

ENFIELD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

June 6, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes:
June Minutes recorded by Laura Macsata

A meeting of the Enfield Hockey Association Executive Board was held on June 6, 2007 at ACC room 128. Shawn Sniffin, President called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

The May meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

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:

None

New Business:

None

Board Member Reports:

President (Shawn Sniffin): The PeeWee A banner has been taken down in Rink 1 for correction. Shawn is working to get it corrected.

Cox Communications – no progress has been made since last month. Mary Sullivan knows a Suffield High School student who is willing to help us with the taping.

It is important that all members of the board support what the association is doing. Shawn has heard feedback that all members are not in agreement.

Memorial Day Parade – The parade went well. About 20 skaters participated. A suggestion was brought up that for the next parade, we revise the way in which candy is distributed to the spectators.

Fourth of July Parade – Shawn has contacted the Fourth of July committee to register the EHA for the parade, which will be held on Sunday, July 8th at 1:00. Shawn is not available and has asked Michelle Sellew to oversee coordination for the parade. Again, PeeWee and up can roller blade, provided they wear a helmet.

The EHA banner will, again, be carried in the parade. Sign ups will be handled through the EHA website. Michelle will look into getting a trailer for the parade.

VP Admin / Rules (Mike Silva): The by-law revision committee will meet after 6/22.

VP Finance (Michael Kennedy): Not present – Report submitted via email.

Each team will need to assign a treasurer for paying referees and for GSL teams, paying for ice and timekeepers. Mike will cut a check each month to the team treasurer to cover these costs. The team treasurer will also handle paying for any additional tournaments a team chooses to participate in.

Mike can use the web site to track payments and send email reminders to parents when payments are due.

Mike's home computer has crashed. He is in the process of reloading Quicken and the EHA files. A suggestion was made to purchase an EHA laptop that the treasurer can use. Mitch offered to look into getting a laptop for the treasurer.

VP Public Relations (Earl Provencher): Final copy of the Shared Sponsorship Program were handed out. An email was sent out to parents to let them know the program would be coming out in early June. Earl received one reply, which was not positive. The parent thought that the kids should not be going out soliciting. We will be looking into free advertising on Cox scrolling messages that will direct people to our website. New "yard signs" will be made for this year. Earl will look into the cost. The sign boards in the rink can be sold to sponsors. Bill has agreed to let EHA keep 100% of the money received. Earl will contact major corporations in town for these sponsors.

VP Scheduling (Open Position): Still no application has been received yet for this position. Until an application is received and approved, Shawn will cover scheduling.

VP Travel (Scott Looney): CHC emphasized the importance of keeping team pages up to date. They will be linking association websites to the CHC League Athletic website. Two CHC associations are not using a League Athletic website. 13 Boys and 3 Girls associations have held tryouts. Most of these associations are in North Central CT. Most southern associations have not yet held tryouts. No Enfield parents have requested a release. Tier 1 declarations were due June 1st. Discussion on Tier 2 teams covering a specific geographical area did not go well. This is in part due to the fact that many associations share rinks.

Student Coaches – A student apprentice program needs to be completed for each student coach. Student coaches between the ages of 13 and 17 must wear a helmet when on the bench. Student coaches aged 18+ need to be certified at the same level as the coach.

Mite Program – CHC is encouraging cross ice programs for Mites. There was talk of eliminating Mite travel programs or only having one travel team per association.

Jamborees could be mixed into the schedules to allow for Mite teams to play teams from other associations. There was not a lot of push for this for this year or next. EHA would like to look into cross ice for Mites for the in-house program and possibly only have one travel team next year. Cross ice would increase the number of shots on goal.

VP Upper Coach/Player Development (Peter Sherba): Not present.

