

EYHA Board Meeting
Essex Rink Classroom
April 18, 2024 7pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present:	Helen MacAndrews Brianna Yarnell Jen Villamil Mike Shaw	Sean O'Connell Renee Soutiere Kim Lassy Dominic Cloud	Tracy O'Connell Rick Villamil Joe Baird
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Board Members Absent:	Frank Parisi Corey Labor	Chris McGinty Mike Ginnett	Dave Alofsin Tonra Riehl
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EYHA Community Members:	Carmelle Terborgh Nikki Mayhue	Bob McCabe	Mica Hagan
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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Sean O'Connell, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve [March](#) Jen Villamil motions, Kim Lassy seconds. March 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.)*
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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.)*
 - **Annual meeting**
 - **Review of 23-24 season**
 - Review of evals
 - Reflection of tournaments this season
 - Emergency Action Plan for teams
 - Review of Advanced skills
 - Review of registration
 - Review of practice ice sheets throughout the season (Waterbury / Essex / Gutterson)
 - 23-24 Season Awards night
 - **Goals for 24-25 season**
 - Tournaments
 - Revise P & P: Captains program / Conflict of Interest /
 - Registration - open earlier / include practice socks / Jersey fittings (2)
 - Partnership with Elev802
 - Improve parent involvement / communication (NEW: digital scoring)
 - Community Events
 - **Creation of 24-25 sub-committees**
 - **Community Events / Fundraisers**

- Registration
 - Policies / Procedures
 - Promoting parent involvement
 - Player / Coach Development
 - Executive Board Elections (voting to commence via Google Form sent to association immediately following Annual meeting)
- USA Hockey Leadership Summit presentation (Brianna)
 - Brianna shared presentation about her experience
 - Highlights:
 - Promoted our EYHA Girls hockey program
 - Supporting players with disabilities and from marginalized communities
 - Notes that USA hockey is an “untapped” resource and looking to support youth hockey
 - Supporting / mentoring young officials
- Open Appointed Positions for May - Board will appoint at May meeting
 - Director of Community Development (formerly Fundraising coordinator)
 - Ice Scheduler
 - Director of Communications
 - Equipment
- Proposal for next meeting (for board vote)
 - Proposal: move summer meetings to remote (June, July, August)
 - Proposal: Change Fundraising Coordinator to Director of Community Development

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**
 - Suggestion for an 18U team - suggest advertising earlier / better
 - Email HS coaches and advertise on socials
 - **Head Coach: Corey Labor**
 - Nothing to report
 - **Player Development Coordinator: Joe Baird**
 - Nothing to report
 - **Ice Coordinator: Renee Soutiere**
 - Nothing to report
 - **Tournament Director: Dave Alofsin**
 - Cornhole tournament:
 - June 9th
 - Amateur and pro division
 - NEEDS:
 - Food trucks OR grill masters
 - Signup genius for grill master (11-4)
 - Advertise on FPF / socials
 - Prizes
 - Marketing (Mike Lorenz)
- **Fundraising Coordinator: Vacant**
- **Director of Communication: Kim Lassy**
 - Nothing to report
- **Safety Officer: Tonra Rhiel**

- Nothing to report
- **8U Director: Mike Shaw**
 - Nothing to report
- **Women's Director: Brianna Yarnell**
 - See update above
- **Equipment Coordinator: Dominic Cloud**
 - Nothing to report
- **VSAHA Rep: Mike Ginnett (Not present - sent update)**
 - VSAHA executive board members were all re-elected at the April meeting. Anyone interested in open VSAHA positions should reach out to VSAHA President Jon Cioffi.
 - **Open positions:**
 - 2nd VP
 - 8U Growth Coordinator
 - Women's Director
 - **VSAHA Association Symposium: June 2** - Association symposium at Capitol Plaza in Montpelier - any board member is encouraged to attend
- **Treasurer: Tracy O'Connell**
 - Fiscal year ends April 30th
 - Please send any outstanding invoices to Tracy
- **House VP: Rick Villamil**
 - Nothing to report
- **Travel VP: Dominic Cloud**
 - Nothing to report
- **Past President: Frank Pairisi (not present)**
- **President: Sean O'Connell**
 - LiveBarn will now be in Essex Rink
 - EYHA must take the lead on advertising that LiveBarn is at Essex Rink
 - Memorial Day parade 5/25
- **Secretary / SafeSport Update: Helen MacAndrews**
 - Nothing to report

6. Next meeting date:

- **May 16, 2024 @ 7:00 pm. Location: Essex Rink Classroom**

7. Executive Session (if needed): none

8. Adjournment: 8:44 PM