

**November 27, 2023**  
**ESMHA Executive Meeting Minutes**

**Start Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** Eastern Shore Community Center

**Platform:** In-person

**Minutes Take By:** Whitney Halloran

**Chair:** Paul Anderson

Item	Discussion	Action
<b>Attendance</b>	Paul, Ashley H., Whitney, Laura, Natalie, Janie, Jayne, Adam	
<b>Holiday Skate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We have an hour available on December 9 at 10:00am</li> <li>- Will talk to the rink - in the past have had a partnership with them to make it an open family skate</li> <li>- Anyone can participate, not required to be a part of ESMHA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paul to contact Christine and discuss partnership for holiday skate</li> </ul>
<b>U9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to 12 full ice games, 36 maximum, tournaments count for 3 games</li> <li>- League is scheduling 24 games</li> </ul>	
<b>Food Drive</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Association is providing an hour of ice as a prize for the food drive - for the winning team (the team that brings in the most items)</li> </ul>	
<b>Discrimination &amp; Racism Policy - Zero Tolerance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussed posting a statement on our website that we support the HNS policy on discrimination and racism</li> <li>- Ashley S. (ED&amp;I) has suggestions for the executive regarding an incident that occurred during an ESHMA game. Will discuss when Ashley is next present at a meeting.</li> <li>- Laura does not support an apology from the executive to the Halifax Hawks regarding the incident that occurred</li> </ul>	
<b>Summer Skate Fundraiser</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Voting held to approve a summer slides fundraiser for the U11A team which uses the ESMHA logo</li> <li>- 4 executive members removed from the vote for conflict of interest, as their children are part of that team</li> <li>- All in favour, none opposed.</li> </ul>	
<b>Sponsor Bars</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently have a \$150 maximum on a sponsor bar - discussed removing it. Would like to add corporate sponsorship is a max of \$1000 per-player</li> <li>- Extra funding brought in above player's own budget would remain with the team</li> </ul>	
<b>Coaching Certification Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some coaches still need to get their courses and CRC done or they are off their benches/ice until the courses are registered (if in person) or completed (if online) and CRC are handed in</li> <li>- Those who need to complete courses/checks have been contacted to remind them of the deadline of Dec. 1.</li> <li>- Discussion about coaching staff on the ice. They must be rostered unless they are a guest coach - this includes players from other ESMHA teams who are coming on as 'helpers' - they must be registered as a Jr. Coach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ashley H. emailed coaches and managers with clarification on youth 'helpers'</li> </ul>

<b>Treasurer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is an opportunity to apply for a grant — if we are able to get it, will be used to help upgrade some rink facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Natalie has reached out to Christine to see if the rink supports the endeavour</li> </ul>
<b>Affiliation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Questions have arisen about affiliation players</li> <li>- Email has been sent to coordinators with the clarification and affiliation information</li> <li>- Dartmouth Whalers Rec has a new director - Brian Bruce - affiliations need to be approved for every game by Brian and Sarah Holman (HNS) and it is recommended to cc. Rod Thurber as well.</li> <li>- Central Minor - can affiliate up to 3 players on your roster so it is not required to be approved each game. Can be brought up throughout the season.</li> </ul>	
<b>HNS Presidents Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum roster sizes - same for competitive and rec - have to have 11 players plus a goalie for U11-U18</li> </ul>	
<b>Relegation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HNS meeting is on Dec. 9</li> </ul>	
<b>Goalie Clinic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussed continuing weekly goalie clinic in January until the rest of the season (8 sessions in the new year)</li> <li>- Paul reached out to Matt - he confirmed willingness to continue to run the sessions - will have to vote on this next meeting</li> </ul>	
<b>International Volunteer Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- December 5th is international volunteer day</li> <li>- Brainstorming ideas for our ESMHA volunteers - could do it on December 9th in lieu of the 5th as it can tie in with the holiday skate - could tie it in with Mariners month as well. Will discuss more at next meeting</li> </ul>	
<b>Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.</b>		