

EYHA Board Meeting
Via Microsoft Teams Meeting
May 20, 2021 7pm.

1. ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present: Corey Labor, Sean O'Connell, Frank Parisi, Joe Baird
Katelyn Tessier, Jen Villamil, Dominic Cloud, Helen
MacAndrews, Renee Soutiere, Dave Alofsin

Board Members Absent: Rick Villamil, Sarah Stempek, Tracy
O'Connell, Bruce Garrapy, Mike Ginnett, Mike Smith

Community Members: **None**

2. CALL TO ORDER: Frank Parisi, President of the Board, called the meeting
to order at 7:07 pm.

**3. PREVIOUS MEETING
MINUTES:** Motion to approve [April](#) meeting minutes made by
Sean O'Connell, seconded by Corey Labor. Motion
approved

4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS: No Comments

5. NEW BUSINESS:

● **Appointments:**

- Communications Director: Sean O'Connell makes motion to approve Mike Smith as communications director. Corey Labor seconds. Motion approved.
- Equipment Manager: Sean O'Connell makes motion to approve Dominic Cloud as Equipment Manager. Corey Labor seconds. Motion approved.
- Welcome to the two new members of the board.

● **Miscellaneous:**

- **Equipment:** Sean recommends getting new goalie equipment for 8U and 10U.
- **Elev802:** Frank discusses the idea of a roadmap with Elev802 for both gym sessions and ice time for upcoming season. Sean / Corey suggest keeping the ice for 10U / 8U and under and not for 12U / 14U. Gym is good for all levels.
- **Essex Ice:** message from Gary Scott and Noelle is that Essex ice will be open. As well as Gutterson.
- **Upcoming season:** All indications are that we are headed for a normal year
- **Website Admin access for new board members** - current members will help with this (reach out to Jen)
- **Safe Sport: New board members:** go onto USA hockey and register as a volunteer. Must update your safe sport annually. Completion of safe sport - send verification to Helen or Joe.
- **Marketing:** Step up marketing efforts - get into the schools; Corey will create a flier and work to increase visibility on social media / Front Porch Forum / collaborating with Essex Reporter / partnering with high school teams

- **Youth board member?:** consider having youth representation on the EYHA board
- **Calcutta:** Looking at having the calcutta again next season. Consider weekend before Halloween. Calcutta sub-committee will be created

6. EXECUTIVE UPDATES:

- **Treasurer: Tracy O'Connell**

- Not present. Sent update via email:
 - Attached is the P&L for the 2020-2021 year
 - We ended the year in a positive position, \$3,180.98 ending balance.
 - Of that balance, \$1,543.15 is earmarked for the Girls' program for the next season.
- I will be setting up a budget meeting to occur in June. I will be inviting 2-3 board members to help Frank and I prepare the 2021-2022 budget. We will share the draft budget at the July meeting for adoption.
- Looking forward to working with you all as we gear up for the 2021-2022 season! Go Sting!
- [FY 2020-2021 P & L Budget update](#)

- **Ice Coordinator: Renee Soutiere**

- Elev802 - both ice time and gym time. Trying to coordinate booking ice time that will actually get used. Priority to schedule on Elev802 calendar
 - For both travel teams and Newbees?
 - Enough left-over gym sessions for each team to go at least once next season
 - Focus on **gym sessions** for travel teams / Consider using **ice time** for Newbees - 10-15 kids at a time
- Waterbury will start booking in June; Essex books in July
- Note from Renee - consider coordinating the close of registration with the scheduling meeting
 - Sean and Frank will send projections to Renee

- **Fundraising Coordinator:**

- Vacant

- **VSAHA Rep: Mike Ginnett**

- Not present; No update

- **Head Referee: Bruce Garrapy**

- Not present; No update

- **Registrar: Jen Villamil**

- No update
- Excited to join the board

- **Director of Communication: Mike Smith**

- Not present

- **Travel VP: Sean O'Connell**

- Nothing new to report
 - Excited for new year
- **House VP: Rick Villamil**
 - Not present
- **8U Director:**
 - Vacant
- **Women's Director: Katelyn Tessier**
 - Must schedule Learn To Play program with Megan Sweezey - ages 4-8
 - Grant covers her services; ice costs comes from EYHA budget
 - Looking to get ice at Essex - September
 - Renee will connect with Megan and schedule 4 ice sessions for House/NewBees prior to season start
 - Feedback from Megan - morning slots are most popular with families
- **Head Coach: Corey Labor**
 - Google Form to association this week for feedback - "What can EYHA do to improve hockey experience for kids?"
- **Tournament Director: Dave Alofsin**
 - Nothing to report
 - Excited to join the board
- **Equipment Coordinator: Dominic Cloud**
 - Nothing to report
 - Excited to join the board
- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator: Helen MacAndrews**
 - Nothing to report
 - Frank - considering migrating the Safe Sport Coordinator to Safety Officer
 - Excited to join the board
- **Safety Officer: Joe Baird**
 - Consider having a shared google doc for keeping track of "Safe Sport" certifications that all board members can access
 - Ice will likely go in around Sept 10 or 11
 - Suggestion to get word out to coaches to get "certified" mid-summer
 - Try Hockey Night - Essex rink has donated ice in the past. Would like to facilitate that again
 - Fliers out to the elementary schools to help build numbers
- **Past President: Sarah Stempek**
 - Not present
- **President: Frank Parisi**
 - Will continue to talk with Elev802 - expect update in June
 - Budget will be voted on at July meeting

7. **NEXT MEETING:** June 17th at 7pm, location Microsoft Teams.
8. **MEETING ADJOURNED:** Frank Parisi, President of the Board, adjourned the meeting at **8:04 PM**