

GSL Board of Directors Meeting

Date: October 15, 2012

Start: 7:05 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:

- September 12, 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 \$29,049.04.
 - The Scholarship account has a balance of \$1,158.12.
 - The following organizations have paid the evaluation game fees:
 - Brattleboro, Capitals, FCHA, Ludlow, Nonotuck & Westfield. This money is due from the remaining organizations ASAP.
 - A motion was made and accepted to accept the treasurer's report as is.
- Game sheets will be ordered tomorrow. It was decided to order them with 3 sheets instead of 4 to save approx. \$75. If a referee needs to take a game sheet due to a game misconduct, any coach can request a copy of the game sheet from Barbara Wright.
- Roger Grillo will be doing a coaching checking clinic at the Olympia on Monday, October 22nd in Rink 3 at 7:00 p.m. It's important to have a good bunch of coaches from the league at it. Holy Name has donated the ice and will send a hand full of players to participate as well.
- **Statisticians Report**
 - The Midget standings are complete.
 - The current suspension list is up in the Olympia.
 - WTM suspensions are getting confusing because of the players playing for both teams.
 - WTM's intention was to have only one midget team. Then they had 30 kids that were interested so they decided to make 2 teams. There has been very inconsistent attendance. The coaches on their own decided to let the kids play on both teams. The organization has spoken to the coaches so that they understand this is not allowed. But they know that they are going to have problems fielding both teams. They were also playing a skater that was unregistered; this was explained to the coaches that this is not allowed also. It was said that going forward this would not happen.
 - WTM Midget players will be allowed to bring players over between the black and red teams to bring the team up to 10 skaters and a goalie. Any suspensions are to be served until and through that team next game.
 - This motion was made and unanimously accepted.
- **Scheduling~**
 - Midget season schedule is going relatively smoothly.
 - Everyone needs to send their confirmation of teams to Jim Chouinard.
 - No Play Dates are over due; please confirm these dates by organization not teams as they may get lost in the shuffle that way.
 - There was confirmation that there will be 10 mini mite teams.
 - Dan Haggerty's idea for mini mite jamborees would be to have them 12/9, 1/27 & 3/10. That would give enough time in between as the season starts 10/21. Each organization needs to take the idea and these dates back to their organizations to see who would like to take these on.

NEW BUSINESS

- The cost per team sheet that was sent out was wrong. **Katie Carzello** will update with the new information from Ludlow regarding Blunt Parks pricing and resend.
 - It was also discussed, whether or not the website can generate what costs are owed. Dan Haggerty is going to look into whether or not this is something that the website is capable of.
- Play downs~
 - Bantam North Tier II small will only have one game, Amherst vs. Holy Name.
 - Squirt & Pee wee Applications are due by 10/30.
 - Bantams were due 10/15.
- A female Bantam age skater requested to play down to the Pee Wee level.
 - This was voted on and unanimously accepted.
- There was an electronic vote regarding the mercy rule being implemented in the Midget games. The wording was taken from other leagues rules that are used.
 - MERCY RULE, if at any time during the third period the goal differential between teams reaches six (6), the game clock will immediately go to running time, at the discretion of the coach of the losing team, and will not stop for any reason (excepting on-ice injuries), other than at the direction of the on-ice officials, until the game ends or the goal differential becomes less than 6. This means the clock will not stop for goals scored, penalties, icing or any other reason while the mercy rule is in effect unless, ordered to be stopped by the on-ice officials. If the goal differential becomes less than 6, the stop time rules will be applied.
 - A proposal was made to remove at the discretion of the losing team in the verbiage of this rule.
 - This was voted on and unanimously accepted.
- It was brought up that the referees have been asking the Squirt coaches if they would prefer to leave the pins in for games. It is a GSL rule that the pins be removed and puts the coaches in a very difficult position when asked. Dan Haggerty will remind Steve Sady and Mark Sampson that this is a rule and they should just take the pins out and refrain from asking the coaches if they would like to keep them in.
- The 3 game limits can be waived for a player playing up if they are a goalie on the other team. If the player is on the roster as a goalie on the A team, they may play on the B team as a player, not as a goalie. This is only if there is not a lower level available player. They must request permission from the league and Dan Haggerty as President.
- Rosters were all due in today. If you don't have a valid roster in by the start of games you will forfeit any games played until the roster is in.
- You must apply for a waiver for U8 players to play up in the Squirt division. The WTM squirt team only has 9 players and would like to use Mite players as needed to bring the team up to 10 skaters and a goalie.
- Evaluation results were discussed the following divisions/teams are what was decided:
 - Bantam North will have 6 teams as Ludlow moved down to Bantam South.
 - This was discussed and unanimously accepted.
 - The teams that will make up the division: Amherst, Capitals, HN, and PVL & Westfield.
 - Bantam South will have 8 teams with the addition of the Ludlow team.
 - The teams that will make up the division: Amherst, Brattleboro, FCHA, HN Ludlow, PVL, Westfield, and WTM.
 - Pee Wee North will have 7 teams with no movement.
 - The teams that will make up the division: Amherst, Capitals, HN, Ludlow, PVL, WTM, and Westfield Red.
 - Pee Wee South will have 11 teams with no movement. It was discussed and accepted that with a larger group you will not play everybody evenly.
 - The teams that will make up the division: Amherst, Brattleboro, Capitals, FCHA, HN Blk, HN Grn, Nonotuck, PVL, Westfield Blk and Westfield Red.
 - Mite North will have 6 teams with Ludlow moving down to the South division and Brattleboro joining the division from the South division.
 - These were discussed and unanimously accepted.
 - The teams that will make up the division: Amherst, Brattleboro, HN, PVL, Westfield and WTM.

