

EYHA Board Meeting
Remote: Microsoft Teams
June 15, 2023 7pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present: Sean O'Connell Tracy O'Connell Renee Soutiere
Helen MacAndrews Joe Baird Mike Hughart
Kim Lassy Brianna Yarnell Dominic Cloud
Dave Alofsin

Board Members Absent: Corey Labor Mike Ginnett Mike Shaw
Rick Villamil Jen Villamil Frank Parisi
Tonra Riehl

EYHA Community Members: None

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 [May](#) meeting minutes: Dominic Cloud motions, Tracy O'Connell 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.)*
 - **Sub-committee status - if necessary (Complete updates due July)**
 - **Equipment (Renee)**
 - Review #'s of jersey's and game jersey #'s
 - Pucks (both black, blue, ringettes)
 - Ice Decal - Renee will connect with Noel
 - Stickers - needed for helmets, water bottle, Euro stickers
 - **EYHA policies / protocols / Family Communication (Helen)**
 - **Player Eligibility** - priority to EYHA players (plus previous EYHA players) and outside players contingent upon Executive Board approval.
 - **Uniforms:** game jerseys and game socks must be worn correctly at all times; practice jerseys must be worn for all practices and skills sessions
 - **Captains Program** - committee is working to craft language
 - Notes shared from 12U T4 Head Coach Dave Healy
 - Notes shared from 12U T2 Head Coach Tyler Weeks
 - **Community Awareness / fundraisers (Dave)**
 - Cornhole Tournament:
 - could benefit from sponsorship but overall was successful
 - Suggestion - indoor venue - winter (Maybe at CVE?)
 - Committee will discuss Calcutta and other tournaments
 - **Player / Coach development (Joe)**

- **Early fall / in-season Advanced skills:** 2nd year 8U travel players can join
 - **Supporting 8U program** - might need more 8U coaches
 - Better coordination of 8U jersey assignments - Joe will help Mike S
 - **Goalies:** Discussed plan for developing 8U and 10U goalies
 - **Team Pairings for practices** - will depend upon registration
 - When ice is in short supply - will plan for 3 teams on ice so that all teams get 2 practices / week
 - **Coach mentorship** within the EYHA to preserve institutional knowledge
 - Sean suggestion: Head Coaches meeting monthly - via google meet
 - Mandatory **Coaches Meeting** (all coaches) at the beginning of the year (with multiple night options)
 - **Youth mentorship:** Consider: 2-hour volunteer hours from 12U and 14U players to help out younger skater events: Girls Try Hockey, Bruins, Newbees, House, 8U
 - (How do we set expectations and monitor - committee will discuss)
 - **Bruins Learn to Play** - needs coaches and player volunteers present
 - **Evals** - create a committee to name evaluators and coaches
 - Coach selection committee (5): Pres / VP Travel / VP House / HC / Dir Player Development
 - Corey to create list of potential coaches for next year
 - **Registration (Dominic)**
 - Timeline (Closes: Aug 1st for Travel)
 - Post Lawn signs
- **NOTE: VSAHA Face-off meeting Aug 27th**

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.)*

- **Secretary / SafeSport Update:**
 - **Memorial Day parade recap:**
 - Next year: more freezy pops / candy
 - Foam pucks / EYHA euro stickers?
 - No Cornhole pamphlets
 - Jericho Parade on Monday
 - **Jericho Harvest Parade in September - Renee will give Helen date**
 - **SafeSport Training:** The Center now requires renewal of SafeSport Training to be completed within 12 months of the prior training. This may mean that some participants will be within the 12 month period and eligible at the beginning of the season, but will have their training expire and become ineligible during the season unless new training is completed.
 - [SafeSport Training link](#) (every year!)
 - [Background Screening](#) Valid for 2 seasons. (All adult coaches, officials, board members, employees, volunteers, and anyone else who will have regular contact with, or authority over, athletes under the age of 18 are required to submit to a background screen before any such contact with those athletes.) \$30
 - [Coaching Certification link](#)

- [Officiating Certification link](#)

6. Next meeting date:

- July 20, 2023 @ 7:00 pm. Location: REMOTE - Microsoft Teams

7. Executive Session (if needed): None

8. Adjournment: 9:24 PM