

MINUTES

ESMHA - EXECUTIVE MEETING - August 19th, 2018

Jason opened the meeting saying that registration was busier then expected.

Robert Knox- He has strong numbers this season and is capped at 27 officials. They sent 4 refs to camp costing \$1600. He was looking for a refund to this parents as our executive approved funding for these training camps last season. Lynn had originally denied his request as there wasn't anything in the minutes....There was a discussion and enough members remembered the agreement and his request was approved as previously voted on.

Registration Numbers-

Novice- 27 (low) there will be 1/2 ice games all season this year. Decided there will be 2 teams and the level chosen once they are on the ice.

Anyone wishing to move up should see the player movement on our policy. Not offering an advance team.

Atom- 61 (high) HNS states we offer AA. Doug stated we have strong goal tending. A discussion occurred as to if we should offer AA or not. There were mixed feelings on the subject. We decided we sill offer 4 teams and as per HNS policy and 2 years experience we will offer AA, A, and 2 C teams. Melissa, & Doug have been approached by other associations offering them to play at the AA level if ES didn't offer.

One other member said their child would try out elsewhere if our association did not offer the level they were seeking.

Peewee-51 (13 have asked for a release). Expecting between 15-20 to ask for a release.

Don't have the caliber of players for a AA team. It was decided we will offer A,B,C. Andrew noted that Tracy should be prepared to tell parents that if they are worried about their child making a C team they should tryout as there may be 2 C teams and no B.

Jason.S mentioned the idea of possibly letting CH know we are offering an A level as we believe they are not offering that level.

Bantam-30 offering a B & C based on numbers. At time of meeting 9 have asked for a release. Lorri brought up a big concern with the fact that both goalies have asked for releases. It was determined there wasn't an option to bring up from peewee as they weren't ready for the Bantam level. The options include dropping down from Midget or reaching out to other associations. Lorri brought up the concern that we will lose too many to CH and not be able to offer a rep level. Doug said he checked and the "soft number" CH takes is 5 although in the past they have taken more. Dartmouth's number is 2.

Midget-48 Natalie spoke to Sean Kent and it isn't looking good for a high school team as they don't have a coach and the team is a big commitment.

There was talk about giving the midgets weekend practices vs week night. At the moment with no guarantee of a high school team we are offering an A, B and C team.

Jason brought up an idea of looking into a laid back league without practices kind of a pick up league for Midgets who don't like the commitment. There was also talk of giving the Midgets a practice every 2nd week vs weekly as they don't typically show up.

Andrew suggested we monitor how many Midgets were losing so we can see the trend.

Janie brought up the fact that we really need to watch our spending and keep a close eye on our ice and make sure teams are invoiced for ice they receive.- Lorri suggested the reason these teams were on the ice is because the ice was sitting there and not able to be sold. It was decided that we shouldn't purchase as much ice this season and any ice not able to be sold should be put in a rotation so that ice wont sit not used.

Jersey Update- Tracy visited many companies and all companies suggested the same brand of jersey for quality. (It is actually the same brand as our old jerseys). I believe it was Trimar who had the best price and could meet our needs. We talked about socks and it was decided all teams will go with the same sock provided it could be available. Tracy was going to get some samples to try and match up to our jerseys.

Tracy updated us that there are a lot of jerseys in good shape or new conditions and asked for suggestions on what to do with them all. It was suggested that teams use them as practice jerseys and any old tryout jerseys be updated.

Jason also suggested adding garment bags to team budgets in an effort to try and save on the wear and tear of the jerseys.