- Mite South will have 8 teams with the addition of the Ludlow, Brattleboro moving up to the North division and with PVL & FCHA moving down to the East division.
 - These were discussed and unanimously accepted.
 - The teams that will make up the division: Amherst Blue, Amherst White, HN, Ludlow Red, Ludlow White, Nonotuck, Westfield and WTM.
- Mite East will have 11 teams with the addition of FCHA and PVL.
 - The teams that will make up the division: Amherst, Brattleboro, Capitals, FCHA, HN Ludlow, Nonotuck, PVL, Westfield White, Red and Black.
- Squirt North will have 4 teams with Ludlow dropping down to the Squirt South division.
 - It was decided that each team would only play each other 6 times with a lesser schedule so that the teams can schedule more independent games & tournaments.
 - This was discussed and unanimously accepted.
 - The teams that will make up the division: Amherst, Holy Name, PVL and Westfield.
- Squirt South will have 11 teams with the addition of Ludlow.
 - The teams that will make up the division are: Amherst, Brattleboro, Capitals, HN Blk, HN Grn, Ludlow Red, Ludlow White, Nonotuck, PVL and Westfield.
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- A motion was made to add 1 team keeper and 1 referee for each Mite game. There will still be no game sheets but this will keep the games moving at a better pace.
 - This was voted on and unanimously accepted.
- A motion was made to make actual face-offs after each goal at the Mite level.
 - This was voted on and unanimously accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 14, 2012 @ 7:00
In the upstairs conference room at the Olympia Ice Rink**

Also included is the electronic voting results...

The Midget mercy rule was approved and MassMutual Center date will be March 22.

Voting Items:

Association	Mercy Rule	Falcons Date	Association	Mercy Rule	Falcons Date
Amherst	Yes	22-Mar	No.Berkshire	No reply	No reply
Brattleboro	Yes	22-Mar	PVL	Yes	22-Mar
Franklin County	Yes	22-Mar	Pleasant Valley	Pass	Pass
Holy Name	Yes	22-Mar	Capitals	Yes	22-Mar
Ludlow	Yes	16-Mar	Westfield	Yes	22-Mar
Nonotuck	Pass	22-Mar	WTM	No reply	No reply

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Please vote for one of the two dates below for GSL Champions night at the Mass Mutual Center:
Saturday, March 16 at 7 PM - Falcons vs. Providence Bruins OR

Friday, March 22 at 7 PM- Falcons vs. Worcester Sharks