

Everest Youth Hockey  
Board Meeting  
April 11<sup>th</sup> 2007 7:00pm

**Members Present:** Lonny Techel, Jeff Dennis, Rich Bruns, Jim Kachel, Kent Lodholz, Tom Jasurda, Janean Olson, Lynn Mytinger, Dennis Diagle, Jac du Vair, Ryan Berdal, Tom Knowles

**Members Absent:** Tim Divley, Patrick Phalen, Dan Jackson

Thank You to those board members who have given their time and energy over the past three years and their term is now expired. Thank You to Lynn Mytinger, Dennis Diagle, Peggy Bindl, Dan Mahler

Secretary Report: Dennis Diagle motioned to approve March minutes second by Jim Kachel. Motion carried

Treasurer Report: Waiting for final ice bill. Fundraising/Sponsorship was our biggest budget shortfall and as a result EYH lost \$10,893.77 this past season. Rich Bruns suggested that a sponsorship letter be mailed out to local businesses then followed up personal contacts. Lonny suggested that we have a sponsorship committee instead of just one individual as it is a lot of work and a very important part of our budget. Janean Olson motioned Rich Bruns seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Ace Coordinator: Joe Babiarz presented the comments and suggestions received from coaches at the End of Year Coaching Meeting.

- **TRYOUTS:** Tryouts sessions should be longer 1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes. Evaluators should be mix of high school coaches and outside evaluators. Scrimmage should be 3 on 3 (5 on 5 is difficult to keep track of 10 skaters). Simplify drills to a single skill. Keep timing in case it was needed to break a tie. Need guidance on the ice for the high school kids helping.
- **PRACTICE:** Coaches are in favor of increased practice time during the week but would like to keep it to two week night practices. Mites would like one night with all three teams and one night with just two teams per week. Skip games one weekend day per month to run "Small Games Sunday". Keep the high school coaches practices throughout the year formally known as skills and drills but change the name to "High School Captain's practice or Ovetchkin Development Camp.
- **PLAYER DEVELOPMENT:** Have two goalie clinics per month. Defense-Man sessions with high school development sessions over the year. Assistant high school coaches run shooting clinics. Keep building the 6500 club. Have a two hour checking clinic during pre-tryout practices.
- **GAMES:** Cross ice for mites is good but have 6 players per team. No games weekend before Christmas but maybe a small games weekend. Satisfied with the opponents that we currently play. Even out the home and away games as much as possible. If we schedule long distance games make it a two game trip.
- **REFEREES:** Pair older ref with younger ref. Schedule evenly to keep as many refs as possible. Get scheduling back to a board member. Make sure refs introduce themselves to both team's coaches before the game begins.
- **COACHING:** Get Mike Skandon back in the fall to talk about nutrition and safety and injury assessment. Bring in an outside speaker and invite all area high school and association coaches. Keep the monthly meeting of EYH and High School coaches (Some on ice sessions also). Create a master list of all coaches with phone numbers and email addresses.
- **EQUIPMENT:** Mite goalies need smaller catching gloves (3). We need two full sections and two half sections of dividers. Get a screen for goalies so shooter can shoot from behind screen. Get white pucks and checking dummy

- FACILITY: Ice in the morning...can we skip the cut at night and cut it in the morning before games. Have rink open by 7:20am for 8:00 am games. Increase access to shooting gallery
- Teams: There was a consensus among coaches that three smaller teams are better for skill development than having two larger teams.

Equipment: Jim Kachel talked to OT Sport price on current jersey is \$54.00 We need new Bantam goalie pads, and possible a set for the midget team. Mites would like smaller catcher gloves.

Manager of Managers: All binders have been turned into Kent Lodholz

Midget Hockey: Richard Roberts along with several other concerned parents presented a proposal that EYH register a midget team to address the issue the gap between those players that did not make the selection for the high school teams but by age did not qualify to skate as a bantam player. After hearing their proposal and hearing all discussions Janean Olson motioned that we approve the EYH midget team and that they move forward and register with Fox Valley High School League. That EYH covers the \$300 registration fee and \$250 refundable bond as long as the Midget team has a liaison that attends all board meetings and that they approach MCYH to involve their skaters so that we can meet the recommended minimum number of skaters to form a team. All players on this newly formed midget team would have to register with EYH and abide by all guidelines for EYH regarding: Code of Conduct, Fundraising, Required participation or involvement. Motion seconded by Tom Jasurda all in favor motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned