

GSL Board of Directors Meeting

Date: November 12, 2012

Start: 7:40 p.m.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- October 15, 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 \$8,527.54
 - The Scholarship account has a balance of \$1,159.28.
 - A motion was made and accepted to accept the treasurer's report as is.
 - Amherst, Holy Name and PVL have not paid the evaluation fee.
 - A motion was made to increase the league dues for the 2012-2013 season to the following:
 - \$100.00/ per full year team
 - \$75.00/ per ½ year team
 - Currently the League Dues are \$75 for a full year & \$40 for ½ year teams. The reason for the increase is expenses are going up and if because our tournament is so unpredictable for income the increase is necessary. If at the end of the year there is extra money we can vote to add it to the scholarship fund.
 - This motion was unanimously accepted.
 - The bills for the league dues will go out the presidents this week.
- **Statisticians Report**
 - The current standings are up as of today.
 - Please keep checking the missing game sheet list, as we have to make sure Barbara gets all the game sheets. Also check to see if you know a game didn't happen let Barbara know so she can take it off the list.
 - The current suspension list was passed out. These are getting very difficult to keep track of because of missing game sheets and different schedules. There are already 21 fighting penalties, please talk to your organizations about keeping this number down. After a second fighting penalty is received the player must sit out 3 games.
 - Holy Name Mite C is the only missing USA Hockey roster.
- Medical Waivers requested~
 - A motion was made and unanimously accepted that pending the doctor approval all remaining requested waivers are granted.
 - It was also stated next year these have to be taken care of before the season starts.
- Mini Mite Jamboree!
 - Westfield will take the first one on December 9th.
 - Ludlow will take the third one on March 10th.
 - The second one will be decided by the next meeting. This date will be January 27th.
- There were only 14 coaches at the clinic with Roger Grillo. It was great for him to come and went really well. The hope was to have more attendees so that he will continue to do things in the future.
- **Scheduling~**
 - Bits and pieces of the schedule are complete, this has been more challenging then Jim thought. The software is not working well. There is also some issues with no play dates because of some coaches sending them in and not as an organization. Also trying to fit in as many games as possible

- There was an issue with the mini mites not having the ice available for them last weekend. They were very disappointed as they were told they were going to have games and then they were told they weren't. This weekend and going forward should be all set.
 - In looking at the first schedule that was sent out some organizations found ice that was double booked and a lot felt that the ice is underutilized. Parents and coaches are complaining about the lack of games. The general consensus is that something needs to be done; the schedule needs to come out soon and be complete. The problem is that nobody really had a playbook to work from.
 - Todd Jenson is willing to work on the schedule from the 28th on. Dan is going to get with Todd and Jim Chouinard to make sure they are on the right track. They will work on the schedule going forward. Todd has sent out a list of things that he needs by certain dates to get the schedule done in a timely manner. We are going to give them until Thanksgiving to get this done.
 - This weekend's issues should all be fixed by tomorrow.
 - Dan would like to have a group get together to go over the things that need to be done differently for next year. They need to essentially come up with a playbook for making the schedule going forward. This group will consist of Peter L. from WTM, Todd J. of Westfield, Gordon L. of Brattleboro, Justin P. of PVL, Brian D. of Springfield Capitals and Steve B. with Holy Name.
 - Should the novice play on Thanksgiving weekend? The organizations are to let everyone know by tomorrow if their organizations are willing to play to make up for the missed weekend.
 - Playdown ice is all set; the returned ice list will come out when the schedule is all set.
 - Dan's thought is that the draft should go to the schedulers from each organization and then after they give their feedback then it should go out to everyone. Also once the schedule is complete and after any changes are made, everyone it affects should get the updated schedule including what the changes are.
- **Website/ Communications ~ Message from Todd Jenson**
 - 100 % of GSL organizations are not using League Athletics as their web-hosting platform.
 - The GSL website is now posting meeting minutes. These can be found under the documents tab.
 - The first two weekends 100% of the teams meet the requirement of entering scores electronically within 48 hours. This is significantly better than past seasons.
 - Many GSL organizations are not running a home page widget on their respective web sites that provide the headlines from the GSL website. When the headline is clicked on, it will bring them right to the GSL website. All organizations have been informed how to run the widget. If there are any questions please contact Todd Jenson.
 - The two areas that are getting the most page views are the schedule and the standings.

NEW BUSINESS

- During a Bantam North game between Amherst and WTM there were inappropriate comments from the parents as well as other inappropriate behavior. Holy Name had a game with 15 penalties and Ludlow and PVL have had issues. There is a lack of civility at the Bantam level as well as the midget level. Someone from each organization should have a conversation of some sort with their teams and let them know this will not be tolerated. Pioneer Valley has had meetings with every team's parents.
 - Also Brattleboro has 4 girls on their Bantam team after a game at the Olympia the Ludlow Bantam team was making inappropriate comments and catcalls. It's hard enough for girls to play this game with the physical aspect they deserve enough respect to not have to put up with this. Each organization needs to have a conversation with their players explaining that these types of behavior are not going to be tolerated.
- Dan Haggerty will resend the instructions for Mite games with the updates. They're going to keep going the way it is with out the face-offs after each goal. Dan will change it to a horn after every 2:00 minutes of play.
 - The referees make it feel like a real game for the kids. It was questioned why they are not using the younger referees for these games. Justin stated that Steve Sady doesn't want the young

referees to be there by themselves. In case of issues with coaches or something similar he only wants to have the more experienced referees there.

- Midgets are all using the mercy rule now. It was suggested that the midgets play on Sunday only because a lot of the players are playing on varsity teams therefore their only day to play would be Sunday. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Still unsure on how to figure out the extra \$3 charge for referees.
- Correct change is required for the referees and timekeepers. The timekeepers are continually getting short changed.
- CJ requested that we pay the GSL and they pay the referee, it was quickly decided that this would not go over well with the refs. This is something that was discussed in the past.
- You can now register online for the Level 4 clinic May 17th – 19th in Westborough.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 12, 2012 @ 7:00
In the upstairs conference room at the Olympia Ice Rink**