

ENFIELD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

October 2, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes:
October Minutes recorded by Laura Macsata

A meeting of the Enfield Hockey Association Executive Board was held on October 2, 2007 at ACC room 128. Shawn Sniffin, President called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm.

The September meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with changes to the GSL report.

Attendees: Shawn Sniffin, Mike Silva, Mike Kennedy, Pat Hughes, 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: None

Open Discussion:
None

Old Business:
None

New Business:
None

Board Member Reports:

President (Shawn Sniffin): Shawn approached rink one more time in regards to Thanksgiving ice at a reduced price. EHA has not had that ice at a reduced rate in two years (I was shown the invoice from last year). Bill and Rita would be interested in doing a reduced rate should we be able to bring a tournament back.

Rather than make keys to the EHA office in Rink 1 of ETR for the new board members, the lock on the door will be changed and keys to the newly installed lock will be distributed.

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

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

Bantam B has raised an issue with not receiving money for referee fees from the association treasurer.

Now that the new laptop has been received, financial reports should be generated each month.

There was a suggestion to add a third person to the checking account. It is for the safety of the association and all parties listed on the account.

VP Public Relations (Earl Provencher): One of our sponsors, orthodontist Dr. Scott Smith, wants to again this year offer a free mouth guard to all EHA players. Just make an appointment with the office staff, you have to go in and be fitted and then pick it up when ready. They asked that we promote this as we see fit, possibly on the website.

Earl will work with Lynn from the doctor's office to set up a couple of dates for this; possibly one weeknight and one weekend day.

Sponsors to date: There are twenty six (26) sponsors to date for a total amount received of \$10,400.00 with \$4,400.00 to skaters and \$6,000.00 to EHA.

Sponsorship Program – One \$1000 Sponsor has requested his money back as his child is no longer skating with EHA. Earl and Mike Silva were notified to remove sponsor from the EHA website. There is a question as to whether or not the sponsor has received the money back. - There is a concern that players are not getting credit for the sponsors they have secured.

VP Scheduling (Pat Hughes): Not present. No report sent.

VP Travel (Scott Looney):

A new president and vice-president have been selected for the CHC. There is now an opening for CHC treasurer.

Releases are down this year across the CHC. There were only 800 this year with 200 being for Midgets.

Roster deposits from last year were not returned. They will be kept for this year's.

CHC has one more Level 1 coaching class. They are polling associations to see if additional classes are needed. Enfield has 8 Instructional and 4 Mite coaches that need to attend a class.

A statewide meeting for Coach Directors / Player Development directors will be held in January.

CHC Gamesheets – Labels are okay to use but cross off the kids that are not there.

CHC is requesting that all pre-season gamesheets be sent in.

BNQ certified neckguards are required for all players and goalies.

Dates have been set for the CHC tournemants – Tier II and Tier III will be held the weekends of February 17th and 24th. Tier IV will be held the weekends of March 1st, 8th and 15th. Tournament Fees have been set as Mites & Squirts - \$900; PeeWee, Bantam & Full Year Midgets - \$1050; Half Year Midgets - \$425. The increase in fees is due to CHC not getting associations to volunteer to host tournaments. Local associations are not volunteering because those who did last year said they lost money. Enfield Mite A, Squirt A, PeeWee A and Bantam A said they will be participating in the CHC tournament. Mite B, Squirt B and Bantam B said they will not be participating in the CHC tournament.

VP Upper Coach/Player Development (Peter Sherba):

The Clinic and Pond Hockey schedules have been set. There are 21 clinics and 21 Pond Hockey sessions set. These are all scheduled on the Sunday night ice. Peter will email the schedule to Mike Silva to post on the website. There is also a need to hold checking clinics. Peter will set these up.

Pond Hockey – There will be a minimum of two coaches present. The game will consist of two 20 minute periods with a 5 minute warm-up and a 4 minute intermisison.

Again this year, there will be on-line sign ups for clinics. We need to have the coaches reinforce the value of the clinics. We need to have more players show up. This will bring in more instructors.

What will be done with the extra ice ? The Saturday and Sunday morning ice will be given to the travel teams. Each team will need ato take some of the ice. Pat Hughes will

send a blurb to Mike Silva to distribute to the coaches. The Saturday 5:00 pm ice will be used for Mite In-House games.

VP Lower Coach/Player Development (Tim Bourdeau): Nothing to report.

Registrar (Mary Sullivan): How do EHA numbers compare ? Our Squirt and PeeWee numbers are down. Our Instructional and Mite numbers are higher. We have one of the largest Instructional programs in the area and are one of only a few associations to have a Mite In-House program.

Student coaches must be between the ages of 13 and 17 and can be assigned to a team at least one division lower than the player's division.

Secretary (Laura Macsata): Nothing to report.

Instructional Director (Gator): At the fall registration night, 38 players signed up and 21 equipment packages were sold. Currently, we have 45 Instructional players include 5 Red Wings (the older kids). We have lost three since the session started. Gator will be contacting the Catholic schools to see if we can get anymore skaters. The players were split into teams and jerseys were handed out. Gator is looking for someone to be the Red Wings coach.

