

ENFIELD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

September 4, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes:
September Minutes recorded by Laura Macsata

A meeting of the Enfield Hockey Association Executive Board was held on September 4, 2007 at ACC room 128. Shawn Sniffin, President called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm.

The August meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with changes to Attendance and Registrar report.

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: None

Open Discussion:
None

Old Business:
Question arose as to what the EHA monthly payments include, specifically around tournaments. The base fee each player pays does not include the GSL playdowns or the CHC end of season tournaments.

New Business:
None

Board Member Reports:

President (Shawn Sniffin): Beginning with the October board meeting, Shawn would like each board member to send him, via email, his/her report by the Friday before the meeting. Shawn will consolidate into one and send out with the meeting agenda on the Saturday before the meeting. Hopefully, this will help shorten the meeting length.

VP Admin / Rules (Mike Silva): Not present, no report sent.

VP Finance (Michael Kennedy): Not present.

A laptop was purchased for the EHA treasurer.
The invoices sent to players did not show a credit for the \$250 deposit
Report via email – We have 61,000 in the bank. I am working on gathering a list of players that I am chasing for payment's. I will request help from division directors/treasurers when needed. I need a treasurer from every team. I highly recommended that the treasurer be someone other than the coach. I want to have a meeting with the treasurers in the next week or so, before the teams start

playing many home games. I have sent a spreadsheet out to all the coaches that the teams are to use to get reimbursed for referee and ice expenses.

The 3 GSL teams that we have need to do one of two things when it comes to the visiting team paying for EHA's ice at ETR, 1) have the check made out to EHA and submit to me or 2) have it made out to the team and account for it on the spreadsheet.

VP Public Relations (Earl Provencher):

Sponsorship Program – 18 Sponsorships sold totaling \$7300, \$2800 to skaters and \$4500 to the association. Additional sponsors continue to come in. This includes 2 in-house team sponsors and 2 travel team sponsors.

Cox Channel 15 has information similar to that on our lawn signs as part of the scrolling information.

VP Scheduling (Pat Hughes): The practice schedule is out through Thanksgiving.

Friday at 5:00pm is open ice for September through November. There is also some early Saturday morning ice free as well as 50 minute slots on Saturday and Sunday. These 50 minute slots will be used for such things as clinics. Also being looked into is pond hockey and family skate.

The practice schedule after Thanksgiving will probably continue to have each team skate at the same time each week.

Pat will send a copy of the weekend schedule to Laura for planning picture day.

VP Travel (Scott Looney):

Failure to fulfill obligation for Tier declaration, number of required games or participation in year end tournament will cause the association to be charged double fees. Tier 4 teams can decide to declare tournament bound or not by 10/1. If they decide not to participate, the association will not be charged. If a Tier 2 or Tier 3 team doesn't attend the tournament, the entire associate will be blocked from the tournaments. They will still need to pay the fee but they will not be able to participate. Based on the fact that Bantam teams change with players leaving for high school, Bantam teams can be excused from tournament declarations until 12/1 without being charged a fee. CHC is looking for volunteers for the tournament committee. Tier 2 & 3 tournaments will be held between 2/22 and 3/2. The Tier 4 tournaments will be held between 2/29 and 3/9, possibly extended out to 3/16.

Each team can have 5 alternates. There will be no movement of players after 10 games.

Midgets should not play non-CHC teams. Midget games should be scheduled through the website by 8/31. Results should be posted within 24 hours.

Hartford area coach seminars are full for levels 1 and 2. There will possibly be another one scheduled in December.

State tournament fees will be set by the next CHC meeting. Half will be due in October and half due in January. Scott will send out the fees as soon as he know them.

VP Upper Coach/Player Development (Peter Sherba): Not present – no report submitted. Mary Sullivan received an email from a mom thanking us for a great Summer Skate.

VP Lower Coach/Player Development (Tim Bourdeau): Summer Skate was a success. There was a lot of coach participation. There was a cookout held at the last session. We ended up having more kids participated than we needed to break even.

