

**EVHA Board Meeting
April 27, 2005**

Call to Order: 7:20pm

Present:

Rob Kleven, Dale Kersten, Dan Williams, Beth Berger, Gordy Christian, Kathy Ritacco, Kurt Chatfield, Liz Reyer, Jeff Tuthill, Mark Stillings, Tom Barry, Vic Zukanoff

Election of Officers:

Dale Kerten was nominated for Vice President by Beth Berger, seconded by Kathy Ritacco. The vote was unanimous.

Kurt Chatfield was nominated for Secretary by Dan Williams, seconded by Tom Barry. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion of attendance policy:

The attendance policy for board meetings was discussed. Board members agreed to make every effort to attend all board meetings.

District 6 Meeting:

The District 6 meeting on 4/25 was attended by Rob Kleven. District 6 Presidents meeting on June 20th requires the majority of the board to attend. Discussions on HEP, ACE fund raising are going to be included. Quite a bit of discussion at the D6 meeting on the Squirt B and A only proposal by Minnetonka, even though it was voted down once. The majority of EVHA board members were opposed to Minnetonka's proposal although no formal vote was taken.

District 6 is also considering adding New Prague to the district. There was discussion and consensus by EVHA board members that New Prague is no further than many of the other District 6 associations.

On-line Registration

The board discussed the pros and cons of using on-line registration this year. Kathy Ritacco volunteered to look into using Veri-sign for on-line registration and will report back to the board at a future meeting.

Online Coach Application

The new online coach application is up and running and there are two applicants that have applied for the 2005/2006 season. Gordy Christian also suggested advertising for coaches this summer.

Combining AVHA and EVHA Girls Programs

Board members from AVHA and EVHA have been meeting informally to discuss how to improve the girl's program. One possibility is to combine so that there can be an A team and a B team at each age group. Board members will continue to meet to discuss the possibility of a combined program and will also consider approaching RAHA. Board members plan to talk with families that have girls to get their input on a combined program.

Volunteer Fee

The board discussed the possibility of a mandatory volunteer fee that could be waived once volunteer time had been served. Rob Kleven prepared a list of volunteer opportunities. Many different options and models for volunteering were discussed. Board members were asked to consider when and how to use volunteers over the 2005/2006 season. Rob Kleven is going to investigate the volunteer system available from the EVHA web site provider. Kurt Chatfield agreed to identify mite program volunteer opportunities. No action was taken.

Mite Organizational Issues

Board members discussed ways to get mite parents more involved in EVHA. Mark Stillings will consider the use of an organizational meeting with new mite parents to prepare families for the responsibility and time commitments of youth hockey. Mark will also try to get more mite teams to identify a team manager, separate from the mite head coach, to better distribute information and organize volunteers.

Team Manager Guidelines

The board discussed the need to establish team manager guidelines for appropriate team expenditures and communication with team parents. Liz Reyer agreed to help with the team manager orientation meeting for the upcoming season and distribute guidelines to new and returning team managers.

Tournaments

The feedback from last year was that most of the tournaments were good with the exception of the Owatonna Squirt C tournament which many thought was too close for an away tournament. There was some discussion that the Thief River Falls tournament was a long haul and there might be a closer option this year.

St. Thomas Arena Contract

Beth Berger has been in contact with St. Thomas arena about EVHA use of the arena over the next several years. The board discussed the hourly rate of the arena as well as issues with lighting and availability of staff. A decision about how much ice time to purchase from St. Thomas will need to be made this summer. No action was taken.

EVHA Golf Tournament

Rob Kleven discussed the future role of the Blueline Club in volunteering for the 2005/2006 golf tournament. The Blueline Club is not sure whether or not to participate based on the amount of money (\$500) raised for the Club last year. Rob will continue to have discussion with the Blueline Club and an effort will be required by EVHA Board members to recruit new volunteers to run the tournament.

Adjournment

Vic Zukanoff made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dale Kersten. Motion passed unanimously.