VP Lower Coach/Player Development (Tim Bourdeau): EHA will offer the summer skate this year with skaters on the ice for 1 hour per week. Mite and Squirt will skate together and PeeWee and Bantam will skate together. There was no interest among the Midgets at registration. Registration will occur via the website. Fee for the six week program will be \$75. If a player signs up and pays prior to 7/1 the fee will be \$60. Goalies can attend free of charge. The first skate for Mite/Squirt is 7/18. The first skate for PeeWee/Bantam is 7/24. EHA coaches will run the sessions. If coaches also want to run a dryland they can. Players need to be registered with EHA and released from prior association in order to attend Summer Skate. An email will go out to all parents. There are no discounts offered for missed sessions.

Goalie School - Shawn will work with Eusko Hevey to try to set something up for EHA.

Registrar (Mary Sullivan): Players joining EHA from another association will not be rostered until a release is received. A registration form will be sent out to each coach to make sure we get current email addresses. Emails are going around that EHA is dwindling in size compared to other associations. This is not true. Most associations have fewer players than in the past. South Windsor has lost 25 players including 4 goalies. The statewide average is two teams per division. EHA will send out a welcome letter to promote the positives of EHA. As a board we also need to support the Booster Club activities (ie Family Fun Day). We also need to get a "name" in to run the clinics and then EHA will need to promote them.

Secretary (Laura Macsata): Nothing to report.

Instructional Director (Gator): Lenny in SW is offering equipment packages for \$140 for the third year in a row. Gateway is usually higher.

Mite Director (Mike Gaylor): Nothing to report.

Squirt Director (Steve Richard): One Squirt B player is also registered on the ECHO C team. This will be looked into.

PeeWee Director (Chris Pape): The PeeWee A team has lost both goalies. The top goalie on the PeeWee B team does not want to move to the A team. The association will look into a sliding fee scale for goalies.

Bantam/Midget Director (Paul Grunert): Two full Midget teams were formed. Two players remain on a waiting list. One player has not paid the registration fee yet.

Paul will call him and if no money is received he will be replaced by one of the players on the waiting list. The midget program has 8 goalies.

Referee Director (Ed Poremba): USA Hockey's annual meeting is tomorrow. Two hot issues are tag-up offsides for all age levels and no shorthanded icing (Mass Hockey piloted this last year). GSL ref fees are going up \$1. CHC ref fees are also going up this year. No word yet on referee clinics.

Equipment Director (Mitch Kraucunas): Working on inventory.

Tournament Director (Kellee Domingue): Mary sent the tournament timeline to Kellee.

AHL Director (Michelle Sellew): The minor league team of the Tampa Bay Lightning has moved to Virginia to be closer to the parent team. The Edmonton Oilers AHL affiliate will skate out of Springfield this year. Peter and Michelle had lunch with Damon. EHA presented a baby gift to Norm Milley. Damon gave two signed goalie sticks to Peter and Michelle as a thank you. Damon provided Michelle with information on the Flex Ticket Program. Damon is still working to get players to help with clinics. Michelle will meet with Damon in August to further discuss clinics. Screech will be at EHA ice times again next year.

Ice Chip Coordinator (Ken Labak): Not present.

GSL Coordinator (Ed Poremba): Enfield is in favor of 15 minute periods, 80 minute ice for Midgets.

Information / Web Site Coordinator (Mike Silva): Mike is looking for reimbursement for the League Athletics yearly fee.

Booster Club (Angel Kennedy): Not Present.

Goalie Director (Open Position): Shawn is looking for a goalie instructor to form a relationship with EHA. Shawn will also work to develop a sliding fee scale for goalies.

Progress on Ice Contract:

Shawn met with Bill Hurley again to create an ice contract for the 2007 – 2008 season. Shawn was looking to lower last year's ice by 10 blocks. Bill was willing to drop 4 blocks. Shawn and Bill are trying to reach a compromise on dropping 7 blocks. Bill is not against going up to \$350/hour. EHA will definitely get rid of the Monday 8:50 pm and Wednesday 8:30 pm ice. EHA is also getting rid of all ice prior to 7:00 am. Bill is waiting to have further discussions with Shawn until he talks to the Falcons. A suggestion was made for Shawn to talk to the president of the other associations that skate out of Enfield.

Next Meeting: 7/10 at 7:00 at ACC.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm.