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ESMHA - Executive Meeting
May 7th, 7pm - Oyster Pond Firehall

Present: Janice, Anne, Sarah, Tracey J/B, Andrew, Gina, Paul, Jason B, Danny, Natalie, Jason St. H, Tracey A (8:39 pm)

Absent: Rod, Lorri, Chelsea, Lynn, Carla, Calvin, Janie, Mike and Robert

Item 1: Guests

Danny Cole, Joey Abelleira, Tammy Garber, Jodi Bengert, and Roy MacLeod, members of a steering committee, presented and reviewed a nine page document, entitled “Parents for an Eastern Shore & Cole Harbour Hockey Alliance”.

Danny introduced himself and noted that he has been responsible for leading a conversation in a grass roots initiative, pertaining to an alliance with the Cole Harbour Hockey Association. Danny went on to say that this group’s initiative is not an attack or to put a negative tone on the work that the executive has done to date. Danny added that some of the issues the steering committee has flagged, pre-existed the current executive. Danny read the document to those in attendance. A discussion ensued.

Jason noted that while at a recent President’s meeting, he learned that Cole Harbour and Dartmouth are giving serious consideration to a partnership. Jason went on to say that Sean Leslie has indicated that progress pertaining to this, will be communicated to Eastern Shore executive. A vague draft proposal was put together and the goal was that each executive would return with some feedback resulting from their discussions. Jason went on to say that a timeline has been established, moving forward.

Joey noted that association members are drawing conclusions in the absence of communication from the executive and recommended that Jason send out a brief statement to membership, addressing the discussions which are occurring surrounding a potential partnership. Jason noted that there isn’t anything concrete to share and that more time is needed to compile accurate facts before sharing with the membership.

Joey suggested that after the next President’s meeting, a date be set for a special meeting, in order to discuss a potential partnership. Joey went on to say that although they have 50+ signatures and could request a special meeting according to the bylaws, he would leave it up to the executive to schedule and call a special meeting. Jason agreed that this is something which should be discussed with all members and that moving forward all parties must commit to showing respect for one another while working on what is best for the all players. Jason added that it is important to not appear forceful in the discussions with members.

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Danny noted that an alliance between Cole Harbour and Dartmouth is pretty much a done deal and questioned where that would leave the Eastern Shore Association, should that occur. Jason agreed that this is an important question to consider. Danny went on to say that the entire association has to decide what they want and then the next step is to approach one of the larger Associations to discuss further.

Natalie sought clarification with respect to information outlined in the document prepared by the steering committee and whether changes could be made, prior to the special meeting, as she observed several errors the content. Danny indicated that the steering committee would welcome the correct data in order to update their document prior to the meeting.

Jason reiterated the necessity for respect, moving forward. Janice proposed that Danny, as Administrator for the steering committees facebook page, monitor posts and remove comments/content which did not align with maintaining a level of respect. Danny noted that he would monitor and remove such content should it occur.

Jason noted that a date will be set for a special meeting and will be communicated to membership. The guests exited the meeting at 8:43 pm.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Paul moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 9th and Natalie seconded. All voted in favour. Minutes approved.

Anne moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 28th and Jason St. H. seconded. All voted in favour. Minutes approved.

Item 3: PeeWee AAA

Jason circulated a document entitled "NS PeeWee AAA Hockey League". A discussed ensued regarding how this may affect the opportunity for ES Triple AAA level players.

Item 4: Social Media Etiquette

Jason St. H initiated discussion surrounding social media etiquette and suggested that Jason raise this during the AGM in order to clarify expectations surrounding content appropriateness on social media. Janice will add to the AGM agenda for Jason to briefly touch on.

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Next Meeting

It was agreed that the executive meeting scheduled originally for May 13th would be rescheduled for after then AGM and the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 pm