

Eastern Shore Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2021

I. Call to order

Michael Corner called to order the regular meeting of the ESHA board at 1804 on June 15, 2021 at the First Wesleyan Church.

II. Roll call

M conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

President – Michael Corner	Scheduler – Colin Fluharty
Vice President – Dave Connolly	Chief Manager – Dave Levasseur
Secretary – Amy Grier	CBHL Rep – Dave Finlay
Hockey Director – Rob Wefelmeyer	EJEPL Rep – Mike Watson

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from May were submitted for approval. Motion for approval by Michael Corner, Seconded by Dave Finlay, All in Favor.

IV. Director and Officer Reports

- a) President – Covered in new business
- b) Vice President – Nothing to report
- c) Secretary – Nothing to report
- d) Registrar – Not present
- e) Treasurer – Not present
- f) Hockey Director – Covered in old and new business
- g) Scheduler – The Scheduler and Hockey Director plan to meet with Preston to discuss available ice times.
- h) Communications Director - Vacant
- i) 8U Director - Vacant

- j) CCHL Rep – Nothing new to report. No new correspondence from the CCHL. Initial email to CCHL yielded no response. A second email has been sent.
- k) CBHL Rep – Upcoming meeting next Monday. National meeting was 1 month ago. Emphasis on coaches, managers, and locker room attendants being SafeSport certified. Rob W. has forwarded the new logo and has an ad on the site that ESHA is looking for new players.
- l) EJEPL Rep – Meeting last week. Head of referee association presented. There is a dearth of referees. They are looking for U14-U16 players who may be interested in completing online training to assist the Mid-Atlantic region. There will be stricter enforcement of zero tolerance for heckling/comments from the bench or stands. The Hockey Director and Chief Manager plan to ensure this and score/penalty box rules (no cheering or coaching from in the box) are communicated to team managers and the organization as a whole. There will also be stricter enforcement of penalties for deliberate contact on the ice. U12 will be playing at Silver 1 and U14 will be in Gold.
- m) Chief Manager – Developing details for training and will reach out to the board with questions. Plan to review at next board meeting.

V. Old business

- a) Jersey Order – Michael C. has consolidated the Rosters, Jersey numbers, and sizes into one sheet in SharePoint for ease of modification and access. Rob W. will send out the list with the numbers, sizes, and last name for verification. Order will be placed soon. Only a few outstanding sizes left to obtain. Once the order has been placed, it is final therefore accuracy is essential.
- b) Office 365 (shared accounts) – Michael C. is assigning managers to email accounts. Non-used accounts have been de-activated. Rob W. will send Michael C. the preferred emails for the coaches and a distribution list will be created. The all-manager group and coach distribution list will be utilized by the scheduler to disseminate information throughout the season.
- c) 8U Nets – The new nets have arrived. The smaller 6U net condition was discussed. Some of them were sandblasted, repainted, and welded previously. A couple may need re-netting/re-lacing.
- d) Player Numbers – There are still a few conflicting or possible conflicting numbers in the upper age groups. The Board discussed and agreed that in the event of a

conflict on the same team, the player who has had the number longer in the organization will keep the number. Due to upper age group cross over, going forward there will need to be a 2 age group difference with numbers to help prevent this situation.

VI. New business

- a) Utilization of Microsoft Office 365 – Request has been made that the board utilize Teams for discussions requiring input as opposed to email chains. Also, utilizing SharePoint to edit documents will ensure that everyone has access and is working on the most recent draft.
- b) Manager Roster – Michael C. is populating a list and requests that the coaches notify himself, Rob W., and/or Dave L. of who the managers will be for their teams.
- c) Bank Accounts – Michael C. will send off the information to the Bank for the individual teams. Vince A. will assist in getting the signature cards set up for each account.
- d) Roster/Board Confidentiality – As a reminder to the Board, many of the things discussed in the meetings are works in progress and subject to change. Request has been made that information not be disseminated to members outside the board until after they are finalized and made public including rosters.
- e) Final Jersey and Logo Approval – Question was raised regarding rationale for the move from Red as the primary color to Navy. In redesigning the logo/jersey, ESHA was told they could not use Black and were requested to avoid Red due to other organizations in the league. Michael C. made a motion for no additional changes to be made to the new logo and jersey design and for it to be approved, Seconded by Rob W., All in Favor.
- f) 8U Coaching – The 8U Coordinator position remains vacant. There have been a few parents who have voiced interest in assisting with coaching. The board discussed the candidates. Rob W. will continue communications with the interested parties to establish formal coaching staff.
- g) 8U Jerseys – Questions were posed to the Board regarding 8U continuing on with only one jersey as opposed to being in line with the rest of the organization and other 8U teams in the league with 2. Reversible jerseys were discussed as a possible option. Pro would be that they cost less and con would be that they

don't breathe as well and have less stretch/give. Michael C. discussed with 8U parents at the jersey fitting and most were in favor of having 2 jerseys. This would require an additional \$50 invoice to go out to the 8U parents. Dave F. raised concerns about the increased financial burden particularly for new families just trying hockey for the first time. With the first-time player hockey discount, this will help offset the cost for jerseys for that population within our organization and our fees are substantially lower than other teams in the league. Michael C. will send an email out to the 8U families informing them of the proposition for 2 jerseys and the increased cost.

- h) Skills Coaching Update – Tomorrow's Ice has taken on the North Stars, so they will be unable to work with ESHA. Rob W. has reached out to his contacts at Navy to see who they utilize. Dave F. will reach out to his contacts as well to find another group. Ideally would like skills coaching twice a month with a heavy emphasis on power skating initially.
- i) New Players/Players Needed – This is posted on CBHL that ESHA is looking for additional players. The Board discussed the need for a more formal process with ESHA recruiting players from Jamie Webb and Stick and Puck. The Learn to Play program is off furlough and looking for commitments from organizations. Logistics were discussed for ice time, coaching, and avoiding soccer and football season conflicts. Rob W. will respond to Learn to Play committing to 1 session (6 to 8 ice slots) for 15 players from November through December. He will also request clarification of what happens if we have more or less than 15 interested.

VII. Additional Items

- a) County Parks and Rec Grant – The Hockey Director plans to discuss the funds with rink management. If funds are available, request will be made for a new compressor and dehumidifier for the rink.
- b) Practice Schedule – The Learn to Play program initiated discussions of practice slots. The 8U Sunday morning 7am to 8am slot was mentioned and determined to not be optimal due to conflicts with Mini Jam set up. Other options for the slot and options for combined practices at the lower or upper age groups were discussed utilizing station-based practices. Colin F. and Rob W. will speak with the rink management about practice slot availability and will report back to the Board.
- c) Middle School Hockey – Unknown when practice times would be. Possibility of a SSPP middle school team forming.

- d) Student Coaches – Last season, no student coaching was allowed due to COVID-19 restrictions. There would need to be a 2 age group difference between the student coach and the players. Interested players would need to apply and interview with the Hockey Director. These coaches could also possibly be utilized for Learn to Play staffing. Michael C. made a motion to resume having student coaches with oversight from the Hockey Director, Seconded by Colin F., All in Favor.
- e) Dry Land Practices – Michael C. proposed having dry land practices for the organization over the summer. Dave F. mentioned availability of the field behind the First Wesleyan Church and the gym as locations. The gym is \$25/hr to cover the cost of the air conditioning. Michael C. will pick up the small nets from the rink to utilize. Coaches will discuss which dates would work and contact Dave F. to book time.
- f) Christmas Home Tournament – Mike W. discussed the possibility of a Tournament at Talbot Ice Rink over the Christmas holiday break. This has previously been in the works prior to the pandemic. It would involve the rink donating ice time that current isn't used, QA County Parks and Rec staff coordinating and setting up the event, and ESHA volunteers to run the clock, etc. Any proceeds from the event would then be divided between the 3 organizations. Mike W.'s boss will communicate with the rink manager to determine if this is still a possibility and will report back to the Board.
- g) Future Meeting Dates - July 13th, and August 10th at 6pm, locations TBD

VIII. Adjournment

Michael Corner adjourned the meeting at 2007.

Minutes submitted by: Amy Grier

Minutes approved by: Michael Corner