

EVHA Board Meeting

August 27, 2008

Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Board Attendance: Jeff Tuthill, Dave Bernhardson, Richard Darud, Butch Handahl, Steve Cerrato, Mark Stillings, Steve Martel, Mark Lecy, Joe Snodgrass, Chris Carlson, Randy McGlocklin, Steve Johnson

Visitors: Jason Berglund, EVHA Parent

Action Items

Minutes

July 23, 2008 minutes approved as read

Handbook (Jeff Tuthill & Mark Lecy)

The following Coaches Selection and Fair Play Policy was approved by the board for addition to the EVHA Handbook. Jeff Tuthill and Dave Bernhardson will review the Board Elections policy board review at the next meeting.

COACH SELECTION:

The EVHA coach selection committee, as approved by the EVHA board will consist of Director of Hockey Operations and two other members of the Association in good standing. All prospective coaches, both head coaches and assistant coaches, wishing to coach in the Eastview Hockey Association should submit an application to the coach's selection committee. The selection committee will recruit coaches, interview, and hire the best coaches available. Interviews will be granted to those individuals who meet the qualifications the committee feels would merit being a coach in the association. The committee will also review coach's evaluation forms at the end of the season, and use them as a guide in determining if coaches are re-hired for the following year. Candidates will be evaluated based on the following qualifications: 1) ability to teach and work positively with kids 2) coaching and playing experience 3) hockey knowledge 4) communication skills 5) leadership and role model qualities. Candidates will also be judged on the following principles: 1) Will not use coaching as a platform to emphasize their own child's development. 2) Will adhere to the EVHA association systems and philosophies 3) Will not put winning ahead of development 4) Will show respect for the association, parents, officials, and players at all times.

Head coaches will hire and be responsible for assistant coaches and their actions at all times during the course of the season. The committee will attempt to hire non-parent coaches for the Bantam A, Bantam B, Peewee A, and Squirt A positions, with the most qualified person being hired regardless of parent affiliation. The committee will make every effort to hire the positions listed above prior to the start of tryouts, so they can have some input into the player selections process. Coaches may be hired by the committee at any time after an application is submitted. Parent coaches for positions other than those listed above will be hired after teams are selected. Background checks will be required of all coaches and any previous discretion's will be grounds for dismissal.

FAIR PLAY POLICY:

***Squirts/U10 or younger:** Players shall be rotated on an equal playing time basis with all players having the opportunity to play in a variety of situations throughout the season. Players should not be held back from their regular shift for any reason besides injury, illness or team rule violations. It is recommended that all players are rotated through different positions throughout the year to optimize development.*

***Peewees/U12 or older:** Playing time will be managed over the course of the season with the understanding that coaches will manage their season in a manner that demonstrates opportunity for all players to develop. The coach is expected to play all players as equal as possible over the course of the season. In some games, situations, the coach is allowed to play specific players in key situations for the benefit of the entire team. All players should be given practice time in which they will have the opportunity to practice special team situations that will occur in games. Parents must understand that positions are determined by the coaching staff for the good of the team first and player development second. Parents and players should recognize that due to the flow of the game (i.e. penalties): all players may not get exactly the same playing time in any particular game. However, throughout the course of the entire season each player will have an opportunity to participate in special team situations. If a coach holds a player out of normal shift, for discipline or motivational reasons, that specific reason will be provided to the player by the coach. Coaches who manage their teams outside of these parameters will be subject to discipline, suspension, or dismissal by Eastview Hockey Association.*

Tryouts (Steve Cerrato)

Tryouts for boys traveling teams for the 2008-09 season will be closed to spectators. Board members will not be present at their child(ren)'s tryout session. The exception includes the Tryout Coordinator, President and Treasurer due to administrative functions. Parents may not volunteer to work at a time when their child(ren) is participating in tryouts.

Steve Cerrato has been named Squirt A Coach for the 2008-09 season. All roster spots on the Squirt A team will be based on tryout rank order.

The Pee wee and Bantam scrimmage portion of tryouts will be with Cottage Grove. Goalies will have 1 tryouts sessions at Goal Crease (Oct. 5). Rob Stauber will participate as the goalie evaluator at EVHA sessions.

Parent Meeting (Jeff Tuthill)

Parent Meetings will be held Monday, September 15 at Falcon Ridge with Squirts – 6:15; Pee wees – 7:15; Bantams – 8:15. The board will review the format and content for the meeting at the board work session on Wednesday, August 10.

Squirt C (Mark Stillings & Dave Bernhardson)

District 6 approved the request for EVHA is maintaining the format that has been used the last 2 years for Squirt C. The game format will include games with Apple Valley and Eagan. Mark Stillings, Squirt C Coordinator, will put together communication for families registered as Grade 3 Mites (eligible to play Squirt C. EVHA will utilize referees. Mark Stillings will contact, Dave Kemp, D6 supervisor of officials to schedule a certification clinic for the referees. EVHA Squirt C teams will be given the option of whether or not to participate in the end of the season D6 tournament

Volunteers (Jeff Tuthill)

All EVHA families will establish a “Volunteer Profile” when registering. This profile will be used to sign up and track completed volunteer hours. The primary e-mail is the login and the phone number is the password. Linda Kaye is the Volunteer Coordinator.

Concessions (Jeff Tuthill)

EVHA is in the process of looking for a volunteer to coordinate concessions. The concession coordinator will received free registration for his/her player and be an exception to the volunteer fee. Teams will be responsible for concession hours with the time counting towards volunteer hours.

District 6 (Dave Bernhardson)

Brad Hewitt asked association D6 reps to inquire if any associations were interested in a Mite and Squirt Development leagues similar to what MN made is doing. EVHA’s response was no, this is the responsibility of the local association. Prior Lake is sponsoring a Bantam B level team of St. Thomas Academy students if they are able to have enough players to warrant having a team.

EVHA is scheduled to host the D6 Bantam C Tournament. This tournament takes place after ice has been removed from EVHA rinks. It is anticipated that EVHA will host this at Burnsville. Butch Handahl, EVHA Coordinator, will continue to dialogue with Rob Shuman, D6 Director of Operations.

D6 adopted a neck guard rule –

Neckguards Rule 13.1.6 – Properly fitted, hockey designed, neck/throat protection is required for all players, including goaltenders, except Junior gold and 16U. Non-compliance with this rule will result in a 10-minute misconduct penalty. Neck/throat protection must be worn for ALL games, scrimmages, and practices.

Note: Officials shall not be charged with determining whether a neckguard is “properly fitted” or “hockey Designed” and shall not be charged with enforcement or calling penalties on the grounds that a neckguard is not “properly fitted” or not “hockey designed.”

D6 determined at the Bantam B and Pee wee B1 level 16 league games will be played rather than the balanced schedule. All D6 Coaches may attend coaching clinics even if the web based registration shows the session to be filled.

Ice Coordinator (Butch Handahl)

Blackout (no practices or games will be scheduled) dates for EVHA season events will be:

October 31
November 27
December 24 & 25
December 31
January 1
February 1

Registration (Steve Johnson)

Projections at each level as of today's meeting are:

Bantam; 38-43 skaters & 5 goalies

Pewees; 49-50 skaters & 7 goalies

Squirts; 66-72 skaters and 4-7 goalies

Third Grade Mites interested in Squirt C 11 skaters and 3 goalies

Goalie Coordinator (Mark Lecy)

Have 2 parents interested in being the Goalie Coordinator(s) and 1 interested in managing goalie equipment. Mark Lecy will be following up with the interested individuals.

Fundraising (Mark Stillings & Joe Snodgrass)

The EVHA Golf Tournament netted \$3,600.

The Charitable Gambling paperwork and cleared the City of Apple Valley and is now in the hands of the state for approval

The fundraising focus for 08-09 will be the EVHA calendar is in 07-08 and an EVHA Spaghetti Dinner at Majors on November 2.

Mites (Chris Carlson)

EVHA representatives attended elementary open houses sharing hockey information

Girls

Tournaments (Steve Martel)

Approximately 1/3 of the 2008-09 teams have been registered for tournaments

EXPO (Jeff Tuthill)

EVHA will not participate in the Eastview blue Line Club Expo

Agendas for Regular Board Meetings

A call will be made for agenda items for EVHA Board Meetings a week prior with the agenda for the upcoming meeting posted to the website the Friday prior.

Adjournment 9:30 PM