#### EYHA Board Meeting Essex Rink Classroom November 16, 2023 7pm.

ATTENDANCE:

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

# EYHA Community None Members:

- **1. CALL TO ORDER:** Rick Villamil, Vice President of House, called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
- **2. PREVIOUS MEETING**<br/>MINUTES:Motion to approve October<br/>motions, Renee Soutiere 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.)

#### Hockey Night in Essex update

- Excellent feedback
- Minor scheduling issues
- For future reference, be mindful about the opponents scheduled to ensure a competitive game
- Consider
  - Honorary Captains for 14U games
  - Concessions / sell raffle tickets for next year
  - Possibly announce goals / assists / penalties at 14U games
- Spotlight is now EYHA property (for future events)

#### • Calcutta committee update

- Possible dates: Feb 2nd / Jan 27th
- Still reviewing options
- Referees:
  - Member concern: youth referees for 12U / 14U games without adult mentor
    - Sean will reach out Bruce to discuss
  - EYHA Reffing fees
    - Discussion: reffing fees EYHA fees are \$10-20 less than other associations.

- Motion: Does the board approve increasing the rates for referee fees (for 10U and above) by \$10 per level? Effective December 1, 2023
  - Dave Alofsin motions for approval, Corey Labor seconds
    - Motion approved
- Yamboree planning / update
  - Updates:
    - All teams paid (total 25; 10 major, 11 minor, 4 girls) 9 associations
    - Needs: signups; concessions; volunteer positions
- **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 (absent)
    - None
  - Head Coach: Corey Labor
    - Coaches game: Dec 22nd
      - Coaches scheduled
      - Bruins Learn to Play was a great success. Retained about 40 players into EYHA
      - 12UT3 discussion moving to 12UT4
        - Consider two adjustments for future:
          - If a level has a T2, second team should be a T4
          - T4 should have more numbers than T2
      - Reminder ALL coaches complete CEP by 12/31/23

### • Player Development Coordinator: Joe Baird (absent)

- \*Bonus\* skills coming up Thanksgiving week during the day
- Noel in Essex remains a huge asset and supporter for us
- Currently at around 275 registrations for the season, which is a MASSIVE increase over last year Great job everyone!
- Ice Coordinator: Renee Soutiere
  - Skills will be moving to Essex mid December
  - Future ice possibility to help maintain 2 practices / week plus skills: Gutterson, Leddy, Cairns in addition to our home rinks of Waterbury and Essex
  - Possible that some weeks skills will be bumped so that each team gets 2 practices / week
- Tournament Director: Dave Alofsin
  - See Yamboree update above
- Fundraising Coordinator: Vacant
- Director of Communication: Kim Lassy
  - Canadiens v. Bruins game raffle will continue to post / advertise
  - Superbowl squares will go on sale mid December
- Safety Officer: Tonra Rhiel
  - First aid kits need to be handed out / make sure they are on the benches at practices
  - Board recommends neck laceration protection for all players. USA Hockey to meet mid December to discuss. EYHA board will update association accordingly
- 8U Director: Mike Shaw
  - Everything is going well; excited for Yamboree
- Women's Director: Brianna Yarnell (Not present)
  - Nothing to report
- Equipment Coordinator: Dominic Cloud

• Consider offering 12UT4's spots at In-Season Skills at reduced cost. Any interested player should reach out to Dominic Cloud

## • VSAHA Rep: Mike Ginnett

- Nothing to report; December 12th next meeting
- EYHA needs to confirm that we are running 10UT3 Regional tournament
- March 17 19 Sean will connect with Dave and Mike

## • Treasurer: Tracy O'Connell

- Skills session have been very lucrative
- Travel families need to collect money for 2nd Travel Tournaments and send fees to Tracy. Check with Dominic Cloud for tournament cost
- House VP: Rick Villamil
  - Numbers:
    - Newbees 63
    - House 51
  - Could use "student" helpers for HOUSE level reach out to Rick Villamil
  - Travel VP: Dominic Cloud
    - Nothing to report
    - Ask: any House players interested in moving up to 12U T4 should reach out to Rick V and Dominic C
- Past President: Frank Pairisi (not present)
- President: Sean O'Connell (not present)
- Secretary / SafeSport Update: Helen MacAndrews
- 6. Next meeting date:
  - January 18, 2024 @ 7:00 pm. Location: Essex Rink Classroom
  - (December Meeting canceled in lieu of Board Holiday retreat)
- 7. Executive Session (if needed): none
- 8. Adjournment: 9:13 PM