

**EYHA Board Meeting**  
Essex Rink Classroom  
**January 16, 2025 7:00pm**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board Members Present:**

Helen MacAndrews	Dominic Cloud	Rick Villamil
Jen Villamil	Tracy O'Connell	Tonra Riehl
Mike Shaw	Corey Labor	Kim Lassy
Brianna Yarnell	Dave Alofsin	

**Board Members Absent:**

Frank Parisi	Chris McGinty
Joe Baird	Sean O'Connell
Mike Lorenz	Renee Soutiere
Jennifer O'Neil	

**EYHA Community Members:** None

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Dominic Cloud, Vice President of Travel, called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
- 2. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve [December](#) motions, **Dave Alofsin** **Rick Villamil** seconds. December 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)*

**December**

- **MIKE L:**
  - ~~Order patches~~
  - Gamesheet link embedded into EYHA page (working on it)
  - ~~LiveBarn posters and sandwich signs displayed~~
  - ~~put together SquadLocker online store~~
- **HELEN:** create subcommittee to review areas at 8U that are in need of attention to improve 10U experience (focus on 2nd year 8Us for the 2nd half of the season and backwards skating)
  - (ex: goalies)
- ~~DAVE: reach out to Kim and Noel about the ice sheet availability for 14UT2 playdowns (3 sheets booked)~~
- **RENEE:** Banners?
- ~~HELEN / BRIANNA: Grow the game grants~~
- **ALL:** Calcutta
- ~~JEN V: During Registration offer "bench coach" as an option (non-skating coach) - Summer~~
- ~~KIM: schedule Calcutta on EYHA calcutta~~
- **ALL:** ~~Volunteers needed to hang the plaques in the new case / determine how / where to mount them on the wall in the rink (may be like at Leddy / Cairns - cemented to the wall?)~~

**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.)*

- **Proposal: 25-26 16U Split Season**
  - **Board discussion - board will continue discussion at a future meeting**
- **Calcutta planning**
  - **New date 3/8 4pm - 8pm**
    - **American Legion in Colchester**
- **Ice Scheduling discussion**
  - **Ways to alleviate ice crunch in Jan / Feb when HS teams are in session**
    - **Consider**
      - 3 teams / sheet (First option)**
      - Advanced skills alternating weeks - possibly alternate weeks between younger & older groups to limit ice sheets**
- **Board will work with rink personnel to display Championship Plaques**
- **Enforcers - Coaches Game - TBD**
  - **COREY, KIM will find ice time**
  - **Donation at door, chuck a puck, 50/50, snack bar**
- **Bruins GIRLS Learn to Play (Brianna / Corey)**
  - **Bruins want EYHA to host a Girls LTP event this spring**
  - **Discussion about the possibility of doing it in the Fall instead. Corey will reach out to Bruins**
- **14U T2 Playdowns - Feb 22 & 23**
  - **Volunteers - are all set except for Penalty Boxes & admission**
    - **Entrance fee: \$5 per game at door**
    - **Announcer - starting lineups / goals / penalties**
    - **Player of the game (one from each team) - hats (6 hats) - Rick / Dave**
    - **Play national anthem**
    - **Box of fruit / granola bars in locker rooms**
    - **Promote within EYHA**

**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: Rick Villamil**
  - Notes from VSHAHA meeting:
    - Each association must report disciplinary issues
    - VSAHA Organizing a full-ice festival for rising 10U players at the end of the season at Leddy
- **Ice Scheduler: Kim Lassy**
  - Elev802 scheduled to open 1/31
  - Ice slots look good for January

**7. Next meeting date:**

- **February 20, 2025 @ 7 pm. Location: Essex Rink Classroom**

**8. Executive Session (if needed): none**

**9. Adjournment: 8:46 PM**

