



Minutes - EYHA Board Meeting

10/16/2008

Attendees:	Board Members: John Laliberte, Craig Butkus, Pat Burke, Craig Benson, Al Foice, Paul Murray, Estelle LeClair, Mauricio Rosales, Peter Glass, Deanna Cram, John Laliberte Other Attendees: Jeff Stocker, Kristin Ronick,, Will Gonyeau (Wolfie)
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Notes:

- Meeting called into order 7:08
- Minute approval from last meeting – deferred until next session
- Open discussion from visitors:
 - Jeff Stocker present three questions provide to him by his son regarding the tryout process. Pat Burke agreed to coordinate the response to the questions in an e-mail so that Jeff's son could read the responses. (The questions were : Why didn't I make the A team? How did Friday affect the outcome? How do you feel about the team?) Pat also agreed that the questions were fair and legitimate.
 - Jeff reminded the board that there were five goalies for two Pee wee teams, and asked the board to consider the possibility of moving one goalie to a Bantam team. The board recognized that there was organizational precedence for moving goalies up, and that the topic merited further board conversation and consideration.
 - Wolfie inquired as to the number of Midget (regular season) teams being scheduled given the current numbers. Craig Benson indicated that we are operating under the 2 team forecast and scheduling as such. Members also indicated that the midget registration numbers were as expected given the deadline is HS tryouts.
 - Wolfie inquired regarding the process for signing up for the midget pre-season if a player has already signed up for the regular midget season. Craig B, explained that you go back in the registration and signup for the pre-season by selecting the pre-season and re-using the usa registration number.
- Head Coach (ACE) Report: Update on Tryouts
 - Pat indicated that he had received few calls and that they had been appropriate in nature
 - On-ice sessions went well with no on ice surprises
 - Many folks participated in the process, Pat recognized their hard work and contribution
 - Pat indicated that he will provide a more complete post-tryout report next month and use the next few weeks to gather additional feedback and observations.
 - Peter Glass brought up that families had addressed him regarding mechanism for tryout feedback. Pat indicated that he planned on providing the 'tryout feedback' link on the eyha website in the next few days.
 - Peter commented that he believed the matter of posting rosters was too impersonal and harder on the kids, Pat indicated that calls with similar news had similar reactions. The board further discussed team roster communication approaches – no decisions were made dialogue



- to continue for next year.
- Based on feedback regarding the helmet sticker policy, the board discussed the policy and the following motion presented by AI with no further discussion. “ Amend the existing helmet sticker policy to include the ability to request a team waiver for the permissible use of an appropriate sticker (example small yellow ribbon due to a coach/parent going to Iraq) subject to the approval or Head Coach/Ace coordinator”. The motion was seconded by Deanna, and passed unanimously.
 - Women’s Director:
 - Presented by AI – Two U12 team announcement (already posted on web site) was summarized. Indicated feedback was positive
 - Registrars Update:
 - Deanna indicated that form alphabetizing and inventory is well underway, next steps is to complete out the team books.
 - Will need team parent list for books, Maurice indicated that Lisa had indicated that she will create a team parent list.
 - AI raised the question on the jersey numbering; Bruce explained that the numbering will be based on the data provided from registration which also includes birth years. Maurice added that during the collection of the first travel payments, that the jersey payment would also get collected.
 - Registration was 100% online. Board feels that having all members in one place is a great value.
 - Ice/Schedulers Report:
 - Goalie clinic ice is set for 10/19 and 11/30.
 - Early starts by some groups will require early access to the rink – board discussed keys to the rink; CB will ask Noel to open the rink at appropriate times.
 - Cross-Ice team – Craig indicated that having 3 vs 4 cross ice teams is inconsistent with the scheduled games, and presents a new problem. Board discussed the possibility of recruiting additional players, or mixing teams. Pat presented the idea of discussing with others orgs the ability to mix with their players.
 - Maurice requested that we have an organizational policy for presenting scheduled games on the website. Most are already scheduled, but the risk of posting in advance is that games/ice slots change and families may not understand the dynamics of scheduling. Deanna recommended that if we posting more than current month a disclaimer should be included on the web site. AI suggested that by the 15th of the current month, the following month should be posted. Board agreed to add all available scheduled games, with a disclaimer to check the site regularly for changes.
 - Referee Report:
 - Referee scheduling using ‘therbiter’ on track. Import from master schedule worked well (more efficient, and limits human error).
 - Treasurers Report:
 - Financial reports mailed to board ahead of time. No question on the reports
 - Maurice indicated that registration income is approximately 10,000 bellow target due to lower than expected registration numbers.
 - Maurice indicated that a revised budget was forthcoming, but indicated that ice budget would



- be reduced by approximately 5K due to midget program change (less game ice due to latter start), with corresponding reduction in referee budget.
- Maurice provided a job description for the Treasurer's position, and indicated that directly the board should consider this his last year.
 - Fundraising report:
 - Golf tournament income has come in better than expected, preliminary numbers indicate that it brought in approximately 7K.
 - Registration numbers will affect pizza sales revenues due to less families
 - Board agreed to allow families to exceed in selling above the \$75 credit cap, but that any family doing so would need to help in the distribution to be eligible for the credit above \$75.
 - Estelle indicated that she was concerned about the number of sponsorts declining to donate this year.
 - Al, presented the concept of a board with sponsor names to replace the sponsor tags. The model is the ones used by the Essex Fire Dept. Paul Murray will evaluate the design and setup. Noel and Al have a working location at the rink that would meet all our needs.
 - Team fundraising and coffee sales at the rink were brought up. Kristin Ronik will explore possible options to bring to the board.
 - Tournament Director
 - EYHA has put in for the Bantam Tier II and Bantam A. Bantam A still needs ice coordination with the rink, but a solution is likely
 - State Representative (see state rep report for additional VSAHA notes)
 - Yankee Conference dates for 92-95 – Nov 8,9.
 - State tournament teams due by 11/11
 - Squirt B will be split North/South and then a championship
 - House
 - Starts this weekend
 - Family Skate scheduled for 10/25
 - New Business
 - Discussed the possibility of purchasing to ice logos for the rink for next year, plan is to explore.

There being no further business for the open session, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

The Board entered into Executive Session.

Action Items:	Date:	Responsible:
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1. Maurice to e-mail the organization regarding family skate
2. Deanna to e-mail Bruce “family” groups for jerseys.
3. Al to provide ‘team books’ to Deana
4. Pat to provide coaches list to Deanna by Monday
5. Lisa to provide team parent list

Related Materials:

Treasurer’s reports

State Report