

EVHA Board Meeting December 28, 2005

Call to order: 7:10pm, all Board members in attendance except Dean Fredrickson, Gordy Christian, and Jeff Tuthill.

Fundraising Pizza Sales

A summary report on the pizza fundraiser is near completion. Preliminary figures suggest that the pizza fundraiser amounts will be similar to last year. Some of our membership felt that the dollar targets were more difficult to achieve than the minimum items target used last year. Others said that they liked the new system. The Board agreed that next year we should do a better job of explaining the reason for the switch and that the new system is not an increase in funding targets.

Steak Fry or Pancake Breakfast

The steak fry has been difficult to schedule this year because the best dates are unavailable at the American Legion. One option is to change the steak fry to a pancake breakfast. The Board discussed whether or not a pancake breakfast was feasible and whether or not it would bring in the same revenue as the steak fry. The Board agreed either a steak fry or pancake breakfast is necessary since we did not have the benefit of revenue from a girls' tournament this year.

Skate Sharpening Card Fundraiser

Dan Williams reported that Westwood Sports has discussed the possibility of offering \$5 cards (for 10 sharpenings) that could be sold to EVHA members for \$20. The skate card would save our EVHA members about 50% on skate sharpening. EVHA would make \$15 from the sale of each card. The Board acted favorably toward the proposed fundraiser and encouraged Dan to return with more details.

New Jerseys

Sample jerseys have been prepared. They should be ready by the next Board meeting in January

District 6 Rules

The Board reviewed several proposed rule changes to the District 6 handbook. The EVHA Board unanimously disagreed with the monetary fines and assessment policy that allows the District to charge substantial fines for delinquent reporting and fine payment. The EVHA Board also unanimously disagreed with the current policy of minimum player size requirements for A – level teams (15 skaters per team). The Board supports changing the policy to allow individual associations to decide on A-team sizes according to the number of players at each level and tryout results.

District 6 Playoffs

The Board discussed the need to hold District 6 playoff tournaments. In general, the Board believes that EVHA is bearing a disproportionate amount of playoff tournaments. Several Board members discussed the possibility of other associations hosting tournaments instead of EVHA. More discussion ensued. Board members agreed to split up the responsibilities of running the tournaments.

Fundraising for Rainbow Teams

Some of our EVHA players that played for other teams were not included in fundraising this year. The Board unanimously agreed that all players that register through EVHA are expected to fundraise even if the team is coached and managed by another association. A designated EVHA liaison parent was suggested as a way to coordinate fundraising responsibilities on rainbow teams.

High School Player Assistants

The High School players are now rostered and can show up to help the EVHA teams. Players should be showing up at practices any day now.

Additional Mite Ice Proposal

Mark Stillings proposed that EVHA consider adding optional mite clinics during the week for 2nd and 3rd grade skaters to prepare them for Squirts. The clinics would be optional and an additional fee would be charged. The Board discussed the proposal but took no action at this time.

End of Year Gathering

The end of the year gathering has traditionally been at Briannos. Due to the cost of the gathering and the relatively low attendance, the Board discussed other options. One possibility is to have an end of the year open skate and/or skills competition at the Eagan Ice Arena and use the upper room for a pizza party. The Board generally liked the idea of the skate party and agreed to discuss it further at an upcoming meeting.

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