

## EYHA Board Meeting

Via Google Meet

July 15, 2021 7pm.

### 1. ATTENDANCE:

**Board Members Present:** Helen MacAndrews, Frank Parisi, Tracy O'Connell, Sean O'Connell, Jen Villamil, Sarah Stempek, Mike Ginnett, Joe Baird, Brianna Yarnell, Rick Villamil, Renee Soutiere, Bruce Garrapy, Mike Smith

**Board Members Absent:** Dominic Cloud, Corey Labor, Sean Haggarty Dave Alofsin

**Community Members:** None

**2. CALL TO ORDER:** Frank Parisi, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve **JUNE** meeting minutes made by Sean O'Connell, seconded by Rick Villamil  
Motion approved.

**4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS:** No Comments

### 5. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Go FundMe - Fenton Chester Arena:**

- Suggestion to donate to the Lyndon association directly.
- One suggestion to add the [GoFundMe](#) link to the website
- Suggest sending \$500 to the Lyndon program directly.
- Frank will contact Lyndon Association to verify where the money will go.
- Most board members agreed that \$500 would be sufficient

- **2021-2022 FY Budget:**

- Committee reviewed last years budget / pre-covid budget
- Income: biggest portion is registration. Estimating \$156K drawn from players from 8U - 16U.
  - Raffle once again for next year
- Income meets Expenditures and net's out at zero.
- Question from Rick V. Are we seeing any kind of increased pricing on Jersey's / socks / etc?
  - Bruce: biggest issue will be lead time for getting supplies. Supply is backed up. Currently, looking at 6-8 weeks for game socks.
- **Budget Vote:** Jen Villamil motion to approve; Sarah Stempek seconds.
  - Budget Approved at 7:14PM on 7/15/21

### 6. EXECUTIVE UPDATES:

- **Treasurer: Tracy O'Connell**

- See above.

- **Ice Coordinator: Renee Soutiere**
  - Has been in contact with Essex, Waterbury, UVM rinks. Essex rink WILL open this year (just after Labor Day).
  - Still reviewing ice times. But it looks like we will have ice at those 3 rinks.
  - Girls Learn to Skate: 4 sunday mornings /1 hour each
  - Ice at Elev8 - Sunday afternoons
  - Bruins Learn to Skate: 4 Saturdays / 1 hour each
  
- **Fundraising Coordinator:**
  - Vacant
  
- **VSAHA Rep: Mike Ginnett**
  - Board contact info sheet needs to be completed by end of July - basic contact info of board members. Helen will complete by July 31.
  - 2 question season survey:
    - If we have been in contact with ice arena manager and discussed upcoming season
    - What we would like this season to look like - like last year with some restrictions or just getting back to normal
    - Tentative Face-off meeting date: 29th August, in person at the Delta.
    - Generally: Executive board and ice schedulers attend. Sarah recommends all board members to attempt to attend.
  - Sean: VSAHA transfer fee raised from \$100 to \$300 for those who left to go to an ally team. That amount gets sent back to the association. This will be added to the budget
  
- **Head Referee: Bruce Garrapy**
  - Nothing to report
  
- **Registrar: Jen Villamil**
  - Registration request through sports engine. Will meet with Drew or Dan F. to review link.
  - Hoping to open registration week of July 19
  - Will work with Mike Smith on Little Bruins registration
  
- **Director of Communication: Mike Smith**
  - Renee will give dates for Little Bruins for social media blast
  - Let Mike know about any events.
  - USA Hockey's goal for EYHA is to grow 8U and under by 3
  - Sticker campaign or former player highlight campaign
  - Best way to send Mike media: Send him pictures to email. He will give us a new email to funnell all pics / info / etc.
  
- **Travel VP: Sean O'Connell**
  - Looking at other tournaments to change it up. Will likely have to look only in US.
  - Ally transfer fee - VSASHA sends a check at the end of the season.

- Question: U10 girls is looking slim. What is the possibility of girls double rostering between U10 and U12? Frank: We typically don't deny to save a team, but would depend on the readiness of the player.
  - Will reach out to the girls who played 2 years ago (but not last year) to gauge interest.
- **House VP: Rick Villamil**
    - NewBees: Elev802 successful. Elev802 is currently under construction - will look into using them again for NewBees this year.
- **8U Director:**
    - Vacant
- **Women's Director: Brianna Yarnell**
    - Will send Flier with info and QR code to Jen V. for Waterbury rink
    - Put together the July 4th event - very successful
    - Will connect with Sean about girls tournaments
- **Head Coach: Corey Labor**
    - Not present
- **Tournament Director: Dave Alofsin**
    - Not present
- **Equipment Coordinator: Dominic Cloud**
    - Not present
    - Collected all EYHA equipment items
- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator: Helen MacAndrews**
    - Met with Joe B. to review website links for all parents / coaches / volunteers.
    - Helen will look into pavilion at Maple Street Park for Aug meeting.
- **Safety Officer: Joe Baird**
    - Suggestion to put info out on social media for getting SafeSport certified.
- **Past President: Sarah Stempek**
    - Nothing new to report
- **President: Frank Parisi**
    - Still looking for an 8U director. Let Frank know with potential ideas
    - Having conversions with SASA, CSB, BAHA - everyone is having the same difficulties with losing kids to the Ally teams. Conversions about spreading out resources
    - Possibly having a "midget" team. Could be a HS midget team 18U with CSB. SASA / MAHA / Midd might all have teams. Create separate link for this registration - later in the season.
      - Suggestion is to promote the midget team but not open registration for this team until after HS tryouts (~ December).

- Bruce: Tryouts for HS season is after Thanksgiving.
- Still in discussions with Elev802 about next year. Will bring to the board in the future to discuss that investment.

**7. NEXT MEETING:** August 19th at 7pm, location TBD (in person)

**8. MEETING ADJOURNED:** Frank Parisi, President of the Board, adjourned the meeting at **8:29 PM**