

**EYHA Board Meeting**  
REMOTE Via Microsoft Teams  
**November 18, 2021 7pm.**

**1. ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	Helen MacAndrews	Tracy O'Connell	Sean O'Connell
	Frank Parisi	Joe Baird	Renee Soutiere
	Jen Villamil	Corey Labor	Dominic Cloud
	Josh Pepin	Chris Krings	Rick Villamil
	Brianna Yarnell		

<b>Board Members Absent:</b>	Dave Alofsin	Mike Ginnett	Sarah Stempek
	Mike Smith	Bruce Garrapy	

**Community Members:** Sara Desiletes

**2. CALL TO ORDER:** Frank Parisi, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve **October** meeting minutes made by Jen Vilamil seconded by Corey Labor. Motion approved.

**4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS:**

- Sara Desiletes: Daughter is double rostered with U14 and G14. Asking for advice on how to choose... Curious about other teams if they have a similar situation.
  - The T4 CoEd team would have 9 players (with both girls); the U14 Girls team would also have 9.
  - Rosters need to be finalized by Dec 31st, although players can play for both teams up until the State Tournament;
  - Sean will reach out to Sara to help process decision

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

- None

**6. EXECUTIVE UPDATES:**

- **Treasurer: Tracy O'Connell**
  - **Budget:** Updated budget report
- **Ice Coordinator: Renee Soutiere**
  - **Scheduling:** Lots of shifting of games and Tier's; challenges with 10U teams and the tier designations
    - Recommendation: touch base with Mike Ginnette to help connect with other associations to help with scheduling games
    - VSAHA might waive requirements for the number of VT requirements of games needed for the season.

- Recommendation for 14U T2 games: reach out to Plattsburgh, ADK Thunder, Massena, Malone
  - **18U Team:** Renee has reserved practice / game ice at Essex, Gutterson, CSB
    - SASA has an 18U team; searching for other opponents; look at ADK Thunder, Middlebury, Barre
  - **10U practices:** looking to get 10U practices together on 1 sheet of ice to help build up the camaraderie throughout the season OR consider rotating a 10U team on sheet with 12U
    - **Concerns:**
      - later ice times with 12U team since some of the T4 players are young
      - COVID: 3 teams in 2 locker rooms makes it hard for contact tracing
- **Fundraising Coordinator: Chris Krings**
  - Seeking ideas: banners at the rink? Leaflets? Reach out to Ckrings@uvm.edu
    - Valentines Day Yamboree
      - Suggest: reach out to Dick's Sporting Goods
    - Chris and Frank will connect about advertising on boards
    - Possible sponsors
      - McDonalds
      - Nokien Tires (reach out to Mike Smith)
- **VSAHA Rep: Mike Ginnett**
  - Not present
  - Next meeting is Dec. 12th
  - Reach out for any questions
- **Head Referee: Bruce Garrapy**
  - Not present
  - Will step down after this season ends - will remain Head Referee for the rest of the season
  - Anyone interested in Head Referee position for next year should reach out to Frank Parisi
- **Registrar: Jen Villamil**
  - **18U:** 11 players registered - can be CoEd (but no girls have signed up yet)
  - Continues to get players signing up for House and NewBees (including lots of girls!)
- **Director of Communication: Mike Smith**
  - Not present
- **Travel VP: Sean O'Connell**
  - **10U:** recommends changing designations of teams due to scheduling issues and competitiveness concerns:
    - Recommended designations for 10U: T3, T4, T4
      - T2/T3 --> T3
      - T3 --> T4
      - T4 stays T4

- Need approval from Kim Gaines: VSAHA
  - **Rosters:** will review 14U teams (CoEd and Girls) with Brianna re: double rostering
    - T2 players can not play down after Dec 31st
  - **Tournaments:**
    - Most Tournaments are all set / just need to complete applications / fees
    - **Note to Schedulers:** Can still schedule tournaments after state tournament - could extend season
    - Goal is two tournaments for all teams:
      - 14U T2: Gobble Gobble Cup: Thanksgiving
      - G14U / G12U: America Cup in Lake Placid (cancelled due to rink construction): Currently scheduled for 2 tournaments in January: Green Mountain Invitational (Brattleboro) & Northstars Winter Classic (Glens Falls)
      - 10U: Conner Roberts Classic (St. Albans); Challenge Cup (Marlborough MA)
      - 8U: Andrew Irving (St. Albans) & Mite Yamboree (Lake Placid) (both still in the works)
      - 8U Essex Yamboree: moved to Valentines day - details TBD
  - **COVID**
    - 12UG - covid positive on the team
      - REMINDER: If player has ANY symptoms, please stay home
- **House VP: Rick Villamil**
  - **NewBees:** Pictures - Saturday Nov 20th
  - **House:** Pictures - postponed until Nov 27th (due to COVID)
    - COVID having an impact on this group.
      - **Recommend:**
        - Split up the ice per team - so one COVID case doesn't wipe out the whole practice
        - Consider assigning kids to locker rooms
          - Warming area and two locker rooms - assigned to team colors
          - Consider limiting number of stations kids run through
    - **Equipment needs:** foam balls, ringettes, rubber ducks, other on ice gear
- **8U Director: Josh Pepin**
  - Teams are well-balanced: 4 teams; a few games already in the books
  - Things are going well
- **Women's Director: Brianna Yarnell**
  - **EHS Girls Team update:**
    - Brent Farnham will be offering goalie coaching for G12U and G14U girls goalies
    - Student Coaching program: HS students will assist with G14U and G12U practices
    - Honorary Captain program: youth players come out for warmups of EHS girls games

