

EVHA Board Meeting October 26, 2005

Call to order: 7:15pm, all Board members in attendance except Rob Kleven and Liz Reyer. Dean Fredrickson chaired the meeting.

Team Photos

The date for team photos will be November 7, 2005 at Eagan Arena. Team managers will be notified of the date and time for their team photos. Mite photos will be taken at a later date. Mark Stillings reported that there was a mix up in scheduling at the Eagan Arena and he has yet to confirm a new time. Mark is working with the Arena manager to reschedule mite photos at the earliest possible date with the hope that they will be available before Christmas.

Fund Raising

The Board discussed the possibility of using charitable gambling to support the hockey association. It was noted that Bilimbi Bay is now out of business and that a new sports bar (Majors) has plans to move into Apple Valley at the Bilimbi Bay location. The Board discussed the possibility of approaching Majors about a pull tab operation.

Girls' Tournament

Due to lack of team sign ups the Board decided to cancel the Eastview Lightning tournament this year. There was general discussion about why teams did not sign up this year as they have in past years. The Board agreed that in future years EVHA should promote and advertise the girls tournament earlier in the summer to attract more teams. All Board members agreed that EVHA should try to have a girls' tournament next year.

Ice Time

Beth Berger reported that due to the new Apple Valley Ice formula EVHA has an over supply of ice time at St. Thomas Arena. The Board discussed the issue and recommended that EVHA use all of the Apple Valley ice (Hayes and High School) and try to sell some of the St. Thomas hours to other associations. Beth stated that St. Thomas is not helping EVHA re-sell the extra ice time and that she is having trouble unloading the times. The Board asked that Beth keep trying to sell the extra time and report back to the Board if she is unable to sell the excess.

Registration

Jeff Tuthill provided an update on the status of team rostering and coach certification. Jeff reported that he is collecting coach certification cards and background checks and that it is a demanding effort.

New Jerseys

Dan Williams passed around samples of new jersey styles. The Board recommended that Dan have a mock up ordered of the new home and away jersey before a decision is made to order mass quantities.

Apparel

The apparel provider has not been responsive to EVHA's needs. The Board expressed disappointment with the poor level of service that EVHA has received and the vendor's inability to distribute new customized apparel to EVHA membership. Board members discussed options but did not recommend another vendor.

Eastview Hockey Expo

The Eastview Hockey Expo was held on Sunday October 9 and was very well attended by EVHA membership. Most Board members considered the event to be a success. There was some discussion about whether or not all elementary schools distributed the flyers to promote the event. Despite the popularity of the event there were not many new hockey player sign ups at the Expo. The Board was undecided about whether or not to have a Eastview Hockey Expo next year.

Mites

Mark Stillings reported that a few mite parents were disappointed with the teams their children were placed on. Some of the disappointment originated from children playing together on Spring and Fall leagues together with the expectation that they would make the advanced mite team with their friends. Mark explained the numeric scoring system used to evaluate the mites was designed to be as unbiased and as possible. The Board agreed that the method used to evaluate mite players is appropriate at this instructional level of hockey and that no changes should be made to the scoring system for next year.

Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 8:30pm.