

Attendees:	Board Members: Dean Bartlett, John Laliberte, Jeff Cabanaw, Craig Butkus, Jerry Heath, Pat Burke, Craig Benson, Al Foice, Paul Murray, Estelle LeClair, Lisa McGinnis, Will Gonyeau Other Attendees: Deanna Cram, Tyler Main, Tomi Tanghe, Peter Croce
-------------------	---

Notes:

- Meeting called into order 7:05 – with a quorum.
- Minutes were approved from last meeting with no discussion
- Open discussion from visitors – none
- Old Business: Paul reported on Cross-Ice Task Force:
 - He has received a quote for rink dividers which was \$8350 with shipping. He felt that the other quote he was waiting for would be very close.
 - Motion was made to approve \$8350 for rink dividers and was approved with no discussion.
 - State – Kib, Jerry and Paul will be attending state kick off meeting to talk about cross ice program.
- Treasurers Report – Al reported on behalf of Maurice
 - Account balances, Cash Flow and Transaction Activity reports were reviewed and approved by the Board.
- Tournament – Jeff Cabanaw reported
 - Sept 9th Golf Tournament
 - Need Volunteers, encourage Board members to play - 120 players is the goal
 - Anyone who can help procure prizes, gifts etc. would be appreciated.
- Craig Butkus reported on the Girls activities:
 - Bring a friend day for girls Aug 18th at Cairns from 11 – 1. He already had 10 – 15 girls signed up who would be attending as well as members from the high school girls hockey team and U12 and U14 teams who would be helping on the ice.
 - Discussion was held about whether or not Harwood would be interested in combining U14 teams. Harwood has come back and stated that their numbers are good and they would not need to do this at this time however that they would be willing to take girls from our program if necessary.
 - Briefly discussed was the option of having a U8 girls cross ice team. No action taken.
- Proposed Budget and Fee Schedule
 - A motion was made to discontinue collecting the \$800 for tournaments automatically for each team with travel fees. Much discussion was had about how the costs would be covered, either having teams collect the money separately and paying the fees themselves or collecting them in later travel payments. After lengthy discussion on this point, the motion was not

- passed.
- Maurice very thoroughly outlined several options for the budget in terms of how much travel fees would be for the 2007-2008 season. There was much discussion by the board about the various options. A motion was made to accept the option which charged the cross ice travel mites \$375 and charged all other travel players \$525. The motion was approved with one against.
 - A registration fee of \$265 was discussed. Kib advised that this included the \$31 USA hockey fee. A motion was made that the charge for cross ice mites for the season, including registration would be \$640 and for all other players the fee would be \$790, also including registration. This was approved unanimously. Novice players would pay \$180.
 - After lengthy discussion about numbers of players at the Peewee and Bantam levels and how many teams would be supported by these numbers, motions were made to budget for three teams at each level while the numbers supported this number of teams and to change to two teams at these levels if after registration and after Bantams leave for high school teams the numbers could not support three teams. These motions were passed unanimously.
 - A question arose about whether or not there would be refunds to families who registered children to play Essex Youth Hockey and then who subsequently made their high school teams. It was decided that since there were several weeks of practice before high school hockey started and also a couple of weeks of games that there would be no refund, these families would be required to pay their registration fee as well as their first travel payment.
 - Registration dates were discussed and board members were encouraged to be available to help out at registration.
 - New business – Tomi Tanghe attended and shared some concerns that she had from last year.
 - Tomi was concerned that the tryout process is not objective and felt that prospective coaches should not be allowed to participate in the evaluation of players. Pat and Al both stressed that they were aware of concerns in this regard and that they and the board were working to make the process better every year.
 - Tomi’s other concern was coaches who are unwilling to meet game profiles for their team and/or tournament profiles. Pat addressed this and advised that he would be very clear upon recruiting coaches that there were expectations which needed to be met in this regard. He himself has been a head coach and understands the challenges, however also relayed that coaches need to understand that this is the commitment that they are making upon accepting a head coaching position.

There being no further business for the open session, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 pm.

The Board entered into Executive Session.

Action Items:	Date:	Responsible:
---------------	-------	--------------

1.

2.

Related Materials:

Treasurer's reports

Budget Analysis