

Eastern Shore Hockey Association (ESHA) Meeting Minutes

Date 12/18/2017

Present: Stein Olavsrud, Rebecca Kennedy, Dave Finlay, Tom Stokes, Colin Fluharty, Kim Kight, Frank Ratel, Rachel Ratel, Mike Corner, and Bruce Corley

Next meeting: 1/8/2018, 6:15pm, TALBOT COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER

I. Registrar

U8 program is in decline. We need to do something to increase the U8 program. Maybe we can reduce the U8 fee in some fashion. We need to think of ways to increase mite membership.

II. Treasurer

Reported on the Operating and Family account balances, as well as bills paid and season projections to include Associations income/projected costs. See ESHA'S December 2017 Treasurer Report.

III. Scheduler

Assessments are scheduled for the last week of April and first week of May at Navy. We need to figure how we will conduct assessments. The idea was presented that the graduating coach evaluates the players that will be moving up next year. The evaluation would be based on how the kids played that year and what their actual abilities are. The contract for the assessment ice at Navy has been signed.

IV. Hockey Director

Encouraging coaches to prepare kids for assessments throughout the year, not just as the end of the year when assessments are getting closer.

V. Coaches Meeting

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VI. Learn to Play & Try Hockey For Free

We need coaches to help out on Sundays due to conflicts with U8 jamborees. Big thanks to Dave for helping out on three different Sundays. We currently have 10 kids in the program. Vince went to Arlington and picked up the gear for the Program (Thanks Vince!). The next session will be from 7:15 – 8:15 am on 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, and on 2/11. Mainly U8s with some U10s enrolled.

VII. Specialized Training

Goalie coaching will continue through January and Collin will make arrangements

for next year's goalie coaching.

VIII. Equipment

Pucks: The community puck bucket is finished. If pucks are needed coaches need to contact the Board. We have provided 250 pucks this season with not many left.

The board reviewed proposals and discussed the options from the following companies that provided proposals in order to become ESHA's future uniform and spirit wear distributor:

Cool Sports (Harrington) – gave a presentation to the Board about what they can provide. Showed samples of what they provide to other clubs (sublimated Jerseys, shells, knit socks, spirit wear for all, car magnets, pucks, hats, sweat shirts, etc.). All ordering can be done online. They are using CCM products but will use the KEWL line for warm ups. They will come to the Club for sizing and take orders two weeks later. Two main orders and one late order. Jerseys and shells through Philly Express, they can get a four week turn around based on when order is placed. Delivery – to an event, first practice, pick-up in Harrington, or delivery service. Jerseys must be ordered at least six at a time. Can stock certain items in Harrington but not a lot of different things.

R&M Hockey Supply (The Pond) – While this vendor also uses Philly Express for uniforms and can do anything we want (e.g. Sublimated Jerseys, socks, shells, spirit wear, etc.) they do not have an online store. A Board member (or other authorized ESHA member) would have to be involved in creating an online store and ordering of uniform items; something the Board is trying to get away from. Delivery would be similar to Cool Sports or the orders can be sent to the coaches (and or managers) for dispersal.

Rebirth (Online) – The company is based out of Michigan and does not have a brick and mortar store and while it has an online presence (website and Facebook) it does not have an online ordering system as of yet. A Board member (or other authorized ESHA member) would have to be involved in creating an online store, ordering, and delivery of items; something the Board is trying to get away from.

Bay Imprint and **Chin Check** did not provide proposals.

The Board voted and chose to award the job to Cool Sports. Kim will follow up with Cool Sports on the particulars for the jerseys and spirit wear.

Existing Jerseys – Vince Allen picked up the remaining jerseys from Pro Skate. They are locked up in the Mites locker, parents should contact their team manager if they haven't picked it up as of yet. If anyone has outstanding jersey

issues they should contact Pro Skate directly. The Board will get involved if necessary.

IX. Miscellaneous

Pictures: Two teams had problems. U10 red or white had the wrong team pictures, they are being redone. There have been other complaints as well. We will seek proposals from different photographers for next year. Tom, Kim, and Rachel will contact photographers for proposals.

Board Positions: We need to start identifying people who might be interested in serving on the Board this coming spring. The CBHL Representative position is currently open and needs to be filled. Other positions will be announced in the near future.

CCHL has a mandatory meeting in January, Kim will attend.

U8s first league jamboree went very well. We moved down to the new Whales division and are doing very well.