

EYHA Board Meeting
Essex Jct. Fire Dept.
August 15, 7pm.

Board Members Present: Sarah Stempek, Amanda Cowan, Frank Parisi, Mike Smith, Sean Haggerty, Bruce Garrapy, Drew Hier, Katelyn Tessier, Renee Soutiere, Rick Villamil, Joe Anger

Board Members Absent: Kim Shunk, Sean O'Connell, Dan Forcier, Mike Ginnett

Community Members: Adam Hammond, Tijah Hammond, Torrey Mitchell, Chris Line, Tracy O'Connell

Call to Order: Sarah Stempek, President of the board, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the July meeting minutes. Motion made by Sean Haggerty, seconded by Mike Smith.

-motion approved

Community Comments:

Adam Hammond- We have two ice times at Essex on September 14 and 21 from 6-7:30pm to use for promoting "Grow the Game".

*We will need to get a special events form filled out

Executive Updates:

Treasurer- Frank Parisi. Tax return is almost complete, the accountant is getting ready to file. Registration is open. We have a donation from NEFCU and a check from Lake Monsters that should be coming in. Annual fees for subscriptions

Ice Coordinator- Renee Soutiere. Schedule is almost complete, and will be ready for VSAHA kickoff meeting. Each team has 16 home games. She is working on practice schedule based on what is currently available. She is in contact with UVM about getting earlier practice times. A suggestion was made to contact Elev802 to get a price on consistent ice rentals throughout the season, especially for January (current rate is \$135/hr, but will try to see if a lower rate can be agreed upon).

Fundraising Coordinator- Kim Shunk. Not present, no report.

Calcutta- Sean contacted The Catamount Club with the following info about hosting a Calcutta: Based on a minimum of 100 people:

the room/bar, etc -No charge for the rental of
- \$25/person for a buffet style of chicken,

potatoes, mixed vegetables, pasta, salad, rolls and butter -Cash bar

-Appetizer platters of cheese & crackers

He stated that October 20th (Sun) is open however he stated that October 19th (Sat) is open as well.

*We will plan on booking October 19th (5-9pm) and start forming a committee. Sean and Tracy will start organizing event. The price for purchasing a ticket will be \$80 (1 ball/2 meals). Mike will make a flyer.

VSAHA Rep- Mike Ginnett. Not present, no report.

VSAHA kick off meeting is Sunday, August 25th at the Delta Hotel. Register online.

Head Referee- Bruce Garrapy. Ref clinics Oct. 6 St. Mikes (8am-4pm), Oct. 19 at Hartford High School (8am-4:30pm), Nov. 3 at Rutland (8am-4pm).

Registrar- Drew Hier. Registration is open. The numbers are higher for 14U and 12U, less at the younger levels (but registration is open longer). Deadline for travel is August 23.

Travel VP- Joe Anger. Joe has finalized two tournaments for each team. Board members agreed upon tournaments, Joe will begin signing EYHA teams up.

House VP- Sean O'Connell. Not present, but had the following updates:

-Erika Baldasaro will be the U10 Girls scheduler and she will attend the kick-off meeting for us.

-It appears that there are enough coaches and helpers moving up from Newbees to help with the practices for House, in combination with the joint practices of U8 travel/U8 house.

House Representative- open position.

Women's Director- Katelyn Tessier. Has secured the 8U, 10U, 12U girls teams to play during the Pack the Gut UVM game on 2/7/20. Once practice times are determined, UVM Women's Team will come skate with our teams. Oct 5,6 is Girls Try Hockey weekend.

Head Coach- Mike Smith.

10-Oct-19	Thursday	MAIN	Essex	7:30 PM	8:45 PM	14U Bantam Evaluations
11-Oct-19	Friday	MAIN	Essex	7:50 PM	9:05 PM	14U Bantam Evaluations
12-Oct-19	Saturday	MAIN	Essex	2:15 PM	3:30 PM	14U Bantam Evaluations
12-Oct-19	Saturday	MAIN	Essex	3:40 PM	5:10 PM	12U PeeWee Evaluations
13-Oct-19	Sunday	MAIN	Essex	9:10 AM	10:40 AM	12U PeeWee Evaluations
14-Oct-19	Monday	MAIN	Essex	6:00 PM	7:45 PM	12U PeeWee Evaluations

Evaluation Spreadsheets and file is complete and just need to find a secure place to store them within our website.

Evaluation Jerseys: I still have them and will return to our equipment coordinator Sean Haggerty when done.

Evaluation Clip Boards:

Evaluation Team: Will be asking coaches soon. (4-5 per group)

Coaching Application: These are slowly trickling in.

Coaching Credentials: Sent out an email with a form stating what is needed prior to the season to pretty much all the coaches that were coaches last year. I do have a few that I need to find out if they will be with EYHA this year. Ongoing review.

