

ENFIELD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

April 3, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes:

April Minutes recorded by Laura Macsata

A meeting of the Enfield Hockey Association Executive Board was held on April 3, 2007. Mike Silva, Vice President Administration and Rules, called the meeting to order.

The March meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with 2 small changes.

Attendees: Dave Cardaropoli, Mike Silva, Mike Kennedy, Andy Votta, Pat Hughes, Shawn Sniffin, Peter Sherba, Mary Sullivan, Gator Laplante, Mike Gaylor, Steve Richards, Laura Macsata, Paul Grunert, Ed Poremba, Mitch Kraucunas, Michelle Sellew, Ken Labak, Angel Kennedy, Mike Tenczar.
(Underlined members were absent)

Guests: Kevin Domingue, Kellee Domingue, Debbie Boissy, John Sellew, Robert McDonald, Bettyann Lemire, Douglas Baumgarten, Amy Desmond, Lynne Geoffroy, Robert Wright, Patricia Wright, Brenda Sniffin, Joanne Stafford, Robert Vose, Tim Bourdeau, Scott Looney, Michele Pallotti, Don Boulette, Scott Sweeney, Scott Hallquist, Karen Hallquist, Earl Provencher, Kristen Buseivicius, Joe Quinn

Open Discussion:

None

Board Elections:

Board elections were held for the 2007 / 2008 season.

President – Shawn Sniffin

VP Administration and Rules – Mike Silva

VP Treasurer – Michael Kennedy

VP Public Relations – Earl Provencher

VP Scheduling –

VP Travel – Scott Looney

VP Upper Player / Coach Development – Peter Sherba

VP Lower Player / Coach Development – Tim Bourdeau

Registrar – Mary Sullivan

Secretary – Laura Macsata

Instructional Director – Gator LaPlante

Mite Director – Mike Gaylor

Squirt Director – Steve Richards

PeeWee Director – Chris Pape

Bantam / Midget Director – Paul Grunert

Goalie Director –

Referee Director – Ed Poremba

Equipment Director – Mitch Kraucunas

Tournament Director – Kellee Director

GSL Coordinator – Ed Poremba

Information / Website – Mike Silva

AHL Coordinator – Michelle Sellew

Ice Chips – Ken Labak

Booster Club President – will be voted on at April Booster Club Meeting on 4/17

Fundraising Coordinator

Reporting Areas:

President: Not Present – No Report.

VP Admin / Rules: Discipline Committee met last month. A player on the PeeWee B team was fighting and when he was asked to leave the ice he was accused of punching a referee. The committee obtained emails from the opposing team. The committee was able to obtain a videotape of the incident. Based on this and with interviews, the committee decided that the player did not strike the referee. His actions, however, did warrant greater than the 1 game suspension for fighting. The player was suspended for a total of 4 games. Three were the next three scheduled games and the fourth was the next game played against Northern Berkshire (the team that was involved in the fighting incident).

VP Finance: Current balance \$52,000. There is still one open ice bill. Bill Hurley has not sent the final ice bill yet. Mike is still working on collecting payments from a couple of teams. Mike is also working on collecting the deposits for next year's team placements. There will be no balance carried forward for next year. The association took a financial hit on In-House and the Midget programs. For the 2006-2007 season, we operated at a loss of about \$20,000. The 2007-2008 board will meet with Bill Hurley to further discussions around ice for next year. The cost per player for next season should be known by the end of April. The amount paid by High School players will be adjusted when they make a high school team. No players have contacted Mike with complaints about the deposit. Mary Sullivan has researched the deposit requested by other local associations and found that we are in line with them.

VP Public Relations: Sponsor plaques are here and are ready to go out to sponsors. There is no update on the banners from 2005-2006. Follow up is needed.

VP Scheduling: Not present. No report.

VP Travel: CHC MTeam CT tryouts for 93-95 are occurring through this Wednesday.

March 27, 2007 CHC Meeting Notes:

CT was well represented at Nationals having many teams present: Mid-Fairfield, Darien, Southern, Northern Lights, Wolves and Polar Bears.

At next month's meeting we will be voting on by-law change proposals and having elections for Vice President and Secretary. Anyone that is interested in running for those positions should get a hold of someone from the nominating committee. The names will be posted on the website.

Team CT will be restricted to only advanced nominations and registrations. It has been too difficult to accommodate the walk-up registrations. Tryouts will be held earlier next year to allow for more practice sessions. Tryouts, possibly, will be held the week after the CHC season ends.

Tier 1 programs are allowed to recruit from Tier 2 programs. Recruiting between Tier 2 programs is not allowed. Any instance should be brought to my attention right away. Tier 1 is Squirt Major and up. Any recruiting below that level is also not allowed.

