



Minutes for November 21, 2013
EYHA Board Meeting

Attendees: John Laliberte, Julie Miller-Johnson, Laura Zambarano, Jenn McFaul, Dan Forcier, Carney Daniels, Rob Young, Matt Clark, Patrick Burke, Fraser MacDonald

Guests: Deanna Cram

- 7:06 Meeting called to order
- October minutes approved (Laura made motion, Julie seconded) Patrick Burke abstained

- OPEN DISCUSSION: Deanna Cram came to request a move for her son from Bantam White to Bantam A due to poor try-out performance as a result of an undiagnosed medical condition. Board heard her request and discussed at executive session. There were no questions for Deanna from board members. John will contact Deanna after executive session discussion.

- TREASURES REPORT: Fraser
 - Numbers look good. There are only 2 delinquent families. Some teams will need to pay EYHA for extra tournaments.
 - Jay Peak discussion about not allowing families to pull out at last minute due to EYHA needing to firm up numbers with Jay Peak. Discussions around refunds and how to handle them.
 - We are very close to being on budget this year
 - Legal and accounting fees are higher this year, but worth it as we are receiving good advice. Fees will not be as high in future.
 - The transactions fees are good.
 - Small discussion about extra tournament fees and making sure families pay
 - Referee fees are on track

- ICE: Rob
 - All good, schedules are well.
 - February will be tough, Gutterson dropped ice
 - We need feedback from State regarding tournament. Who plays when, dates needed.
 - February ice times will be uneven and Rob is worried about this. He tries so hard to keep things equal all season. Some things out of his control. Dan and Patrick told Rob not to worry. Hard to project which teams will move on at state level. Rob hates to eat ice time (expense)
 - EYHA has 4 maybe 5 strong teams for state tournament... this helps Rob with projections for ice schedules.

- FUNDRAISING:
 - Gerry reached out to Essex School Board for discussion regarding boards and ads. School board sent pricing to Gerry. There is a potential for EYHA to make money. **Gerry will send out pricing to board members.** Gerry and Carney have a meeting with the school next week to set up a plan to move ahead.

- VSAHA: Matt
 - There is a sled hockey promotion
 - Level 1 certification in Woodstock. We have 70 less referees this year.
 - EYHA referee background checks ok with state so far.



- EYHA needs to make sure all necessary people have background checks this year so we can build a base.
- Julie mentioned that teams are suppose to post scores on NGIN and are not.
- 12/15 is the date for team re-evaluations for placement.

- REFEREES: Bruce
 - Yamboree is all set and scheduled
 - No complaints except one midget game in Essex; it was a practice, not a game. Referee got paid. Should BAHA have paid since they messed up?
 - Module date 12/30. All ages completed

- REGISTRAR: Dan
 - 4 Canadian transfers
 - Local transfers done.
 - No transfers from STARS, no transfer request from Olivia B.
 - Did not submit 2 play-up forms for 2 U12 players
 - Midget registration is open, we are expecting numbers from CSB and BAHA. There are 2 solid teams this year. Feel loose. Are there unregistered players on this ice? Some pre-registered through BAHA. Will all kids come through EYHA? Board agreed to have all Midgets register through EYHA. Dan will make sure everything is solid before regular season. Kelly is the BAHA scheduler.

- TRAVEL: Gerry
 - U12 & U14 have tournament at ADK
 - U10 in Woodstock after season and going to Jay Peak.
 - Peewee White has been they are too strong for the Jan 3, 4, 5 tournament. Jason (coach) says to keep them in. We pay a "local discount" tournament organizers prefer teams who pay in full.
 - Bruce asked why we don't go to Ottawa anymore?

- HOUSE: Jen
 - All good.
 - Picture good.
 - Yamboree all set, press good. Still needs blue pucks for tournament.

- GIRLS HOCKEY DIRECTOR: Julie
 - U14 Coop update. This year has not been a good experience. The hope is that it will get better as season goes on. There is a coaching issue. The co-op has been a bad experience for our Essex families; the problem seems to be the coaching, specifically on the CSB side -- both on the bench and on the ice. P. Burke reiterated that those parents who are voicing their concerns to Julie should be bringing those concerns up directly with the head coach. **John has a meeting with CSB and will bring this issue up.**
 - Registration numbers for girls is still not strong. Need to recruit in CESU. Need to get high school girls to communicate with middle school girls.
 - Julie is working on bulletin board



- HEAD COACH: Pat not in attendance
 - F2Excel is going well says owners. Not have younger players is working out.
 - Program is good over all
 - No complaints regarding practices
 - Lots of player development
 - Carney and Patrick are on committee to pick U16 –U17 Select teams. They encourage kids to keep trying out. They noticed how many kids at that level can not skate.

- EQUIPMENT: Carney
 - All is good

- NEW BUISNESS:
 1. SAFE SPORT: Laura
 - Concerns about background checks. EYHA needs to make sure all coaches have filled out information online so that we can have a baseline for future years.
 - We will use this year to figure out what SS will mean for our association.
 2. POSITIVE YOUTH SPORTS ALLIANCE: John
 - All sports included
 - Monthly meetings that John attends
 - Discusses positive sports in our community and are seeking nominations for youth athletes.
 - Ruth Cochran will be quest speaker in Dec presenting on the mental aspects of athletics. Anyone can attend.
 3. Goalie Judges needed at girls high school games. We have 20 slots that need to be filled. Assign one game per team. MMU game Dec. 4
 4. CALCUTTA is Jan. 26th. 5 pm start. Jen is helping with the planning.
 5. YEARBOOK very short discussion and decided to discuss at later date
 6. TOURNAMENT GIFTS. Sticks, pins pucks? Short discussion had. We can get 500 stickers for \$190

- PRESIDENT: John
 - Rob made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 Fraser seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - Went into executive session at 8:56

ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER MEETING:

1. Yearbook discussion
2. John meeting with CSB and will bring up issues with U14 coop team
3. Gerry will provide pricing breakdown for fundraising (signage on the boards at rink)