

**EVHA Board Meeting  
January 25, 2006**

Call to order: 7:10pm, all Board members in attendance.  
Guests: Preston Lindner, Burke DeBoom, John Herzog

Mites

The Board listened to suggestions from several mite parents and coaches about how to improve the mite program. The overarching concern is how to improve mite player development at the older mite ages. One suggestion was to expand the practice time for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade mites by adding an optional mid-week practice that would be paid for (without subsidy of EVHA) by parents of mites that are interested in more ice time. The additional practice time would help mites transition to squirts and U10 easier. Another suggestion was to have a more formal core curriculum that could be used by all mite coaches to promote goal based skill development. Finally, a suggestion was made to create a new mite committee to oversee player development and hockey operations. The Board discussed the merits of the proposed changes, but also the additional time commitment needed to make the improvements. The Board recognized that there would be a need to expand the EVHA volunteer base if the proposed improvements are to be made. The volunteer base is currently stretched thin. The Board concluded the discussion by thanking the mite parents and coaches for their suggestions and asked that they prepare a formal proposal and plan to recruit volunteers necessary to make the improvements.

Playoffs

Playoffs are fast approaching. The Board discussed EVHA responsibilities at the upcoming Girls U14 tournament. Gordy will direct the tournament. Paul volunteered to attend the organizational meeting. Jeff is arranging to have medical personnel present.

New Jerseys

The Board reviewed sample jerseys with the new Eastview logo. Dan Williams displayed the home and away jerseys and discussed quality, sizing, and pricing. The jersey's will cost about the same as the current jerseys but the quality is better and most EVHA members say that they like the new design. Players will need to put in orders for their new jerseys through their current managers.

District 6 Rules

Paul reported that the District approved a new rule that uses running time once a team is down by too many goals. The rule is effective immediately. He also reported that the District agreed not to raise fines as originally proposed.

Controversial Bantam A Practice

A number of EVHA members expressed concerns about the annual recurring instance of no stick and puck practices at the Bantam A level that have led to players getting sick on the ice. At issue is the coach's use of a large garbage can on the ice and player vomiting. The Board discussed the issue at length, with most Board members expressing concern about the physical safety of players and the mental harm done to players that get sick in front of teammates and schoolmates. The Board planned to contact the Bantam A coach and direct him to refrain from intentionally pushing the players beyond their physical limits. Several Board members were adamant that the dangerous practice would need to be taken into consideration next year at the time of coach selection.

Edison Tournament

There was some negative feedback about the Edison PeeWee C tournament. The tournament director agreed to investigate and evaluate whether or not to schedule a different tournament next year.

Apple Valley Mini Rink

Apple Valley Hockey Association has proposed a new mini rink and a partnership with the city of Apple Valley. The AVHA proposal is to build the rink from gambling proceeds but contract with the city for management and operations. The Board discussed its preference to have a new city or school district sheet of ice vs. a private sheet dedicated to AVHA that would be relatively inaccessible to EVHA players. Several Board members volunteered to approach the city of Apple Valley about a new sheet of ice.

St. Thomas Contract

EVHA signed a three year contract extension with St. Thomas committing to 200 hours per year at \$195 hour (2006/2007), \$195 hour (2007/2008) and \$200 hour (2008/2009).

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