There have been six match penalties for kicking this season in our district alone. This is a dangerous trend and the District commissioner will not show leniency for first time offenses. **DO NOT KICK AT YOUR OPPONENT.**

2008-2009 Tryouts cannot commence sooner than 48 hours after Nationals. CHC State Tournaments will last until at least the third week in April.

There was a match penalty handed out to a Griffin player during the Enfield Spring Bantam Tournament. Match penalties are only good for 30 days. Since this is the end of the season, that player will not be handed a punishment.

VP Upper Coach/Player Development: Nothing to report.

VP Lower Coach/Player Development: This summer there will be no Mike Harder Sweat Camp. EHA will be offering a summer clinic consisting of one skate a week for each division. Peter is waiting to hear from Bill what ice is available. Next year's coaches and board will run the clinics. Parent feedback indicates they liked the once a week format from last year.

Registrar: Division Directors – please let Mary know of any players not returning for next year. So far Mary is aware of two players not returning. Mary also needs to know who the alternates are for PeeWee A. A list of who has paid the deposit is not available. Many players went to the rink to drop off their payment only to find the rink was closed. Many then mailed in their payments. Michael Kennedy will contact the Division Directors for follow-up with the players who have not paid the deposits.

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Instructional Director: Gator will take some yearbooks to help with distributing them to Instructional players. There are about 30 players moving to Mites for next year.

Mite Director: Twenty-three kids attended tryouts. Thirteen were placed on Mite A and ten on Mite B. Issues were raised on the method being used to telling kids their placements. Mike Silva reviewed how the delivery method came about to avoid embarrassment and having all players find out at the same time. The method of telling results will be reviewed for next year. A Team alternates must commit to subbing on the A team and/or moving up to the A team if needed. Alternates will not be told until the fall.

Squirt Director: One Squirt player has left. There were six alternates listed in the notes from tryouts.

PeeWee Director: Thirty-seven players tried out for PeeWees. Many players requested the B team only. Eighteen players were placed on PeeWee A and 19 were placed on PeeWee B. One player called to question his placement.

Bantam/Midget Director: Two teams were formed with nineteen players each. Paul received two calls questioning placement.

The 2006-2007 Midget 2 team coached by Duane Cirillo was the GSL Co-Champion.

Some players are calling with question about what is being offered for next year's Midget program. Midget team options for next year include making one Tier 1 Team and one Tier 2 team, making and an A Team and a B Team or making two equal teams.

Referee Director: Nothing to report.

Equipment Director: Nothing to report.

Tournament Director: The tournaments went well. This year the tournament included four weekends as in the past it was only three weekends. The additional weekend was for the Mite C tournament. EHA received \$1500 from the three hotels in sponsorship money. Each hotel also offered a \$5 / room / night in room rebates back to the association. EHA received \$1700 from the Marriot and \$200 from the Comfort Inn. Michael Kennedy will follow up with the Crown Plaza. EHA received \$1400 from shirt sales. Special thanks to Andy Nacin and Bob Reagan who waited around during the snow for one-and-a-half hours to ref a game. Two local associations, Simsbury and Wallingford, complained that games were not cancelled due to the snow. No complaints came from out of state teams. An e-mail was sent to coaches mid-week to notify teams that the tournament would go on. It also directed them to check the web-site for further updates.

The Enfield Bantam B team won the tournament for that division. Congratulations.

AHL Director: Nothing to report.

Ice Chip Coordinator: Nothing to report. Many positive comments received on this year's editions of the Ice Chips.

GSL Coordinator: Ed attended an emergency GSL meeting to discuss an FMC proposal to start their own league for next year that would include all of the GSL associations. The proposal was overwhelmingly voted down. Most teams are happy with the GSL. The only complaint was around the Returned Ice.

The GSL Player of the month for March was Andrew Mordasky of our PeeWee B1 team. Congratulations to Andrew.

Information / Web Site Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Booster Club: First Awards Night was held. Things ran smoothly. Positive compliments received on this year's yearbook.

Next Booster Club Meeting is Tuesday 4/17 at 6:00 in the EHA office at the rink.

Goalie Director: Not present.

Next Meeting: 5/1 7:00 at ACC.

Special Meeting:

- (After the regular April board meeting adjourned, the 2007-2008 EHA board met to discuss the Midget division for next year.
 - (Last year the kids liked having two equal teams.
 - (Eligible players include 1989 – 50, 1990 – 12, 1991 – 23, 1992 – 30.
 - (Options for next year include two equal teams or an A team and a B team. If we decide to go with two equal teams we want to ensure that both teams are placed in the A bracket within the GSL.
 - (A survey will be created asking players as to which set up they prefer (equal or A/B teams). An email will be sent asking the players to enter their responses through the EHA Website.