

**EVHA Board Meeting
September 28, 2005**

Call to order: 7:12pm, all Board members in attendance

Team Size and Levels

The Board began with a discussion of team sizes and levels for the upcoming season. According to Rob, District 6 now requires that all A teams have at least 15 skaters and 2 goalies. There is no such requirement for B and C teams. A lengthy discussion ensued. There was consensus that the new District 6 requirement is difficult for small associations like EVHA to achieve given the small number of players and teams at each level. Apparently, the new rule exists so that large associations do not try to create small A teams for competitive advantage. The Board discussed the need to change this policy at District 6 as soon as possible.

Bantam

The Bantam team sizes were set at 15 at A, 15 at B2, with the remainder of players joining with Apple Valley to form a C team.

Pee Wee

The Board discussed the challenge of having only 48 skaters at the Pee Wee level given the new District requirement of 15 skaters on the A team. Dean Fredrickson circulated a draft of a letter to request that District 6 allow smaller size teams at the Pee Wee level according to District policy. The desire of the Board is to create 4 teams at A, B1, B2, and C.

Squirts

Once again, the Board discussed their displeasure about having to field a 15 player A team at the squirt level. Most Board members felt that at this developmental level of hockey that players should get as much playing time as possible. The Board reluctantly agreed to set the A team at 15 players but expressed concern about the intent of the new policy as it affects Eastview. The Board did not decide to move up any mites as there are enough Squirt age players to field 4 teams (A, B, C, C)

Girls U14

The number of girls playing at U14 is uncertain due to high school tryouts. Liz reported that she is in contact with Apple Valley Hockey Association and Rosemount Hockey Association should we need to create a combined team.

Apparel

Dan reported that about \$1000 of new apparel was sold this last weekend at tryouts. Apparel will be available at this weekends tryouts as well. Customizing of apparel will be done by Strategic Marketing this year.

Tryouts

A few comments have been made about the tryout process and the evaluation score method. Board members discussed the need for the evaluators to use the entire scoring range to better differentiate players, especially the players that score in the middle of the pack. Rob, Paul, and Gordy will review the tryout results for opportunities to make improvements for next years tryout process.

Mites

The MEA clinic is fast approaching. Mark announced that the girls mite clinic and evaluation time was changed due to ice schedules.

Tournaments

Dan reported that 90% of the tournaments have been set. He will make adjustments as necessary to accommodate final team levels once approved by District 6.

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