

## EYHA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes 4-24-18

**Members present-** Chris Watts, Jeff Sharp, Natalie Darr, Heather Whaley, Mike Mukavetz, Katie Obyc, James Van Dyne, Dean Lewis, Sabrina Heckathorne, Rusty Myers, David Hayward, Susan O'Connor

1. **Discussion/ approval on open position filling-** open for discussion; motion to accept current members and 3 new positions (select treasurer, volunteer coordinator, Mite Ace Coordinator); motion passed
2. **Book keeper discussion-** motion to open discussion to hire on a book keeper (based on AG recommendation to hire one for the organization); reasons -to share workload; better oversight; Dean has started researching potential book keepers; looked at 3 different companies; average costs per hour come to approx. \$57-\$70; F&M CPA rate is \$70 per hour- book keeping services; looking to approve up to 10 hours per month; will be approx. \$5000 spent in one year's time; motion to spend up to \$700 a month; any more will need board approval
3. **Thoughts on this past season-** open discussion;
4. Katie- in general was a good season; one area that struggles is the mini mites and mites; too many kids in the Darcy skates; sat in on tryouts at CAHA travel- EYHA kids appeared to be weaker than others at tryout; more coaches needed on the ice during mini mite/mite sessions; will be encouraging at least 3 coaches per team and adding more information to be disseminated out to the coaches next year; is there a possibility to shift players up or down dependent upon skill level?; more discussion needed;
5. More conversations needed to be had with other organizations moving forward to deal with parent conduct;
6. Should reach out to farther out teams who we generally don't play; some of the organizations have only major or minor teams; could be good to play them in games/tournament situations, etc.
7. Evaluations - needs more ice time; less kids on ice at the same time; possibly having more jersey colors to differentiate kids getting on the ice and off the ice; concern from parents was the amount of imbalanced players on the teams;
8. Need to change combinations on coaches closet and back cage for updated security reasons
9. Jerseys- will be shifting to sublimated jerseys for next year; Dean has been talking to Sherry already about pricing and jerseys; warm up suits; hockey bags, backpacks; possibly beginning of July; potentially selling throughout the year the current inventory;
10. Possible equipment swap system; would need a volunteer to organize- Rusty may take the lead on this; suggested "fit night"; possibly connect with Play It Again Sports to do something like the fit night
11. David to reach out to schedule select teams earlier in the season for upcoming season; will be working with Dean on the details;

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12. Mike Mukavetz- huge success with the girls teams this year
13. Jeff Sharp- U10 and U12 girls bonded by the end of the year; had bumps at the beginning of the year
14. **Walk on topics-**
15. Dean- U14 girls possibility moving forward; has been thinking about the possibility of putting a couple of teams together for midget age group; non-checking teams; could feed into high school and adult leagues; potentially approx. 50-55 kids coming from around the city/across the other organizations; biggest challenge would be to get other organizations on board as well as ice time; these kids are basically learn to play kids who don't play hockey currently but have the interest; has the potential to be a supplemental component to learn to play; perhaps connect with chiller rinks;
16. David - Select tryouts- U10, U12 boys and girls-end of August; Katie- start a back to the rink sessions in late July/early August
17. June- rolling out coaches apps

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.