Mite Director (Mike Gaylor): Mite In-House games will start toward the end of October. There are currently 20 Mite In-House players. One Mite B player has been asked to also skate in-house. Possible, a second will be asked.

Squirt Director (Steve Richard): We lost a player to South Windsor The team is now down to 10 skaters and a goalie. The Squirt B team has lost games with scores of 17-0 and 12-0. Because of this Pat will readjust the game schedule for this team. A note will be posted on the website stating we are still looking for Squirt B players.

PeeWee Director (Chris Pape): Nothing to report.

Bantam/Midget Director (Paul Grunert):

Midgets – The is still only scheduling 1 game a weekend. The price was based on two games a weekend if there is money "left over" at the end of the season there will be a refund. Can we get the schedule with more notice, seems to come out with little time before hand to plan with as people may need to make arrangements with work.

As an organization we need for people to be aware they are making a commitment to EHA when they send in their deposit after tryouts. A few inquiries as to dropping out and getting a release to play elsewhere While these have worked themselves out or been dealt with this time I think that people need to sign something to the affect that they understand the commitment involved. Other associations do this why not us?

Bantam – Discussed the travel team rules dealing with a player skating on more than one team. Based on what is best for all players, the travel rule will stay as is.

Bantam A team would like to move some weekend game ice so they might find some teams to schedule with present time is 8:20 am. on Sunday. Paul will follow up with Pat to try to find a 90 minute ice slot.

A player from West Hartford has been added to Bantam B team bringing the number of players on this team to 17. Bantam B had a game scheduled for Sunday at 11:20 am. and the other team, outside of CHC, called and cancelled. The coach called to cancel the referees as soon as he found out, about 9:00 pm. Saturday night and had to pay the referee fees. Although there is a 24 hour notice required there should be a good faith allowance when the coach makes an effort in the little time he was afforded. Lets remember that the budget this year is especially tight. The standard rule is 36 hour notice for CHC and 24 hour notice for GSL.

Shawn will bring a jersey to the rink this week for the new new player on Bantam B Socks are not in yet.

During a Bantam B game against ECHO there were a lot of penalties called. Enfield had 15 penalties and ECHO had 14 penalties. The Enfield coach feels the refs missed a lot of calls. One of these being a Head Contact. The child is hurt (driven into boards). Ed addresses these types of situations and many others at the referee meetings. Please remember a good rule of thumb is to wait 24 hours before sending an email or making the phone call concerning the game.

Need to get stipend monies to Bantam B. What are the alternate arrangements to get money to the team treasurers.

Referee Director (Ed Poremba): The first referee meeting was held on September 20, 2007. Lost some adult experienced officials (4) but basically replaced with a couple of adults with some experience (2 game back) and gained four new younger officials. Referee seminar was held on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at Agawam High School. Notice of October meeting will be announced.

Equipment Director (Mitch Kraucunas): Travel jerseys and socks are still not in. They should be in early October. Instructional and In-House jerseys are in. Still looking for the Velcro strips.

Tournament Director (Kellee Domingue): Emails have gone out to the hotels we used last year. The Crown Plaza has agreed for March but not for February. The Comfort Inn has said they will not honor the \$500 but will offer EHA the \$5 per night back to the association. The cost of this year's tournament will be \$825.

AHL Director (Michelle Sellew): Nothing to report.

The Falcon players will need to wear helmets when on the ice for practices and clinics.

Ice Chip Coordinator (Ken Labak): Not present. Nothing to report.

GSL Coordinator (Ed Poremba): We're into week two of the evaluation round. Evaluation round may go five weeks. GSL league play will continue with last year's Pilot Rule: Icing will be called when shorthanded. The team playing shorthanded shall not ice the puck. The official will call icing and a face off will held in defensive zone of the offending team. Many teams still have not submitted their home ice availability to the GSL scheduler with a deadline of September 17, 2007. Discussion of the twenty four hour no call (telephone, e-mail, fax, etc).

Information / Web Site Coordinator (Mike Silva): Coaches will receive a password so that they can add game results and handle non-CHC League Designated games.

Booster Club (Angel Kennedy): Comedy Night Fundraiser – Please spread the word around this will be a great time for all. We have a few guests from Boston coming to support us for the evening so the more people tickets we sell the better. An email has been sent to all coaches, directors and board members with an order form attached. This will make it easier for me to get tickets to the appropriate person or teams. Also we can take team reservations so let everyone know that also.

Upcoming events:

- a. Pictures will be the last weekend in October. Watch for the schedule and order forms.
- b. Family Fun Day is difficult to plan this year with the way the schedule is. We haven't given up yet so keep watching.

Booster Club meetings have been changed to the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Goalie Director (Open Position): First Goalie clinic has been scheduled for 10/7 at 5:30pm. Eusko & Heavy will be running it. They will be doing the clinic for the \$100 and Shawn is still working on trading sponsorship for clinics. Other clinics are 11/4, 11/18, 1/6, 1/27 and 2/17.

Next Meeting: 11/6 at 7:00 at ACC, Room 128.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.