

Eagan Hockey Association Board Meeting
Location: Eagan Community Center – Board Room
Sunday, May 18, 2008; 6:00 PM

6:12 PM - Meeting called to order.

Board Member attendance:

Present: Alexander, Bergom, Borman, Buckingham, Carroll, Galaski, Gebhart, Manzella, May, Parrish, Shepherd, Soshnik, Wall

Absent: Bonstrom, Everson, Sparks

Old Business:

Review Minutes from May 5, 2008 Meeting.

Motion to Approve May 5, 2008 minutes by May; Second by Gebhart; unanimously approved by all board members present.

Previous Business:

Gift Cards for Ice and Tournament Coordinators.

Motion by May to give \$750 gift cards each to Mary Broders and Paul Caron in recognition of their efforts and commitment to the youth program during the 2007-2008 season; Second Borman; unanimously approved by all board members present

New Business:

Mike Taylor – EHS Boys Varsity Head Coach

Coach Taylor discussed the activities in which he and his staff have participated and discussed their commitment to continue to be active in the EHA youth program through coaching clinics, coach selection process at Bantam and Pee wee levels, etc.

Coach Taylor presented and discussed summer hockey programs that he administers. The goal of these programs is to provide a local (in Eagan) and low cost opportunity to skate and improve skills during the off season. This allows athletes that are not in other sports to stay active; Coach Taylor discussed the importance of multi-sport activities for young athletes.

- STP (Satellite Training Program).
 - Originally started by Minnesota Hockey and Herb Brooks
 - Goal to work with and meet youth in the program. Focused on training that keeps kids in Eagan while filling gaps based on membership feedback.
 - Has expanded down to Bantams, Pee wee, and Squirts which is different from similar STP programs in the surrounding areas.
 - Working to keep cost reasonable while providing value; 34 hours (17 hrs on ice)

- Overspeed
 - Run by Coach Taylor, Jim Becker, and others.
 - Skills Development and Training Opportunities for:
 - Mites -1 week program
 - Squirts - 5 week program
 - Peewee – 6 week program
 - Bantam - 9 week program (17 on-ice 17 dryland)

- EHA sponsored off-season training programs focused on skills development and theme-based games. One night per week, generally on Sundays
 - 11 sessions Bantams - Squirts
 - 5 sessions for Mites 2/3
 - 6 sessions for Girls 12U/10U
 - 7 sessions for Goalies Bantam/14U – Squirt/10U
 - Planning for Coach Taylor to provide staff for majority of sessions and use of high school players to augment staff. Reaching out to Girls HS program to provide support for the 6 girls sessions.

Information about all these programs will be distributed via the EHA website very soon.

Committee Formation:

Tournament Committee:

The formation of a new committee was discussed. The goal is to provide direct support to the Tournament Coordinator in their duties of managing tournaments that EHA host. The committee would consist of two members-at-large, Booster Club Representative, and board members.

A Motion to create a tournament committee as described above was made by May; Second by Soshnik; unanimously approved by all board members present

Coach Selection Committees:

PROCESS FOR FORMING THE COACH SELECTION COMMITTEE

- The Director of Hockey Operations invites two members of the previous year's committee to serve again.
- The Director of Hockey Operations (if new) must invite the previous year's Director of Hockey Operations first.
- The Director of Hockey Operations will present a list of at least five names to the Board to fill out the committee.
- The Board will vote for and appoint committee members with the goal being a committee makeup of the Director of Hockey Operations, High School coaches, two Board members, and two members at large.

- Members of this committee will not take part in the selection process if he/she is considering or being considered for a position at the same age level (i.e. Squirts, 10U, Peewee, etc.). An alternate may be assigned to fill this spot on the Selection Committee.
- The Director of Hockey Operations will present this committee to the full board for approval.

One of the Co-Directors of Hockey Operations (Jay or Pat) will be serving on each of the Coach Selection Committees.

Jr. Gold Coaches Committee

Jim Buckingham – chair
 Scott Gebhart – board member
 Jeff Bergman – member at large
 Jon Engeswik -- member at large

Motion to approve committee made by Buckingham; Second by May; unanimously approved by all board members present

Bantam Coaches Committee:

John Soshnik – chair
 Joshua Alexander – board member
 Jim Stebbing –member at large
 Tom Mueller – member at large

Motion to approve committee made by Soshnik; Second by May; unanimously approved by all board members present

Peewee Coaches Committee:

Terry Everson - chair
 Julie Parish – board member
 Rick Kuchera – member at large
 Scott Merchant - member at large

As Terry was not present, board tabled approval of this committee for review and approval on June 2nd.

Squirt Coaches Committee:

Paul Galaski – chair
 Derek Shepherd – board member
 Scott Colbert - member at large
 Tom Peterson – member at large

Motion to approve committee made by Galaski; Second by May; unanimously approved by all board members present

Girls Coaches Committee:

Luke Wall - chair

Mark Bonstrom –board member

Jay Chrastil – member at large

Mary Elsenheimer - member at large

Motion to approve committee made by Wall; Second by Shepherd; unanimously approved by all board members present

Tryout Committee

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TRYOUT COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Management for tryouts is performed by the Tryout Committee.
- The committee is comprised of five members. The Director of Hockey Operations chairs the committee.
- The committee will meet regularly throughout the summer and will be present at the arena throughout the tryouts. Responsibilities include:
 - Establishing a tryout process that is as fair as possible for all players.
 - Maintaining integrity of process.
 - Selection of evaluators and computer assistant. Respectful consideration of all players.
 - Coordination with team coaches.
 - Running tryouts.
 - Evaluate process, listen to constructive feedback, and recommend changes for following season

Tryout Committee:

Jay Borman; Pat Carroll - Hockey Ops - chair

Mickey Sparks –board member

Kevin May – board member

Dave Rothschiller– member at large

Mary Elsenheimer – member at large

Motion to approve committee made by Carroll; Second by Soshnik; unanimously approved by all board members present

Other Business:

- John Soshnik has setup EHA as a pro-bono client of Dorsey Whitney.
- The next Board meeting will be June 2, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Eagan Civic Arena. We will focus on Handbook – review and begin budget planning.

May made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM; Second by Galaski; unanimously approved by all present.