

**EVHA Board Meeting
May 25, 2005**

Call to Order: 8:00pm

Present:

Rob Kleven, Dan Williams, Gordy Christian, Kurt Chatfield, Liz Reyer, Jeff Tuthill, Mark Stillings, Vic Zukanoff

Guests:

Tom Muhlbauer, Mike McDevitt

Online Registration

The Board discussed the pros and cons of using on-line registration this year. The cost of online registration would be about \$10 for mites and \$15 for traveling players. The advantage of the new system is that it would automate registration, and be more convenient for EVHA members and the Registrar. The disadvantage of the new system is the cost. Rob Kleven made a motion to use the online registration system and apply the fee to all registrations, online or traditional, to encourage the use of the system. Gordy Christian seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Combining AVHA and EVHA Girls Programs

Liz Reyer provided an update on the status of potentially combining the EVHA and AVHA girls programs. AVHA is still discussing the merits of a combined program. EVHA Board members are optimistic that a combined program will create the opportunity to have teams based on skill levels. Liz has been talking with girl's team parents to learn how they feel about a combined program. Most appear to be in support of the concept at this time. Liz will continue to meet with AVHA Board members to discuss the concept and report back to the EVHA Board.

Volunteer Fee

The Board revisited the possibility of a mandatory volunteer fee that could be waived once volunteer time had been served. The Board agreed that while the concept is sound it would require significant effort to coordinate volunteers and administer the fee. The Board decided not to pursue the volunteer fee for this upcoming season.

Status of 3rd Year Mites Discussed

Mike McDevitt and Tom Muhlbauer requested an audience with the Board to discuss the status of 3rd grade mites for the upcoming season. Mike and Tom expressed their interest in keeping the 3rd grade mites together as well as the idea of possibility of having an entire team of 3rd grade mites play as a Squirt B team. The Board discussed the merits of the proposal but also discussed the policy of EVHA to have players play within their age group. Minnesota Hockey has policies that require that players play within their age group. The Board thanked Mike and Tom for their insights and their suggestions. The Board chose not to act on the proposal to move an entire mite team up to Squirts on the basis of Minnesota Hockey guidelines and the philosophy of EVHA to keep players playing within their age group. According to EVHA policy the Board may choose to ask some mites to play at the Squirt C level as necessary to fill out Squirt team sizes for the upcoming season.

New Jerseys

Dan Williams presented several possible designs for new team jerseys. The Board discussed the possibility of changing to new jerseys this year. The focus of the discussion was that EVHA has a stockpile of existing jerseys, but that it has become more expensive to order new jerseys of the existing design because our stock jersey is now a custom jersey. The new jersey and design design would use the Tampa Bay Lightning stock colors. The Board informally decided to announce that EVHA would change to new jerseys for the 2006/2007 season to give EVHA members a chance to plan for the expenditure.

Coach Interviews

The Board discussed the process of selecting coaches for the upcoming season. Gordy Christian expressed a desire to involve more individuals on the coach selection committee including High School Coach Mike Gibbons. Board members expressed support of Gordy's proposal.

New Player Equipment

The Board discussed the merits of offering the free one time equipment program to all elementary age players. All Board members were in support of providing new equipment to elementary age players.

Golf Tournament

Rob Kleven provided an update on the golf tournament online registration system. The system is now up and running. Board members applauded Rob's efforts. Rob also put out a call for Board members to try to get hole sponsors for the tournament.

Adjournment

Liz Reyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kurt Chatfield. Motion passed unanimously.