- EYHA Girls Exhibition game during intermission of UVM womens game - TBD
  - **Girls Try Hockey** program: ~ 10 girls have now joined EYHA House / NewBees from this program
  - **St. Mike's Women's team:** Nov 27th after their home game will be hosting a CoEd Try Hockey for Free event
  - **UVM Women's Game:** Friday 11/26 @7pm. Will have an **All Women's officiating** team for this game (a rare occurrence) - encourage all EYHA players to attend - wear STING GEAR
  - **Mentor program?:** HS hockey player (boy or girl) to mentor 8U,10U, 12U
    - USA Hockey - Youth Safe Sport / student coach requirements
- **Head Coach: Corey Labor**
  - **Coaches bags / team books distributed;**
  - **Head Coaches meeting:** Thursday 11/18- Corey will share expectations
  - **Reminder** for coaches to get **certifications completed**
    - Send certifications to [Corey Labor](#) and [Joe Baird](#)
- **Tournament Director: Dave Alofsin**
  - Not present
- **Equipment Coordinator: Dominic Cloud**
  - **Jersey's / Socks:** most have been distributed to coaches
    - Will revise this process for next year
  - **Consider:** create a bin at the rink for random gear / equipment
  - **Online store:** Deadline is **MONDAY 11/21**
- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator: Helen MacAndrews**
  - **TO DO:**
    - **Mask Signs:** Increase signage at the rink.
    - **Coaches:**
      - **Send Jersey # Rosters** to Helen / Jen to update SE app for each team
      - **Sign Up Genius:** Any coaches needing support with setting up as sign-up genius for volunteer positions for home games can reach out to Helen.
    - **Reffing Clinics:** Send out emails of upcoming clinics
- **Safety Officer: Joe Baird**
  - **Coaches / Board: safesport** certificates to [Joe Baird:](#)
  - **Social Media:** reminder for all coaches / parents to forward any pics / videos to Joe
  - **MASKS / COVID:** Emailed EYHA association members reminder of Mask / COVID guidelines.
  - **Masks and Referees** - Frank will reach out to remind referees to wear masks on the ice (some may have a "waiver" to allow for no masks)
  - **COVID:**
    - 4-5 covid exposures on EYHA so far this season
    - **Vaccinations:** Recommend all players to get vaccinated and remind parents on benefits of being vaccinated (not having to quarantine)

- **Holidays:** Email EYHA re: reminders to parents to keep our kids safe during holidays:
  - **TIPS FOR CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING SAFELY (VT DOH)**
  - **Have “the talk,” before you go.** Find out whether people will be fully vaccinated, or if extra precautions need to be taken for anyone at higher risk, such as wearing a mask when you’re not eating. The more people who are vaccinated around your table, the safer everyone will be.
  - **Keep it small.** The more people and households, the higher the chance that someone could have the virus and expose other people. Even people you trust the most can have the virus and not know it.
  - **Get tested.** Testing before you gather is a great way to protect everyone. [Schedule your free PCR test](#) no later than Monday, Nov. 22, to make sure results arrive in time. You can get extra reassurance with a rapid test, closer to the gathering. At-home tests you can buy at a pharmacy are a good tool for this, if you have access to them. They typically come in boxes of two, so if you use them, we recommend using one Tuesday or Wednesday and the other on Thanksgiving Day — to make sure your negative result is accurate.
  - **If you have symptoms,** even mild ones, please make the hard, but right, choice to skip the dinner and stay home.
  - **Get tested 5-7 days after the holiday gathering,** even if you’re fully vaccinated and even if you don’t have any symptoms

- **Past President: Sarah Stempek**
  - Not present
- **President: Frank Parisi**
  - Reiterated need to communicate COVID guidelines
  - Thank you to all board members for their dedication to this board and work to keep kids safe though the challenges of COVID
  - **18U Team:** Discussed the joint 18U Team with CSB - all agreed to move forward. Frank will reach out to VASHA for approval

**7. NEXT MEETING:**                   **December 16 at 7pm,** Location: McGuillicuddy’s

**8. MEETING ADJOURNED:**       Frank Parisi, President of the Board, adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM