

**EYHA Board Meeting**  
Essex Rink Classroom  
**February 19, 2026 7:00pm**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board Members Present:**  
(9 for quorum)

Helen MacAndrews	Sean O'Connell	Renee Soutiere
Mike Lorenz	Joe Baird	Tracy O'Connell
Dominic Cloud	Tracy Liebenow	Dave Alofsin
Brianna Yarnell	Jen Villamil	Kim Lassy
Rick Villami	Tonra Riehl	

**Board Members Absent:**

Frank Parisi	Corey Labor
Chris McGinty	

**EYHA Community Members:**

Justin  
Chamberlain

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Sean O'Connell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
- 2. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve [January](#) minutes, **Rick Villamil** motions **Dave Alofsin** seconds. January 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.)*
  - Welcome to Justin
- 4. Previous Action Items:** *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Board members an opportunity to review previous action items)*

**January:**

- ~~RICK: Will be point of contact for hosting 12U T2 playdown~~
- ~~KIM: will reserve ice for 12U T2 playdowns (Essex / Waterbury / Cairns)~~
- ~~DOMINIC & TRACY O: connect about 16U/18U and then Dominic will post~~
- ~~HELEN: send out email to team parents to put together a team basket of donations for Calcutta~~
- ~~MIKE L: social media blast RAFFLE~~
- ~~CALCUTTA COMMITTEE: meet to discuss~~
- EXEC BOARD: meet to brainstorm open board positions
- EXEC BOARD: creation of subcommittee to clarify evals / team organization (head coach, VP travel, President, director of player development)
- ~~HELEN: send association email about NED selections from EYHA~~
  - ~~Also --NO parking in bus lane and Off-ice hockey~~
  - ~~Gamesheet --all scorekeepers need to input their Name and phone #~~
  - ~~No off ice hockey~~
- ALL: Promote RAFFLE

- 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 updates**
  - 12U T2 (Essex Host)
  - Teams Advancing to Championship weekend on 2/28 & 3/1

- 10U T2 Coed
    - 10U T5 Coed
    - 10U T4 Girls
    - 12U T3 Girls
    - 14U T4 Coed
  - Raffle Update
    - Post fliers at rinks
  - Awards Ceremony (3/24 @ 6pm - EHS Auditorium)
    - Needs:
      - Corey will work on this
      - Include Board candidates at Awards Ceremony
  - Upcoming Board Vacancies
    - Exec board will discuss
  - Creation of subcommittee for Evaluations
    - 10U / 12U girls program discussion (Dave)
    - Player forecasting dictates that our goal for 26-27:
      - 1 8U Girls team
      - 1 10U Girls team
      - 2 12U Girls teams (will have evals)
      - 1 14U Girls team
      - 3 8U CoEd teams (no evals at 8U)
      - 3 10U CoEd teams (will have evals)
      - 3 12U CoEd teams (will have evals)
      - 2 14U CoEd teams (will have evals)
      - 1 16U & 1 18U Split Season team (will have evals)
  - Evals (Corey will chair this committee)
- 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.)*
- **Girls Director, Brianna Yarnell:**
    - **Proposal among local girls directors to create an informal “league” with teams with other New England 14U girls teams to create opportunities to play teams with higher level of competition**
  - **Sean O’Connell, Presidents:**
    - **Update on EYHA related VSAHA investigations**
- 7. Next meeting date:**
- **March 19, 2025 @ 7:00 pm. Location: EYHA Essex Rink Classroom**
- 8. Executive Session:**
- **None needed**
- 9. Adjournment: 9:03 PM**