

EYHA Board Meeting
Essex Jct. Fire Dept.
September 19,, 7pm.

Board Members Present: Sarah Stempek, Amanda Cowan, Mike Smith, Sean Haggerty, Bruce Garrapy, Drew Hier, Katelyn Tessier, Renee Soutiere, Joe Anger, Dan Forcier, Mike Ginnett

Board Members Absent: Kim Shunk, Sean O'Connell, Frank Parisi, Rick Villamil

Community Members: Adam Hammond, Rachel Lizotte

Call to Order: Sarah Stempek, President of the board, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the August meeting minutes. Motion made by Joe Anger, seconded by Sean Haggerty.

-motion approved

Community Comments: Adam Hammond- grow the game was a big success. 28 non USA hockey members attended. 8U coaches meeting last week, 8U parents meeting this week.

-Little Ceasar donated pizza for event. They are willing to offer deals on Monday and Tuesday nights for customers who come in with hockey fliers.

Biosteel will donate again this year, we will put patches on practice jerseys.

Executive Updates:

Treasurer- Frank Parisi. Not present, but had the following updates:

Deposit was made for Calcutta.

Tournament checks have gone out.

Ice Coordinator- Renee Soutiere.

22 blocks of ice and gym scheduled at Elev802. They have been added into schedule and will be split up among teams.

Ice is reserved at Gutterson for December-mid January. Scheduled from 4:45-7pm M-Th.

Fundraising Coordinator- Kim Shunk. Not present, but had the following updates:

McDonald's is continuing to donate, we will put logo on practice jerseys.

Received donation from BP Wastewater

Recycled bags will be made that include names of all businesses who have donated.

VSAHA Rep- Mike Ginnett. First meeting for this year will be on October 1st.

Head Referee- Bruce Garrapy. Ref clinics Oct. 6 St. Mikes (8am-4pm), Oct. 19 at Hartford High School (8am-4:30pm), Nov. 3 at Rutland (8am-4pm).

Registrar- Drew Hier. Numbers are currently at 190, Newbee number is around 20. Travel 8U is at 33 (4 teams).

Calcutta registration is open- teams are still up, but we can ask people to just pick age group and not worry about team. There are currently 9 registered.

Travel VP- Joe Anger. All tournaments are booked and paid in full (with the exception of Woodstock payment-due in full on Oct. 18th).

House VP- Sean O'Connell. Not present, but had following updates:

Sean and Tracy O'Connell are taking lead on Calcutta. They would like names of a few people who would be a part of the committee. Renee Soutiere, Katelyn Tessier, and Drew Hier have volunteered.

House Representative- open position.

Women's Director- Katelyn Tessier. Girls try hockey will take place at Leddy on Oct 5th, from 11:30-1:30. They have booked the equipment trailer, but are looking for someone to transport it. There are plans in place for after the event to get girls signed up for programs.

Head Coach- Mike Smith. 46 players signed up for Bruins Learn to Play (23 are Essex Residents). Program starts 9/21.

Coaches are lined up for Welcome back skates. Some adjustments will be made to have 10U evaluations (needed now that there are 2 teams). 2 body contact clinics are scheduled. Coaches meeting is scheduled for October 21st at 6pm.

Tournament Director- Rick Villamil. Not present, no report.

Drew shared that Yamboree fees for House and Travel are all updated.

Equipment Coordinator- Sean Haggerty. Store is open, will close on 9/29.

All coaches bags are updated. The shed is almost organized.

Looking to upgrade 8U nets. Pricing is about \$250 per net. Working with Essex Rink to share costs.

First goalie clinic was last week, second one is next week. Good attendance and looking to get more Essex coaches involved.

Stickers were made for EYHA to hand out to players.

Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator- Amanda Cowan. Safe sport updates: Safe sport must be completed every year. Anyone who completed Safe sport last season will be good for this season. After taking original certification, members will complete refresher course yearly. Individuals who must take Safe Sport include board members, coaches, team parents, and those who work with teams on regular basis.

One-on-One interactions policy prohibits one on one interactions between coaches and players. Any interactions may only occur if another adult is at an observable and interruptible distance.

Any players or officials who are 17 years or older on December 31st of a season and have younger teammates or are refereeing players under the age of 17, must complete Safe Sport training. If they are 17, they must have parent consent before doing so.

Past President- Dan Forcier. Nothing to report.

President- Sarah Stempek. Has not had any updates from other organizations about offering "A La Carte" options for players. She will reach out to committee members from other organizations.

New Business:

10U Discussion: currently have 1 team with 19 players (foreseeably 2 full time, 2 part time goalies). At this point we will plan on 2 10U teams, Tiers 3 and 4.

Vote on addition/change of board positions:

41 EYHA community members voted:

8U Director: 39 YES, 2 NO

Communications Director: 41 YES, 0 NO

Board vote on addition/change of board positions.

8U Director: 14 YES (6 by proxy) 0 NO, 1 Did not vote

Communications Director: 14 YES (6 by proxy) 0 NO, 1 Did not vote

By vote, positions of 8U Director and Communication Director approved

-Joe Anger nominated Adam Hammond for 8U Director, seconded by Drew Hier.

Approved

-Joe Anger nominated Kara Collier for Communications Director, seconded by Renee Soutiere.

Approved

-Calcutta: committee will work on details and determine needs. We will continue to collect silent auction items.

Adjourn Open Session at 8:49pm.

Next Meeting: October 17th at 7pm, Essex High School.