

## GSL Board of Directors Meeting

Date: December 12, 2012

Start: 7:15 p.m.

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

### OLD BUSINESS:

- November 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 \$21,374.04
  - 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.
  - The league still owes the Olympia \$10,000 for evaluations, as not all of our funds are available at the bank. This issue was discussed with the Olympia and as soon as the money is there this will be paid.
  - After the stipends are paid we are still doing well for the season.
  - The scholarship information was written up and this stuff will be sent to Dan and get something up on the website.
- **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 Wright ASAP.
    - It was also discussed that the timekeepers may not be getting scheduled till last minute; this could be part of the problem with getting the game sheets in.
  - The current suspension list was passed out.
    - A player for the Capitals played a game when he should have sat out, the organization will talk to the coach about this.
  - Todd Jenson has the playdown list, he will schedule around the teams that are participating in these.
- **Mini Mite Jamboree!**
  - The first mini mite jamboree was in Westfield and took place on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Westfield felt this went well.
  - Pioneer Valley will be hosting the second one on January 27<sup>th</sup>.
    - They need the number of players for each team. Please send this information to [rogerjab@charter.net](mailto:rogerjab@charter.net).
- **Scheduling~**
  - The general view regarding the schedule is that most people are just glad its out. There are no real complaints because of this.
  - There are some Mite games coming up in Rink 1, lets make sure there are borders available.
  - The new hard boards are at the rink. We need to look into how often the ice needs to get done during the Mite games that these boards are in use. If these boards work out well we will look into getting another set.
  - Todd Jenson is willing to take over the schedule for the remainder of the year. Jim Chouinard is willing to give this over to him. The executive board will discuss the stipend at a later date.
    - This was voted on and approved without opposition.
  - The scheduling group has not met yet. This group will need to decide who the chairman is. **Dan Haggerty** will get this group a list of some of his ideas

- It was voted on and unanimously accepted that we will hear from this group at the March Meeting.
- **Website/ Communications ~**
  - No news or updates from the website.
  - Dave Sanschagrín is looking for information to put up on the site, please email him if you have anything to add.

## NEW BUSINESS

- The problem with the \$3 extra charge for the single game referee is that its hard figuring out when these games are.
  - The referees are owed \$156 for up to November 16<sup>th</sup> games.
    - A motion was made that the GSL pay the \$156 due to the referees from the single game fees not paid up to November 16<sup>th</sup> with the thought that a better system be worked on for next season.
    - This motion was made and accepted without opposition.
    - Jim Matroni will make a check out to Mark Sampson.
- Medical waivers~
  - A Ludlow female Peewee wants to skate as a Squirt. She's a first year player, 4", 63 pounds. The doctor has not approved this player yet.
  - A Capitals Squirt player wants to skate as a Mite as it's the first year skating. The doctor approved this.
  - A Capitals Bantam wants to skate as a PeeWee. Not a strong skater and the first year playing. The doctor approved this.
    - All three waivers were voted on and accepted without opposition. With the understanding that next year these will be done before the season starts.
- This is the last month to get your modules and clinics done. It is up to each individual organization to police this. If a coach is not patched, you forfeit any game that they are on the bench. There is about a week delay on the USA Hockey website.
- Please make sure that the Parent and Player Code of Conduct are being enforced. We had another incident this weekend; we've had an incident at every level, excluding Mites, so far this season. There is a lack of civility among parents this season and Mark Sampson has said he feels there have been more incidents this year then in years past.
  - PVL made a motion that we make a league rule that one team at a time leave the ice. After the handshake the Home Team returns to the bench until the visiting team exits the ice, then they leave.
    - This was voted on and accepted without opposition.
- The league needs to decide what we want to do with the evaluation process.
  - There seems to be a lot of different ideas about how or if this needs to be done.
  - Some think that we need to eliminate this process all together.
    - One decision needs to be whether or not we need a full season schedule.
      - Some think a full season schedule is really important, others think this is not necessary.
  - One thought was to start playing games and if a team needs to move then they have a deadline to move.
    - This was discussed with Todd and it makes it very difficult to change the schedule once it is made because it messes up both divisions if you change a team up or down after its complete.
  - Another thought was to play games on your own before the season starts if your unsure of what division a team should play in.
    - We would need to make sure places with not ice until September has the opportunity to play.
  - Dan would like to give the scheduling committee some perimeters to work with.
  - A motion was made that we eliminate the evaluation process and the organizations handle placing the teams on there own

- **This discussion was tabled until next month with the intent that each organization comes to the next meeting with ideas from there organization.**
  - No matter what we come up with there will always be a mistake. Nothing is foolproof!
- It was decided to keep the playoffs the same as last year. Top 4 teams go to playoffs.
  - A motion was made that if there are 10 or more teams then there will be an upper and a lower division. This will effect PeeWee North and South divisions as they both have 11 teams.
    - This motion was voted on and unanimously accepted.
  - Last year the thought is that the execution wasn't up to the format.
    - Holy Name has asked to take this over, wall charts, singers for the national anthem, music & timekeepers. They would like to run this as they run their IceBreaker Tournament every year. They would ask for volunteers to help from every organization and any available ice at the Olympia. WTM offered to utilize any of there available ice at the Olympia.
    - Holy name will bring more definite information back to the next meeting.
- GSL playoffs will be March 22 – 24<sup>th</sup>, we will need volunteers from each organization for this.
- District 6 State Tournament may need help from each organization. Barbara will let us know.
- We need to change our by laws to add electronic voting if this is something we want.
  - Dan will get the wording right and bring it to the next meeting. The thought is that we should be able to conduct non-emergency business electronically without getting together.
- There will be no second ½ Midgets. There isn't enough players. The thought was that if we could get 4 teams together we could get some type of schedule together but there just isn't enough to piece together more then a team or 2.
- Weather Cancellation Policy~
  - The scheduler is to make the call if there is inclement weather. Everything is to go through league athletics.
- Brattleboro only has 2 or 3 PeeWee's that are strong enough to play at the Bantam level.
  - A motion was made to allow Brattleboro to move peewee skaters up to play on the Bantam B team without the 3 game rule applying for the 12-13 season only.
    - The motion was made and unanimously accepted.
- All skaters, including your Learn to Skate players, must be on a roster.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.**

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 9, 2013 @ 7:00  
In the upstairs conference room at the Olympia Ice Rink**