

## GSL Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 12, 2012

Start: 7:17 p.m.

Present: Dan Haggerty, Barbara Wright, Jim Chouinard, Katie Carzello, Jim Matroni,  
Representatives from the following organizations:  
Amherst, Brattleboro, Capitals, FCHA, Holy Name, Ludlow, Nonotuck, Pioneer Valley,  
Westfield, WTM

### OLD BUSINESS:

- August 8, 2012 Meeting Minutes were read a motion was made to accept them as is.
  - This motion was made and accepted
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - The checking account has a balance of \$5,319.04.
  - The Scholarship account has a balance of \$1,158.99.
  - All bills are paid and up to date.
    - A motion was made and accepted to accept the treasurer's report as is.
- **GSL Evaluation round information passed out by Jim Matroni.**
  - Each coach must check in at the Olympia.
  - Organizations must submit payment for each team to the GSL by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Each team must submit Level, Team (Name & Color), Head Coach & email for each team to Todd Jenson by September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - All of the game sheets must go to Barbara Wright.
- Some people from PVL were complaining about when the season is ending due to a popular tournament they go to.
- **Statisticians Report**
  - The current suspension list from last season was passed out.
    - All suspensions must be served during evaluation round.
    - If a game misconduct is given during the evaluation round, they must sit out the next game.
  - Barbara Wright gave the playdown schedule out at her meeting.
  - Barbara is checking into whether or not the PSAT's will affect when the Bantam tournament is.
  - Midget rosters are due to Barbara Wright Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>. If the rosters aren't in your team will forfeit any game that you have. You can do a supplemental after if you have missing players.
    - A motion was made to move the midget roster due date to September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
      - There was some discussion about making rules and deadlines and changing them later. Also some talk about why there are different rules for Midgets.
    - This was voted on and accepted with 9 being for the change and 1 abstaining from voting.
  - Barbara Wright also stated that anyone could put any name on the websites. If you have an issue with a player on another team you are to call Barbara Wright she can confirm or deny whether or not someone is on another teams roster.
- **Scheduling~**
  - Midget schedule is complete **Jim Chouinard** will send out shortly.
  - Confirm your teams, level and organizations ice to Jim Chouinard ASAP, as this was due on the 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Next big thing is the evaluations. Evaluation Period will be October 6 –7 & October 13-14.
    - Someone will need to coordinate getting volunteers for the table. Volunteers will need to handle locker rooms, game sheets and watching penalties that need to be served in upcoming games etc. Dan Haggerty will look at last years schedule and come up with something similar once we get the ice confirmed. The hope is that all the ice will come

from the Olympia. If not some organizations that volunteered to give up some of their ice were FCHA, Caps, PVL and Ludlow. The Olympia has given 108 hours of ice.

