

ENFIELD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

August 7, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes:

August Minutes recorded by Laura Macsata

A meeting of the Enfield Hockey Association Executive Board was held on August 7, 2007 at ACC room 128. Shawn Sniffin, President called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

The July meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with changes.

Attendees: Shawn Sniffin, Mike Silva, Mike Kennedy, Earl Provencher, Scott Looney, Peter Sherba, Tim Bourdeau, Mary Sullivan, Laura Macsata, Gator Laplante, Mike Gaylor, Steve Richards, Chris Pape, Paul Grunert, Ed Poremba, Mitch Kraucunas, Kellee Domingue, Michelle Sellew, Ken Labak, Angel Kennedy.
(Underlined members were absent)

Guests: Peter Tshonas

Open Discussion:

Mite Travel Team Rosters – Currently there are approximately 20 players listed on the Mite travel teams for 2007-2008. At this time there is no plan to consolidate the A and B teams into one team. Once fall registration takes place and Mite evaluations are done, we are hoping to add some players from Mite In-House to the Mite B team and promote some players from the Mite B team to the Mite A team. A concern was raised on whether or not the smaller teams will have a successful season with the lower number of players. However, success for these teams should not be measured by their win/loss records. The players should develop a great deal due to having alot of ice time. The final decision on the Mite travel teams will not be financially driven.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Association Fundraiser – The association is looking for a way to generate more money at the association level. EHA stopped holding the golf tournament about four or five years ago. The board will look into holding a tournament next year. This year the board will look into using Spirit Cards (discounts at local merchants).

Board Member Reports:

President (Shawn Sniffin): Ice contract with Twin Rinks has not yet been signed. Shawn is trying to lower the cost of the Thanksgiving weekend ice.

VP Admin / Rules (Mike Silva): Nothing to report.

VP Finance (Michael Kennedy): Not present, no report sent.

Mary Sullivan will send the listing of players who have not yet made a payment to Shawn. If a player has not made a payment, that player will NOT be rostered and, therefore, will NOT be allowed on the ice.

VP Public Relations (Earl Provencher):

Sponsorship Program – More than 99 businesses have been requested for potential sponsorship. As of this meeting, EHA has sold 8 sponsorships for a gross of \$3300. There are two \$750 sponsors (USA Hauling and American Dreams Real Estate). Earl will notify the contacting family after the money has been received by EHA.

Eight lawn signs are ready and will be put up mid August – about the 20th.

VP Scheduling (Pat Hughes): A motion was made and passed to accept Pat Hughes's application for EHA Scheduler. There are currently 4 ice slots each week that are unassigned. Shawn would like to use one 50 min slot for "pond hockey".

VP Travel (Scott Looney): Not present – no report submitted.

Tier 4 teams need to declare themselves supplemental tournament bound by 9/15. Details around these tournaments, including cost will not be known by that date.

CHC has a new website – www.CHCHockey.org.

VP Upper Coach/Player Development (Peter Sherba): Not present – no report submitted.

VP Lower Coach/Player Development (Tim Bourdeau): Summer Skate – Going well. Next year EHA will try to get the two hours of ice per week back to back and for eight weeks. Association is looking into having a cookout at the last session.

Registrar (Mary Sullivan): Team books will be passed out to all coaches. All players and coaches must sign a code of conduct this year. USA Hockey rosters will contain the coaches' CEP information. All coaches must send team's email addresses to Mike Silva. Next year EHA is going to on-line registration.

Secretary (Laura Macsata): Nothing to report.

Instructional Director (Gator): Instructional ice for this year will be Sunday 10:00 – 11:00. Gator sent out the email regarding the free learn-to-skate sessions. Gator also sent out a statement to three local papers. Gator is looking for coaches to help on the ice during these sessions.

Mite Director (Mike Gaylor): Mike is looking for the Mite In-House evaluation times. Mite In-House will have 7:00 am ice times until high school hockey starts. Mike is

looking for a couple of 2:00 or 3:00 ice times late in the season to allow the Instructional and Mite In-House to intermingle. Currently, the Mite A team has 26 games scheduled and the Mite B team has 28 games scheduled.

Squirt Director (Steve Richard): We have lost two Squirt players during this past month; one to another association and one due to the time commitment. One player has been moved up from the B team to the A team. Two inquiries have been received. Each Squirt player that has not paid the deposit has been contacted. One will pay. The other there is a question as to whether or not he will move to another association.

PeeWee Director (Chris Pape): Not present. It appears that the PeeWee A goalie will play in Enfield.

Bantam/Midget Director (Paul Grunert): Not present. Midgets has seven goalies. One team has four and the other has three. The team with three goalies will each play one period per game. On the team with four goalies, one goalie will also skate out. The remaining three goalies on that team will only be charged 75% of the Midget rate.

Referee Director (Ed Poremba): Not present. On 9/29 Mass Hockey will hold a referee seminar at Agawam High School. The ice portion will be held at the Olympia.

Equipment Director (Mitch Kraucunas): Not present, no report submitted.

Tournament Director (Kellee Domingue): Nothing to report.

AHL Director (Michelle Sellew): Nothing to report.

Ice Chip Coordinator (Ken Labak): Not present, no report submitted.

GSL Coordinator (Ed Poremba): Not present. Chris Pape and Michael Kennedy will attend the GSL Midget meeting.

Information / Web Site Coordinator (Mike Silva): Mike attended the CHC on-line scheduling meeting. All CHC associations are now using League Athletics. All CHC league games must be scheduled through the CHC website. The home team is responsible for loading the games. Only League Designated Games (LDG) are entered through the website. This is being done to help with the CHC tournaments. Directions to all rinks are also available on the CHC website. Results and comments are entered on the local website. Results will feed up to the CHC website and flow down to the opponent's website. Comments will not feed up, but will stay only on the local site. Mike has sent a spreadsheet of the team's weekend ice to each coach so he can import the schedules onto the CHC site. Mike will be handling all on-line schedules.

The EHA Registration tab is currently locked. Mike is working on updating it.

Booster Club (Angel Kennedy): Not present, no report submitted.

Goalie Director (Open Position): For the 2008-2009 season, USA Hockey is saying goalie equipment must meet the NHL standards.

Shawn is meeting with Eusko & Hevey on 8/8. In lieu of payment, EHA will give Eusko & Hevey a free sponsorship.

Next Meeting: 9/4 at 7:00 at ACC, Room 128.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.