



Minutes - EYHA Board Meeting

01/22/2009

Attendees:	Board Members: John Laliberte, Jerry Heath , Pat Burke, Al Foice, Mauricio Rosales, Dean Bartlett, Lisa McGinnis, Deanna Cram, Bruce Garrapy, Craig Benson, Craig Butkus, Estelle LeClair Other Attendees: Kristin Romick, Austin Martin-Anderson, Larry Hagerty, Tyler Main, Jay Kagan, Rebecca Stone
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Notes:

- Meeting called into order 7:09
- Minute approvals – Al suggested that minutes from December be edited prior to approval
- Open discussion from visitors:
 - Austin Martin-Anderson requested clarification regarding a rumor that he had heard that mites were no longer going to be afforded full ice opportunities after this season.
 - Craig Benson commented that many associations are interested in discontinuing full ice options. Austin expressed his opinion that he felt that it would be a mistake to completely remove full ice opportunities for mites.
 - Al expressed his concern that the issue with cross-ice programs is that there has been no mandate from VSAHA as to how to run the programs and therefore there is a lack of consistency between associations.
 - Austin also requested information regarding the “Snack bar meeting”. Al reported that the snack bar will be open during our state and regional tournaments being held at Essex but beyond that nothing has been determined.
- Head Coach (ACE) Report: Pat Burke reported
 - PYSA will be bringing a nationally known speaker, Bruce Brown, to the high school to speak regarding the role of sports in youth’s lives. EYHA contribution would be \$75 and it would be open to all parents and children interested in attending.
 - Player evaluations will be the same as last year.
 - Coaches evaluations will be available on the web.
 - Pat is interested in post-season testing of drills that were used during tryouts to gauge improvement. We will need ice for this. Maurice suggested that people sign up so that we have an idea how much ice time is needed.
- Treasurers Report:
 - Financial reports mailed to board ahead of time. No questions on the reports
- Registrars Update :
 - Deanna reported that all rosters have been signed.
- Equipment Report
 - Dean did not have anything new to report.
 - Al requested that Dean try to find out where there are gaps in our current equipment to prepare for next year’s budget.



- Fundraising report: (AI for Estelle)
 - Sponsorships are done after one check is received.
 - AI presented the new sponsor signs for the rink. They look great and are collapsible with a carrying case for easy portability.
 - Need a clothing sale person for next year.
 - Estelle is in the process of speaking to someone regarding interest in the fundraising position.

- Tournament Director
 - AI asked if all checks were in from Yamboree. Jerry advised that with the exception of St. Albans and Rutland, all associations have made payment.
 - The midget state tournament will consist of a six team bracket. Wolfie and Kelly are working on volunteers to help run the tournament from the midget teams.
 - We have procured the Midget Regional Tier II tournament which will be held the weekend of March 20-22. We have a list of hotels which will make a donation back to the organization for teams which book rooms with them. Need volunteers for this weekend. Jerry will put a notice on the website.

- State Representative – AI reported
 - There were six requests to transfer into the organization this year. Five of the six were denied. The one accepted was a Bantam B who has been waived so that he can play in the state tournament.
 - State tournament brackets are up.
 - All Star applications are available. There was much discussion about All Stars and the “self nomination” that currently occurs. This may be something that the state needs to reassess in the future.

- Head Referee’s Report
 - Bruce reported that findings refs for Saturday night games is a challenge due to the fact that they are using lower level refs for high school games.

- New Business –
 - Larry Hagerty and Tyler Main are interested in learning more about the Vice President of Travel position. Rebecca Stone is speaking to Maurice about the Treasurer’s position.
 - The board discussed a “Grow the Game Coordinator” which was previously discussed by VSAHA and what that position might entail.

- Old Business – Calcutta at Backstage...end of season event?

There being no further business for the open session, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

The next board meeting has been changed to March 4th due to conflicts with state tournament schedules.

The Board entered into Executive Session.



Action Items:	Date:	Responsible:
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1. Jerry – Put info on website to solicit volunteers for Bantam regional tournament.

Related Materials:

Treasurer's reports