

**EYHA Board Meeting**  
Essex Rink Classroom  
**December 18, 2025 7:00pm**

**ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Board Members Present:</b> (9 for quorum)	Helen MacAndrews	Jen Villamil	Tracy Liebenow
	Brianna Yarnell	Sean O'Connell	Corey Labor
	Rick Villamil	Renee Soutiere	Tracy O'Connell
	Joe Baird	Tonra Riehl	Dave Alofsin
	Dominic Cloud	Kim Lassy	

<b>Board Members Absent:</b>	Frank Parisi	Mike Lorenz	Chris McGinty
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<b>EYHA Community Members:</b>	Matt Heyer	Drew Hier
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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Sean O'Connell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
2. **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve [November](#) minutes, **Corey Labor** motions **Rick Villamil** seconds. November minutes approved.
3. **EYHA Member Communication:** *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the general public an opportunity to address the board on matters that are either not on the agenda or are slated for action. Any discussion, if any, will be limited to determining next steps.)*
  - Matt Heyer, 16U split season Head Coach
    - 16U team recap: Nationally bound team; successful season
    - Between 1-2 practices / week; 2 tournaments (1 winner); 2nd place state tournament
    - Options for next year:
      - Possible 18U team (remain split season; remain Nationally bound)
        - Other options for players who get cut from HS team (SASA or CSB run full season 18U team)
  - Drew Hier, Calcutta discussion at Sand Bar
4. **Previous Action Items:** *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Board members an opportunity to review previous action items)*

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  - HELEN: revise P&P to grant exception for helmets and gloves at 16U
  - HELEN: consider revise by-laws to change day of monthly meeting / other by-law revisions
  - RENEE: create protocol for jersey distribution next year
  - TRACY O: review costs for shells for next year and fee implications for 26-27 season - still under consideration
  - KIM: Make note to start hockey min 1 week after evals / look to avoid Halloween weekend (at least have 1st games after November 1st).
    - Aim for evals to be completed within 72 hours of the last eval sessions.
  - DAVE: Note - provide Yamobree info at Face-Off meeting
  - KIM / TRACY O: will look into other venues for Calcutta - Sand Bar, South Hero
5. **New Business / Presentations:** *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Board members with an opportunity to discuss various issues. Any action to be taken, if any, would occur at a future meeting.)*
  - Playdown host

- Discussion: Essex to potentially host playdowns for 10U T3 (3 teams / 4 games) Kim will review ice schedule
  - Questions for VSAHA rep
    - Re-tiering -
      - G10U T4 and 10U T5 will both remain in their tiers
    - NED tryouts clarification
      - Discussion - Rick will report back to VSAHA
    - Rule 608 and 603 clarification
      - Discussion: Invite VSAHA Head Referee in Chief to brainstorm how to better protect our players (out of season)
    - 8U - USA hockey moving to new classification - away from “Major / Minors” to “Red / White / Blue”
  - Calcutta
    - Possibility at the Sand Bar in S.Hero - Friday 2/6
6. **Executive Updates:** *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide board and administration representatives an opportunity to report out on the current activities of various programs, board committees, etc. There may not always be a report from each group if there have not been any changes since the last time this was on the agenda.)*
- None
7. **Next meeting date:**
- January 15, 2025 @ 7:00 pm. Location: REMOTE (due to multiple board members being unavailable): [LINK](#)
8. **Executive Session (if needed):**
9. **Adjournment: 9:15 PM**