- Some complaints from last year were that volunteers were working at one rink and playing at another. Another complaint was huge gaps between games.
- In the bylaws it says Thanksgiving weekend has no play dates. This was not on the calendar. **Katie Carzello** will add it to the calendar of important dates and send to Jim Chouinard. It's also in the bylaws that Christmas and New Years have no play dates only if they fall on a weekend.
  - There are 2 Midget games scheduled Thanksgiving weekend, these are going to stay
- **Website/ Communications**
  - Dave and Todd are looking into what they can put up on the website.
  - John Miller will write up a little blurb on each of the scholarship winners and send to Todd Jensen and Dave Sanshagrin.
- Mark Sampson and the group from the GSL have come to an agreement about the season.
  - The referees will not go up in price this season; they will go up \$1 either next season or the following season.
  - New this year there will be a \$3 charge for any single game booked.
  - They did ask that Mark explain to his referees that they need to be more consistent on their calls.
  - The referees will talk to the teams prior to every game just to make sure the players understand who is in charge of the game.
  - Mark let his refs know that they need to take more responsibility regarding challenges.
  - Brattleboro discussed getting some of the referees from this area up to their rink and decided that wouldn't be necessary.
- Stanley Cup in Ludlow went really well, there was a great turnout.
- There was some discussion regarding having a Mite Jamboree at the end of the season. This would be done by the host organization not the league. Some of the organizations possibly interested in hosting this are Amherst, Ludlow, Caps and Pioneer Valley. We will revisit this at a later date after everyone brings the idea back to their organizations.
- Regarding girls playing hockey for the GSL, one thought is that the league could be more hospitable to them. More girls are staying longer because of taking checking out of the Pee Wee level. In VT they have a select girls team that must play with their home organization but goes to a couple tournaments. The thought is that we may have enough girls at the mite and squirt level but not enough at the peewee and bantam levels. The thought is that we could get this done if we just get someone to put organize it and see it through Also if we give these girls somewhere to play it could keep them from going to travel organizations.
- The Bertelli's ad regarding their tent sale was up on the website the Sunday morning of the sale.
- Dan Haggerty will get a jersey from each organization into Bob Oliver to hang in the Mass Mutual Center. They will also discuss having the mini mites play in between periods at Falcons games.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- The following players have requested to play down a level for medical reasons:
  - Sydney Lupone from Holy Name, Bantam looking to play down as a Pee Wee. The reason is size; she is 5'3" and 112 pounds, also because there is no checking at the Pee Wee level.
    - This was voted on and approved.
  - Grace Gozzi from Holy Name, Bantam looking to play down as a Pee Wee. The reason is size; she is 4'06 and 68 pounds, also because there is no checking at the Pee Wee level.
    - This was voted on and approved
  - Teaghan Hall from Holy Name, Squirt looking to play down as a Mite. The reason is size; she is 45" and 60 pounds.
    - This was voted on and approved
  - Katelyn Joyal from Holy Name, Bantam looking to play down as a Pee Wee. The reason is size; she is 63" and 90 pounds, also because she previously broke her collarbone.
    - This was voted on and approved

- Tierany Roach from FCHA, Bantam looking to play down as a Pee Wee. The reason is size; she is 62" and 92 pounds, also because there is no checking at the Pee Wee level.
  - This was voted on and approved
- Level 3-clinic date cannot be moved even though we have evaluations that weekend. There are several other clinics. If there is no coach available to coach during the evaluation games due to this clinic a responsible parent is able to run the bench.
- USA & Mass Hockey pitched in to buy 4 sets of rink dividers. They are supposed to be able to be set up in 10 minutes and come on a cart. 1 set will be given to the Olympia, 1 set will go to Marlborough and 1 each to the North and South Shore. Amherst is on there own looking into purchasing two sets.
  - Now that we know we are getting set of them some discussion was had on the best way to utilize them.
  - The general consensus seemed to be that we leave the Mini Mites alone and just use them for Mites.
  - Dan's thought was to use them just for Mite A and schedule as many Mite A games back to back as possible.
  - Amherst will keep Jim Chouinard up to date with when they will have them so he can schedule some games up there also.
  - When they had these in the past it seemed like only one or 2 coaches were putting them up and taking them down. This is something that would need to be discussed with the Mite coaches before hand.
  - We could leave it that you have different things going on at different rinks to see what actually works best. This really is an experiment to see what is better.
  - USA Hockey has decided they don't care whether you do ½ Ice or Cross-ice for Mites.
  - After some discussion it was decided to throw the ideas out to each organization and the Mite coaches and see what they think is the best way to use them. We will discuss what each organization came up with next meeting.
- It was voted on at the Mass hockey level that no Mites are able to play up as Squirts. All other ages are able to play up, just not U8. Some teams have mites on their Squirt rosters because they don't have enough players to make a Squirt team without them. Someone can propose a change to this rule at any time.
- Every organization needs to have all of their coaches CORI screened. You need to be very careful who you pick as your CORI administrator because of a glitch in the system they are able to see all of the records in the state. CORI Screening contact is John Tobin ([jtobin@mahockey.org](mailto:jtobin@mahockey.org)).
- You also need to be very careful whom you let in your locker rooms. The rule is someone has to be in the locker rooms at all times but it's a better idea to have 2 responsible adults.
- Some other important contacts:
  - Grow the game, etc. contact Kevin Kavanaugh ([kevink@mahockey.org](mailto:kevink@mahockey.org))
  - Bruins contact Miek Dargin ([Mdargin@bostonbruins.com](mailto:Mdargin@bostonbruins.com))
  - Falcons contact Bob Oliver ([boliver@falconsahl.com](mailto:boliver@falconsahl.com))

**Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.**

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 10, 2012 @ 7:00  
In the upstairs conference room at the Olympia Ice Rink**