

**ESHA General Membership Meeting, December 15, 2015**  
**TCCC – Tuckahoe Room**

**In attendance:**

Board of Directors

Vince Allen, President  
Rachel Ratel, Treasurer  
Kathryn Fritzsche, Secretary  
Rebecca Kennedy, Registrar  
Frank Ratel, Hockey Director  
Jim Shifrin, CCHL Rep  
Rob Gallagher, CBHL Rep

The meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m.

The November meeting minutes were approved by Jim Shifrin, and seconded by Rob Gallagher.

**Old Business:**

- 2 more \$250 sponsorships have come in. We also received sponsorships from the Mites coaches/parents that will go towards rink dividers.
- The remainder of the CRERAR grant will go towards the Try Hockey for Free night in February. We will put together another committee at the next meeting for that night.
- A discussion was held on the benefits of hard dividers versus soft dividers for the rink. The Mite program is headed in a strong direction, and the current parents/coaches are going to try to focus on getting kids to sign up earlier by holding 'try outs' for a CBHL 'A' team in the spring.
- Rob Gallagher spoke about the logistics of the goalie clinic to be held during the winter break (12/27). It will be ½ ice and a stick and puck will occur on the other ½ of the rink. We also discussed how to integrate goal skill into practice or another outside clinic.
- Sponsorships and new banners for the ice rink and the front of the community center were discussed. Vince will have further discussions with Mark about this.

**New Business:**

**CBHL Report**

- Suspended players are allowed to show up to games, however they must be crossed off the roster. This was discussed as a board and voted upon. Frank initiated and Rebecca seconded. All approved.

**Hockey Director's Report**

- All coaches have fulfilled their requirements due 12/21 (with the exception of a couple of coaches going to the clinic on 12/20)
- Rob Gallagher spoke to the U16 coaching situation. All appears to be resolved with this.
- The coaches meeting is next week (TBD)
- The coaches will begin to look at viability for teams next year.
- A discussion was held on the recent critiques of officials. This will be discussed with Jay XX.
- Coaches will discuss holding mid-season player evaluations.
- A mid-season parent survey was also discussed.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Our budget is looking very good. Rachel Ratel reported that most families are completely paid as the auto-payment ended for most in September. There are a few families who have asked for a longer auto-pay and Rachel Ratel will keep an eye on those.
- We had many transition players and those are in good financial standing.
- We received a check for \$950 from All America Sports from the sale of spirit wear.

**Registrar's Report**

- The reported numbers: 37 Mites, 13 Squirt As, 16 Squirt Bs, 16 PW As, 20 PW Bs, 12 Bantam As, 15 Bantam Bs, 16 UA Midget, 13 LA Midget.

**Organization/Brand Development**

- Rob Gallagher spoke to our 'branding' and how we have recently been perceived as an organization.

**Tournament Requirements**

- A discussion was held on the minimum time to register a team or a player for a tournament. We decided that 1 week should be the minimum standard. Vince will send out a proposal and we can vote by email.

**Team Designations**

- Next year we will change our 'A' and 'B' designations to Blue and Red.

The next meeting will be January 12th at 6:15

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.