

Everest Youth Hockey  
Board Meeting  
October 12, 2011 6:30 PM

**Members Present:** Mike Lukasik, Bryan Ermeling, Krysten Klapatauskas, Doris Spooner, Eric Beck, Bob Schmitt, Ken Jensen, Dave Burnett, Jacque Jakubek, Bernie Begley, Chad Persteiner

**Guests:** Cliff Cebula, Dee Clark, Jon Gelhaus, Mike Wasmundt

**Secretary report:** The Secretary was absent from the September meeting, no report available.

**Treasurers Report:** Bryan presented the report for September; Krysten made a motion to approve as submitted, seconded by Mike, motion passed.

**Registration:** As of October 12, 19 mini-mites, 35 mites, 23 squirts, 22 peewees, 19 bantams, and 8 storm girls. The Storm Committee has announced there will be no U10 team this season due to lack of numbers.

**Mini Mite Handout** will be at the Middle School Commons on November 5, 2011 from 10-12pm.

**Hockey Operations Committee:** The HOC has drafted a Team Guidelines document that will be sent around to the Board Members to vote on as this needs to be established before the November Board Meeting.

**Coaches:** EYH needs more coaches. The HOC is wondering if it is possible to put an ad in the Everest Daily Herald. Mike L. will look into the cost of this. Coaches are needed at the peewee and bantam levels. The HOC would like to see more non-parent coaches and asked the Board if there was anything we could offer nonparent coaches in return. For example, could we pay them? Several members will ask around to other associations to see what is standard.

**Ice Time:** The HOC is reviewing the use of ice time during October. There are many times when there are very few kids on the ice for practice. Currently, each team has 3-4 practices each week during October. Is this too much? There is nothing that can be done this year, but next year this issue needs to be addressed as EYH could potentially save money on ice time by combining practices.

The HOC also inquire about Friday night ice time. In the past, EYH has not had practice on Friday nights during October and November, but does the remainder of the season.

Chad would like the Board to look at expanding the hockey program by having an additional shorter season for half the cost. This would open up the hockey program to families who may not be able to do the time commitment or afford the full cost of registration. With registration numbers being down, this might be able to bring more families into the association. A formal proposal would need to be submitted in order for the Board to consider this.

**WAHA Meeting:** Ken attended the WAHA meeting and reported that major topics of discussion were checking, ADM, and that there would be no state tournament for mites. WAHA also has created a database so that birth certificates will not need to be presented each year. Once presented, it will be in the database for the following years.

There are new coaching certification requirements. A new additional is age specific modules that need to be completed by 12/31 or the coach will not be allowed on the bench at the State tournaments.

Playdowns are scheduled for February 3-5, 2012.

There is also a new procedure for disciplinary hearings when a match penalty is assessed. Each association must designate on person to be on-call for these hearings. There are generally only one to two per year.

WAHA is also working a doing a monthly newsletter.

**Background Checks:** WAHA will pay to run background checks for all new coaches, board members and team managers. WAHA requires this to be done every three years, but it is EYH's policy to run the check every year. Krysten will get the information from Pete in order to get this started.

**3 on 3:** The 3 on 3 tournament was a success. EYH made about a \$5000 profit. We had 38 teams participate and the birth year format was well liked. Next year, we may scrap the skills competition as it was timely and we could incorporate more teams if we don't have the skills competition. The referees were great and there were no complaints.

The swap meet was also successful with many favorable comments. EYH gained a lot of quality equipment.

**Volunteer Hours:** We still have families that have not started their volunteer hours. It was again stressed that head coaches are still required to fulfill 10 car raffle volunteer hours. We are still having problems getting people to show up to car raffle events. Some don't show up at all while others show up late.

**Car Raffle Deadline:** The deadline to submit all car raffle tickets and money is December 15, 2011.

**Concussion Testing:** Testing is free and will be on October 20 from 5:15 to 6:30 in Room 213 of the High School. An email will be sent out to the membership advising them of this opportunity.

**Sponsorships:** Doris reported that sponsorships are down. We need more sponsorships.

Doris also has some Local Deal books that have coupons in them for local businesses. The books do not cost EYH any money. For every book EYH sells for \$10 each, EYH receives \$7. She will get 100 books and see how well they sell. This could be a good fundraising opportunity.

**Parent Meeting:** Participation was poor. There were many parents that came just to get jerseys and then left, not staying for the meeting. Next year, we will have to incorporate the meeting with the jerseys in order to have parents stay for the informational meeting.

**Freeze Tournament:** Tournament is Thursday through Sunday. Teams will not rotate as much around the various rinks as they did last year. Games will be held in Wausau, Mosinee, Greenheck, Merrill, Stevens Point, and Antigo.

*Next meeting will be December 14 at 6:30 at the Greenheck Field House.*

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