

**September 17,
2009****Attendees:**

Board Members: Pat Burke, Jerry Heath, John Maddelana, Rob Young, Al Foice, Pete Glass, Rebecca Stone, Bruce Garapy, Carney Daniels, John Laliberte, Deanna Cram, Craig Benson, Kristin Romick, Larry Hagerty
Other Attendees: Tyler Main, Jay Kagan, George Desorcies, Maurice Rosales, Pascal Nsame, Rick Yates, Justin Jandro, Rich Celia, Lisa Young

Notes:

- Meeting called into order at 7:03
- Minute approvals: July and August minutes approved
- Open discussion from visitors:

Concerns about cross-ice mite program. Some programs have regionalized...EYHA has not. EYHA is not doing full ice at all this season. Next year EYHA would like to regionalize. EYHA will continue to play the teams they played last year. There still is no standardization from the state for cross ice hockey. Will there be a cross ice tournament option? EYHA is not hosting a cross-ice mite tournament.

Recommendation from Pat Burke is that coaches discuss expectations with coaches from other associations and get clarity. Recommendation from Rob Young was to get the associations together and make decisions about how Mite Ice hockey is going to be played.

Rick Yates is interested in doing the photo's this year. Vermont Sports Image did it last year and did a good job.

- Treasurers Report: Rebecca sent the treasurer report to all board members. Golf tournament fundraiser was less than last year by about \$3000.
- President: No report
- Tournament Director: Thanksgiving Bantam and Pee wee tournament on the State website.
- VP Travel: Renamed "tryouts" to "Team Placement" Larry will clean up website and replace wording.
- VP House: Registration for Newbee's and house where it should be. 31 Newbee's...John is expecting 50. 22 Mites...expecting 35...8 squirts expecting 12. 8 Peewee's
John has Leddy ice that he would consider giving up for a jamboree. Craig thinks this ice will conflict with the ice time that mites currently have
- Head Coach Report: John M. needs names of coaches and teams they would like to coach. He would like to schedule a meeting for the weekend of September 28th for interested coaches. John is working with Dave Arolidi and Vermont Goaltenders Academy to teach our coaches how to better work with our goalies...Proposal to have 3 goaltending sessions...2 sessions with VGA. October 14th would be with our coaches. 2nd session would be with VGA and our goalies...third session would be our coaches with the goalies. Another proposal would be to have each team designate a goalie coach...That goalie coach would go to the VGA session.
Proposal was made to form teams and then have a designated goalie coach.
Motion for goalie clinic on October 14th with kids...\$610...for two clinics
Checking clinic? Pat will set that up...
- Registrar: Deanna sent everyone the numbers. Total number of players currently is 216.
- Equipment Report: Getting Coaches bags ready.

- Ice Coordinator: Schedulers meeting was Tuesday night. PaBurke, Jerry Heath, Scott LaPlante, & Larry Hagerty attended and helped schedule. This is the most help Craig has had in all his years doing this. Not all associations were represented. Milton will have ice. Milton rink is a privately owned rink. It is a for profit rink....When your time is over...you are off the ice. Games can not go over. Fresh sheet of ice when you go on...Zamboni at the end.
- Women's Director: Newsletter going out to all girls parents. Plan is to field 2 U12 teams. There will be two A and B teams. Bring a Friend got us about 3-4 new girls.
- Fundraising report: Carney is working on sponsors, Red barn, Calendars and has a snack bar coordinator...looking at having someone who will run a snack bar...he would set a price and give back 10% to the association.
Apparel will be available at Sports Central.
- Grow the Game: We need to grow the game for both boys and girls.
- State Representative: No state meeting this month...next state meeting October 13. Coaches clinic's are coming up...

Level 1 September 27th Burlington
 Level 2 October 11th Colchester
 Level 3 October 18 Colchester
 Level 1 November 15 Woodstock
 Level 2 November 22 Northfield
 Level 3 December 6 Middlebury

- Head Referee Report: September 27th Referee meeting at St Michael's College with ice at Essex High School

October 17 Woodstock High school and Union Arena
 November 1 Rutland High school with ice at Rutland Regional

- Past President: **Another check from Back Stage in excess of \$4000. Please stop in and thank them any chance you get.**
- New Business
 *Post season non-state tournaments. (President): Pat would like the board to reconsider if EYHA can go to post season tournaments. Pat would like this kept on the agenda as a further discussion.
 *Deletion of girls "must" play girls @ U12 policy (USA/ hockey policy trumps).
 (President)
 *Player Evaluation: Pat has them...evaluations will be sent out to coaches.

Adjourn for executive session 8:50

Action Items:	Date:	Responsible:
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1. Rob Young will set up a meeting with other associations to discuss standardizing how we play mite cross ice

2. 10-11 season...early exploration of standardization
3. Status of cross ice mites on web
4. Rick Yates will need to give the board a bid
5. Board will also get a bid from Vermont Sports Image
6. Pat will send coaching list to John M.
7. Austin and Rob to do a reach out to kids not registered
8. Pat will send out evaluations to coaches
9. Pat will organize a checking clinic

Related Materials:
