

GSL Board of Directors Meeting

Date: January 9, 2013

Start: 7:05 p.m.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- December 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes were read a motion was made to accept them with the following changes:
 - The PeeWee South and Squirt South Divisions are the divisions that will have an upper and lower division for the playoffs.
 - The Championship weekend will be March 8th & 9th 2013.
 - This motion was made and accepted
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - The checking account has a balance of \$10,360.37.
 - The Scholarship account has a balance of \$1,159.42.
 - A motion was made and accepted to accept the treasurer's report as is.
 - Enfield is the only bill that has not been sent out, as we don't have a contact for the organization.
- **Statisticians Report**
 - The current standings are up as of today.
 - The missing game sheet list is very long. Please check this list and get any missing game sheets into Barbara ASAP.
 - Its been hard to get game sheets out of Smead Arena
 - All of the missing game sheets from Westfield have been passed in now, except for one.
 - The current suspension list was passed out.
 - If your player or coach receives a game suspension they **MUST** sit out the next game. You cannot pick and choose which games are sat out for any reason. Each organization needs to speak to their coaches about this as some are not sitting out the next game.
 - WTM had a Bantam player play that was supposed to sit out because they were short players due to High School games.
 - There was a motion made that going forward this would result in a game forfeit for each game played after the suspension.
 - This motion was made and accepted
 - Todd Jenson passed out the playoff schedule. The Squirt East divisions state tournament is the same weekend as our playoff weekend. Holy Name has a team in this tournament. There was a motion to play the Squirt East playoff weekend the on March 16th.
 - This motion was made and accepted unopposed.
 - PVL is going to check to see if they have available ice at Fitzpatrick for this tournament so the league doesn't have to buy additional ice. It was also understood that there needs to be some wiggle room with the ice times as the games needs to be played to completion and they do need to have a winner. Also it needs to be 2 sheets in the morning with some time between the 2 sheets of ice in the afternoon. If this needs to be divided between a couple rinks and organizations that would also work.
- **Mini Mite Jamboree!**
 - Pioneer Valley will be hosting the second session jamboree on January 27th.
 - They need the number of players for each team. Please send this information to rogerjab@charter.net. ASAP. Todd Jenson may also be able to find this information on the website and assist in getting this done

- Session 3 is to start on February 3rd. Todd Jenson needs to know the number of teams, as they may need to add a sheet of ice at the Olympia for additional teams.
- A motion was made to have a Mite Jamboree the Sunday after the Finals.
 - This motion was made and accepted unopposed
 - It was also discussed that we will need people to help with this as last year it wasn't well organized.
 - A motion was made to let Todd Jenson and Dan Feldman work on the Mite Jamboree details.
 - This motion was made and accepted unopposed.
- **Scheduling~**
 - The scheduling committee met on January 3rd, the next meeting will take place on January 16th.
 - They were able to look at the scheduling process to get a better understanding of it. A few people from different organizations are looking into better software.
 - There was a lot of discussion about what needs to happen.
 - The first thing they agreed on is that we need an accurate full season schedule as soon as possible.
 - For the next meeting each person is to come with a list of their top priorities for the schedule.
 - A motion was made to accept the scheduling report.
 - This motion was made and accepted without opposition.
 - The tabled discussion from last month regarding eliminating the evaluation process was removed from the table until the scheduling committee has time to look at it.
 - In the mean time each organization said quickly whether or not they were interested in keeping the evaluation process in some capacity.
 - Amherst, Holy Name and Ludlow would like to eliminate the process.
 - Brattleboro, Capitals, FCHA, Nonotuck, PVL and Westfield would like to keep the process.
 - WTM abstained from voting either way.
 - A motion was made to send this topic to the scheduling committee.
 - This motion was made and accepted unopposed.
 - Having a hybrid team for next season is a possibility if they choose to opt out of the playoffs. This was something that was discussed, and can be further but it wouldn't make the scheduling easy. One team may be ok but having any more than that could really be a problem. The scheduling committee can look at this further.
- **Website/ Communications ~**
 - The Falcons logo is still on our logo on the website. There may be a reason why this is still on there. The Falcons are still involved in the league.
 - This was tabled until next meeting to see if Dan has more information about this.
 - There was some question about whether or not we can add a tab for the State Tournaments. Todd Jenson is going to speak with Dan to see what he was looking for.
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - There will be no Midget division this season. If there are a couple teams that would like to play an independent schedule there are teams around.
 - The \$3 extra charge for single games for referee is still posting as a problem.
- The Playoff format will not change this year. Top 4 teams go. Holy Name has offered to organize this for the league this season. They would have Wall Charts, the game sheets made up ahead of time, Music in the lobby, Singers of the national anthem for championship games and music during the games. Also for the league fundraising they would get t-shirts, pictures and possibly jewelry. They would ask that the timekeepers and referees be scheduled as usual. The HN board would volunteer during the championship games. They would ask for the other organizations to volunteer during the other times. They would make a schedule for this.
 - **Steve Bradway** will email all of the information to the organizations to make sure everyone is on board with this

- **Dan Haggerty** will need to look into the Mass Mutual Center coordination for the trophies and medals at the Falcons game. All playoff teams are to be recognized at the game on March 22nd. The thought is that if you have all the teams go (teams 1-4) then they should all get something.
- District 6 does not need any volunteer help for these tournaments.
- A motion was made to let the WTM Bantam B players play up on the Bantam A team without the 3 game rule being implemented due to a lack of players.
 - This motion was made and accepted without opposition.
- Medical waivers~
 - A motion was made and passed to let a girl that should be on the peewees play on the Squirt C team. She is 4'7, 60 pounds and a first time player coming out of the Holy Name House League. After some discussion it was decided that she is not eligible to play in the games because of the December 1st cut off for the out of town players.
- Pioneer Valley questioned where or not two players on the Holy Name Bantam A team that were added later on in the season had their out of town player forms in before the December 1st cut off. It was explained that they did get an approved signed roster back to them but the waivers were not collected on time. Playing these players puts the team at risk for forfeiting games; they should not play going forward.
- Please make sure that the Parent and Player Code of Conduct are being enforced.
 - At the last meeting PVL made a motion that we make a league rule that one team at a time leave the ice. This was voted in but not passed on to the referees and all the coaches. Please make sure everyone is aware of this rule.
- The thought is that the fighting penalties don't seem to be severe enough to deter fighting, especially at the Midget level. The other thought is that the Midget age group should be limited to 18 and still in High School. Another thoughts were that if you got 2 games for the first fight and a second would be an automatic hearing. Also, it seems that the officiating is not consistent.
 - If someone sends Jeff Brown a motion on this he can send it out to all the organizations to see if we can agree on a change.
- No Mites on Squirt teams next season, there wont be any exceptions to this rule. An idea would be that you could play up at the squirt level if you've already played 2 years of cross ice. Jeff Brown asked that someone send him a proposal along these lines to pass along to Mass Hockey.
 - We don't seem to be having any issues with the cross-ice games here, but there is a lot of pushback regarding them in the eastern part of the state. After there last meeting his thought is that they may be wavering from the initial cross-ice rules because USA Hockey is not backing Mass Hockey up on this.
- Barbara Wright will be gone this Sunday until Tuesday Jan. 22nd. There will be no standings next week due to this.
- Having all the Mite games back to back in the same location may be the way to go for next season to make sure were utilizing the new boards.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 13, 2013 @ 7:00
In the upstairs conference room at the Olympia Ice Rink**