Registrar (Mary Sullivan): Instructional and In-House registration will take place on Friday, 9/7 at the rink. Mary, Gator and Mike Gaylor will arrive around 5:30. We need to get an email address for all new players registered.

Secretary (Laura Macsata): Nothing to report.

Instructional Director (Gator): The summer free skates were held with about 15 kids participating on 8/11 and about 22 kids on 8/25. The Reminder did a front page article on the event. The first Instructional ice for this year will be this Sunday; Gator is looking for help.

Mite Director (Mike Gaylor): Mike would like an afternoon ice slot for in-house evaluations. Evaluations will be held on 9/15 and 9/16.

Mite In-House coaches were voted in. Congratulations to Shawn Sniffin and Keith Hillebrecht.

Squirt Director (Steve Richard): Four Squirt players have left since tryouts. Three have requested their deposit back. These requests, as well as any future requests, will be decided by Michael Kennedy, Shawn Sniffin and the division director.

PeeWee Director (Chris Pape): Nothing to report.

Bantam/Midget Director (Paul Grunert): Midget teams started games this past weekend. One EHA player did not pay so he was not permitted to play in the game for EHA. This player did participate as a member of the opposing team. This player will be removed from the EHA roster and the player at the top of the waiting list will be added. EHA Rule states that if a player plays a game for another team he is no longer eligible to play for EHA that season.

Duane Cirillo requested he would like a practice exclusively for his team. Since we have already stated that all Midget practices are open to both teams, we will leave things as is.

Bantam A coach would like to have full ice practices. Pat Hughes has explained to the coach that with the amount of ice available it is hard to consistently give full ice practices to a team.

Paul has talked to Kathy Lefleur about the low number of games provided to the Midget teams. GSL will go to two games per weekend once all the teams have submitted ice.

Referee Director (Ed Poremba): First EHA Referee meeting will be held on 9/20 at ACC at 7:00 in room 128. CHC referee fees for this season are Bantam - \$43; PeeWee - \$38; Squirt - \$32; Mite - \$26 per referee.

Equipment Director (Mitch Kraucunas): Report via email

Scott's Sports CANNOT Purchase Travel Jerseys ANYMORE !!!!! (He called around and could NOT find anyone that would or can make them anymore !!) I called Gateway Hardware and they called around and found a company that will make them for us; but the cost of the jerseys went up to \$45.25 per jersey, (they were around \$38 last year). So instead of these jerseys coming in 2 weeks, they will not be here until mid to Late September.

All travel socks have been ordered

Timbits / Tim Horton's Sponsorship did not work out for us for this Season... Tim Horton's is in Vernon, 30 miles away from Enfield and that's too far away.

I ordered the Mite and Instructional jerseys this morning.

Pertaining to sponsorships for travel jerseys and sponsor strips – looking into getting velcro adhesion type sponsor strips so parents won't have to sew and then take off the strips on the jerseys which could cause damage every year. Plus with the velcro strips, we can use and reuse the strips year after year, that is, if the sponsor comes back the following year.

Purchased 20 new medical kits.

After the meeting, passed out all pucks, bags, pucks, water bottles, carriers and medical kits.

Tournament Director (Kellee Domingue): Not present, no report submitted.

AHL Director (Michelle Sellew): Not present, no report submitted.

Ice Chip Coordinator (Ken Labak):

GSL Coordinator (Ed Poremba): Not present.

Information / Web Site Coordinator (Mike Silva): Not present, no report submitted.

Booster Club (Angel Kennedy): Report submitted via email.

Comedy Night Fundraiser will be held at the Blackboard Café on 10/20. Tickets \$10 in advance and \$12 at door. Will be advertised on Comedy Central. Show begins at 8:30 with a total of 3 comedians. Booster Club would like to see the board support this event. Next Booster Club meeting is Tuesday, 9/11, we will be discussing the Comedy night and the photographer. Many expressed concern regarding last year's photographer.

Goalie Director (Open Position): Nothing to report.

Next Meeting: 10/2 at 7:00 at ACC, Room 128.

Meeting adjourned.