

EYHA Board Meeting

Essex Rink

February 18, 2016

Board Members Present : John Laliberte, Jennifer McFaul, Sean Haggerty, Rick Villamil, Daniel Forcier, Dave Kedzierski, Sarah Stempek, Frank Parisi, Bruce Garrapy, Mike Smith, Pat Burke

Board Members Absent : Carney Daniels, Matt Clark, Scott Prim, Tanya Rassel

Others Present : Dr. Jacob Martin, Rhonda Forcier

Call to Order : John Laliberte, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

Agenda Items :

- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - No corrections were required for the previous meeting's minutes
 - Motion from Dave Kedzierski to approve minutes, seconded by Bruce Garrapy
 - Motion approved unanimously

- **Visitors to Be Heard :**
 - Dr. Jake Martin appeared before the Board and read a prepared statement outlining his concerns about the current investigation involving the EHS Hockey team and the alleged inappropriate behaviour of one player against another. Dr. Martin was asking the Board to help raise awareness around the matter and take a stand against inappropriate behaviour between players. Discussion ensued around possible actions the Board could take as well the potential to highlight the USA Hockey Safesport programs and our locker room policy. John Laliberte advised Dr. Martin that this is an important issue and the Board will take time to contemplate if we are in a position to take any action

- **Executive Updates:**
 - **Treasurer ~ Frank Parisi** presented an updated Profit & Loss and Budget to the Board
 - Frank advised that there have been a number of returned checks lately. Dan reviewed the policy with the Board. John asked Frank to send the names to him as well and he will assist in following up
 - There continue to be a number of outstanding registration payments for players. Policy was reviewed
 - We are still waiting for \$1000 from St. Albans for repayment of U12 tournament
 - The annual Calcutta raised over \$7000

- **Ice Coordinator ~ Dave Kedzierski** offered his compliments to all the team schedulers for this season, as a result of everyone's hard work and cooperation the season ran smoothly.
 - Dave advised that he has started to receive requests from other rinks about what our usage will be next season. He reminded the Board that we will need to determine our start date for next season very shortly
- **Fundraising Coordinator ~ Tanya Rassel not present**, no report for the month
- **VSAHA Representative ~ Matt Clark** not present, no report for the month
- **Head Referee ~ Bruce Garrapy** advised nothing new to report this month
- **Registrar ~ Dan Forcier** advised that he currently working on projections for registration numbers for next season
- **Travel VP ~ Scott Prim** not present, no report this month
- **House VP ~ Jennifer McFaul** advised that she continues to look for suggestions on the management of the House Program next year
- **House Representative ~ Mike Smith** advised that he has reached out to other associations to find out how they run their House Programs
- **Women's Director ~ Sarah Stempel** advised that she has received feedback that a larger than expected number of girls will be trying out for the Stars or moving to boys hockey for next season. She expressed concern over the low number of girls we may have next season
 - The Board discussed potential options to help the development of our female players and the growth of the female game in VT
- **Head Coach ~ Carney Daniels** not present, no report this month
- **Tournament Director ~ Rick Villamil** reported that the Squirt State Playdown tournament we hosted was a success and that the squirt parents were a huge help
 - Planning for the Tier II Squirt Super Regionals is ongoing, still in need of volunteers to help
- **Equipment Coordinator ~ Rob Young** advised nothing new to report, in process of collecting equipment and practice jerseys from teams now
- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator ~ Sean Haggerty** nothing new to report
- **Past President ~ Pat Burke** had nothing new to report to the Board
- **President ~ John Laliberte** nothing new to report

New Business:

- **Yearbooks - John Laliberte** advised that we are not moving ahead with yearbooks this year. He will reach out to Julie Miller-Johnson to confirm if she will handle putting together a slide show for the year end awards event
- **Year End Awards - John Laliberte** reminded the Board that nominations for the awards are due shortly, reviewed the awards
- **PO BOX - Frank Parisi** suggested to the Board that we get a PO Box to use as our mailing address. All agreed it is a good idea. Frank to explore cost and details

- **Rotary & Make-a-Wish Ads - Pat Burke** brought forward requests from both High School All Star games to purchase ads in their programs. Given the number of former EYHA players that are normally selected for both games, Board members were supportive of the idea
 - Sean Haggerty made a motion that the EYHA buy a \$100 ad in both the Rotary and Make-a-Wish All Star games programs to congratulate former EYHA players
 - Seconded by Dan Forcier
 - Motion passed unanimously
- **Cairns Arena Locker Rooms - Dan Forcier** advised the Board of an incident recently at Cairns where a squirt player was injured by a bathroom door that was opened abruptly by a high school player. Dan pointed out that the locker rooms at Cairns share bathrooms and there is no internal locks on the bathrooms. Dan wants the EYHA to send a letter to Cairns formally requesting locks be installed on the bathroom doors so that they can be locked to prevent unneeded incidents. The Board is supportive and Dan will draft a letter for approval
- **Next Meeting:** March 17 @ 7:00 pm - Essex Rink Classroom

The Board adjourned open session at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sean E. Haggerty