

## **EYHA Board Meeting**

Via Google Meet

**July 15, 2021 7pm.**

### **1. ATTENDANCE:**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Dominic Cloud, Sean Haggarty, Mike Smith, Frank Parisi

**Community Members:** None

**2. CALL TO ORDER:** Sarah Stempek Former President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**3. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve **JULY** meeting minutes made by Rick Villamil seconded by Bruce Garrapy Motion approved.

**4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS:** None

### **5. NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Proposal: Letter from EYHA to the EWSD in support of opening rink for 21-22 season**
  - **EWSD promised ice would be in by Sept 1**
    - **Masks in the rink**
    - **Locker rooms should be open**
    - **Ice facility is "on Hold" until mid-September**
  - **Action: Board members approve sending letter to EWSD**

### **6. EXECUTIVE UPDATES:**

- **Treasurer: Tracy O'Connell**
  - Have collected about \$25,000 so far from registrations. Need to get registrations up
  - Bruce - invoices for jerseys occurs after registrations
- **Ice Coordinator: Renee Soutiere**
  - Noel from Essex - sounds promising that we will be able to be in Essex Rink
  - Girls Learn to Skate: Sept 19th start. Renee has already booked at Waterbury and looking for other ice in case Essex rink isn't open
  - Encouraged that "season" starts a bit later, will help with the later opening of Essex ice.
  - Evaluations ice - scheduling blocks of ice time - tentatively 3 sheets of ice / 2

- days of ice for evaluations
  - VSAHA Face off meeting: in person at The Delta on Aug 29th 9-2pm
  - Waterbury has been given a “heads up” that we may need more ice. Their winter schedule comes out on Nov.1st.
  - UVM will allow outside groups starting Sept 13th - we can also schedule there
  
- **Fundraising Coordinator:**
  - Vacant
  
- **VSAHA Rep: Mike Ginnett**
  - Face Off meeting Aug 29th from 8am - 2pm at the Delta Hotel on Williston Rd (across from the Windjammer)
    - Need a rough estimate of number of teams EYHA will field
    - Breakout session with schedulers
  - Grow the game meeting: VSAHA looking for each association to do a “try hockey for free” in Sept/Oct.
    - MG will reserve the equipment trailer from VSAHA
    - Recommend try hockey for free to happen BEFORE evaluations
    - Recommend reserve trailer for girls Grow the Game as well (Sept 19,26, Oct 3, Oct 10) - Waterbury is available; Renee will request trailer for those dates
      - Grant pays for Megan Swezey and the ice / needs support from EYHA - **Brianna** will take the lead
      - Registration for girls GTG - not yet set up
      - Communication: word of mouth / fliers at schools / social media (essex VT FB group)
      - Google form / signup genius
  
- **Head Referee: Bruce Garrapy**
  - Inquiring about Referee seminars on VSAHA website, but there is nothing available yet.
  
- **Registrar: Jen Villamil**
  - Registrations continues to grow - as of 8/18:
    - House: 22
    - Newbees 34
    - Projections are that there are at least 1 team at each level (both CoEd and girls)
  
- **Director of Communication: Mike Smith**
  - Not present
  
- **Travel VP: Sean O’Connell**
  - Projections of teams - at least 1 at each level
  - Reviewing potential tournaments for each level
  - Will talk with Corey about evaluations
  - Wants to discuss partnership with Elev802 (dryland?)
  - Talk with Chris Line (EHS boys) / Doc (EHS girls) coaches to get HS players to help with dryland

- Student coach certificate?
    - Must have a certified coach for dryland
  - Anyone 15+ must complete SafeSport and student coach certificate
- **House VP: Rick Villamil**
  - Lots of interest in HOUSE and NEWBEES
  - Looking for available coaches
- **8U Director:**
  - Vacant
- **Women's Director: Brianna Yarnell**
  - Looking into Adirondack tournament for girls in mid January (invitations in Sept)
  - Hanover hosting a Jamboree in November (in place of Woodstock tournament) - will coordinate with Sean
  - Fliers for Learn to skate sessions
- **Head Coach: Corey Labor**
  - Has begun outreach for coaches - will touch base with Rick and Sean in conjunction with reaching out to prior coaches - looks good
  - Reminding coaches to get certifications and Safe Sport
  - Is there an 8U head coach possibility? One interested candidate
- **Tournament Director: Dave Alofsin**
  - Met with Rick V. about Yamboree materials from previous years
  - Looking for partners for fundraising
  - Has already had interest from other teams
  - Would welcome help from Board members (or community)
  - Rick suggests sending an email to other board presidents
  - Registration typically occurs at the end of Oct / early Nov.
  - EYHA has Venmo account to collect funds
- **Equipment Coordinator: Dominic Cloud**
  - Not present
- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator: Helen MacAndrews**
  - Completed VSAHA board members contact sheet
  - Created EYHA contact sheet - forwarded to board members
  - Revised website
  - Expo dryland inquiry
  - Review prior years of skaters and reach out - Jen will share a spreadsheet and board members should choose families to encourage registration
- **Safety Officer: Joe Baird**
  - Joe has been very visible on EYHA social media. Email or text joe with photos or other social media info
  - Currently has a few SafeSport certificates - Corey will send them on to Joe as they are completed
  - Joe will need to review COVID guidelines

- **Past President: Sarah Stempek**
  - Nothing new to report
- **President: Frank Parisi**
  - Not present.

**Calcutta:** still looking at spaces - not available: Catamount, Lang Farm, Jules on the Green

- Possibly Friday October 29th 6-9
- Try VFW / Legion by Spanked Puppy

**7. NEXT MEETING:** Sept 16th at 7pm, location Maple Street Park

**8. MEETING ADJOURNED:** Sarah Stempek, Past President of the Board, adjourned the meeting at **8:32 PM**