont Hockey Community,

As our hockey community continues to reflect on the growing negative trend in sportsmanship in youth sports, the Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association (VSAHA) believes words alone are not enough to tackle this problem. It requires action and commitment from everyone involved, including coaches, parents, and athletes themselves.

At its regular board of directors meeting on February 7th, the VSAHA Executive Board has taken action to issue supplemental discipline in regards to game misconducts and abusive behavior effective immediately:

Game Misconducts

- Any game misconducts assessed in the last five (5) minutes of a game; an additional game suspension will automatically be assessed.

Rule 601 Violations

- Any game misconducts assessed for rule 601(d); a four (4) game suspension will automatically be assessed.
- Any spectator(s), upon review, is found to be in violation of Rule 601, will be suspended from all games and practices for thirty (30) days and be subjected to a hearing.

It is our responsibility to be role models and to set a good example for all in our youth sports community. As Governor Scott reminded us on Tuesday, it's never too late to be a better person. As we enter the final stretch of the season, let us take this opportunity to lead by example and demonstrate the positive impact that good sportsmanship can have. Together, we can create a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all involved.

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6. Next meeting date:

- **March 16, 2023 @ 7:00 pm. Location: Essex Rink Classroom**

7. Executive Session (if needed): None

8. Adjournment: 9:13 PM