Coaches Meeting: Oct 21 * Need Joe VP Travel , Amanda SafeSport, Drew/Dan Team Books and Sean Haggerty to hand out equipment and Coaches gear.

Team Designations: Due to the changing of the landscape all programs are going to struggle fielding T2 level teams. Our 14U Youth program will be solid. 12U T2 is pretty much now T3 in the state. It is a filter down effect due to so many T2 kids leaving to allied programs.

14U T2, T4 (under discussion)

12U T3, T4

10U T3

10U Girls * 1 Div.

12U Girls * 1 Div.

Bruins Academy-Extended to Sept 10th.

8U Schedule and Practice Ice- I was able to kind of map out the 8U season adding in our Yamboree and jamborees and our game ice and just need to confirm some practice ice and we should be good. We also can move our house levels to be all together so we can use our Essex ice. We also have identified areas to cut back on games and add practices with some of that game ice. We are at 1:1 ratio and it would be nice to get to 2:1 or 3:1 practice to game ratio so that is our goal this year. We had game crazy parents in the past and we need to try to real this in.

Coaches Clinics- I will be sending out to all our coaches and will post on Facebook. 9/29 Level 1 in Essex, 10/6 Level 2 in Stowe, 10/13 Level 3 in Stowe, 10/27 Level 1 in Woodstock, 11/24 Level 2 in Northfield, 12/8 Level 3 in Middlebury

EYHA New Years Day Classic... Don't let the kids sit around the house with the day off of school. Come play lots of hockey! The day will feature cross-ice games and small-sided play that gives you plenty of ice time.

You can register your association team or just a group of friends from everywhere.

Let's bring in the New Year with a fun filled day of local hockey.

- **Four game guarantee**
- **Four team round-robin format.**
- **3v3 cross-ice games**
- **Up to 7 players per team: 6 skaters and one goaltender**
- **One day event**

Tournament Fee: TBA

Tournament Director- Rick Villamil.

3 vs. 3 Tournament- had 6 teams. Looking to do a weekly night next summer.

Yamboree- have 3 teams who have asked about participating so far. Dicks Sporting Goods will be coming. Registration link needs to be updated for 2019, with pricing increase.

-Suggestion was made to host a second 8U tournament in Essex (Feb or March) for a fundraiser. There is also discussion around hosting a New Years 3 vs. 3 8U tournament.

Equipment Coordinator- Sean Haggerty. Goalie clinics with Brian McDonald are set up, just waiting on dates.

-Shed is being organized. One set of 8U goalie gear will need to be updated.

-Online store will open 9/1 and will close 9/30, second store will be open from October to November.

*package deal will include jacket, shirt, shorts

Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator- Amanda Cowan. VSAHA Background Checks must be done by Sept 1.

Past President- Dan Forcier. Not present, no report.

President- Sarah Stempek. Description of position changes:

8U Director- 1 year term

-The 8U coordinator shall report directly to the EYHA VP of Travel

-Responsible for running all aspects of 8U Travel and House programs

-Recruit coaches and hold routine meetings for practice planning/skating curriculum,

-Will work in conjunction with the association's head coach, ice scheduler, equipment manager and others as needed.

-Host 8U parent meeting at beginning of season,

-Serve as contact person for EYHA with VSAHA and USA Hockey 8U.

Director of Communications- 1 Year Term

-Shall be responsible for maintaining an open communication between EYHA and our members through email, social media.

-Works closely with the entire Executive Board of Directors and their communication needs throughout the season.

-Update and maintain our website, social media feeds, media relationships within our community and schools.

-Promotes EYHA events.

An email will be sent out to all currently signed up EYHA families on August 16 about vote, and voting via email will occur between September 16th and 18th.

-St. Albans sent a form for us to fill out regarding how much ice time we would be willing to purchase from them for the 20-21 and 21-22 seasons. Board agreed that EYHA would request 5 hours of practice time per week during the 6-8pm time frame.

Next Meeting: September 19th at 7pm, Essex High School.

New Business:

-Presentation by Elev802

Two sides of program (ice and gym). The ice size is the same size as the former synthetic rink. There are no affiliations with any programs.

-\$135 an hour for just ice.

-off ice price is determined by how many players and for how long (about \$6-8 per player)/hr

-coaching will be offered in bundles of 5, 10, 20, 40 sessions. Cost will be \$25-30 per session.

-Jeff Hill (coach at UVM) will be the goalie coach. He will have hours available on Mondays and Wednesdays. There will be no more than 3 goalies at a time.

-Board approval of descriptions for Communications Director and 8U Director

-Calcutta (see notes under fundraising updates)

Adjourn Open Session at 9:57pm.