

GSL Board of Directors Meeting

Date: February 12, 2013

Start: 7:10 p.m.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- January 9, 2012 Meeting Minutes were read a motion was made to accept them as is.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - The checking account has a balance of \$11,960.37.
 - The Scholarship account has a balance of \$1,159.57.
 - A motion was made and accepted to accept the treasurer's report as is.
 - All the bills are paid except for the stipends have not been paid yet; this will get done next week.
 - After this is done we will have approximately \$6,000 in the bank.
 - The scholarship funds name is to be changed to The Buddy and Kathy Lefleur scholarship fund.
- **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.
 - 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.
 - There was a lot of discussion about what should be done about the times that it has happened so far this season. Going forward this will not be tolerated. Dan Haggerty will send an email to the presidents to let them know that this is something that needs to stop. One thought was to have a hearing time set for before every monthly meeting. Another thought was to have the organizations govern their own coaches. These were both put aside as ideas for later but the hope is that the organizations will be able to get the point across to the coaches that this can't keep happening.
- If anyone has any ice available to do a Mite Jamboree sometime in March that does not conflict with the Mini Mite jamboree it would be great. The original thought was to have 3 different organizations take the 3 different Mite groups but whatever someone could come up with works.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Playoff Information**
 - If Barbara is missing the game sheets when she's going to do the standings she asked and was granted permission to get the scores from Todd Jenson.
 - For playoff determination we will use percentage vs. record due to cancelled games because of the storm etc.
 - In the event of a tie USA Hockey tie breaker rules will be used.
 - Todd Jenson's format is good and the schedule is posted.
 - Holy Name is all set to organize Championship weekend.
 - The Falcons game where the top 2 teams will be recognized on March 22nd. Tickets are going to be \$12 a piece. They will present a trophy for the winning team and medals for both teams.
- The state tournament will be run similar to the GSL Championship weekend. This will be the weekend of March 22-24. Volunteers from each organization will be needed

- District 6 meeting will be March 15-17th.
- Mass
- **Scheduling~ Cancelled Games**
 - A motion was made to delete all the Mite games that were cancelled.
 - This motion was made and accepted unanimously
 - A motion was made to delete the games on 2/9 @ 7:00 a.m. @ Amelia & 8:40 a.m. @ Olympia. As both these games have no playoff implications.
 - This motion was made and accepted unanimously
 - A motion was made to make up bantam games on 60-minute sheets with 12-minute periods if 80-minute sheets were not available.
 - This motion was made and accepted unanimously
 - A motion was made to get all available ice to Todd by tomorrow. Weekends and during the week. Just have Todd reschedule whatever he can. If he can schedule it ok, if not that's fine to.
 - This motion was made and accepted unanimously
- **Mite Rink Dividers**
 - The only chance this season that were going to get to use them is 7:40 & 8:40 a.m. Sunday morning. Anyone that is around to help put them together would be appreciated. Dan Haggerty will send an email to the coaches of those games to let them know they should be prepared to put them together before the games & take them down after.
 - If anyone else is interested in ordering boards let Dan know and he will try to talk to Mass Hockey to get a better deal on them.
- Mark Sampson came to speak to the league. He wanted to make himself available to the league for any issues. There have been some issues with referees not knowing the general policies of the area, It was decided that the policy committee would get them the general policies before the start of next season. He also wanted to let the coaches know that communication is key during a game. The coaches shouldn't be yelling to coaches. They need to understand that referees are going to make mistakes. They up to 5 rule books that they need to learn.
- Dan Haggerty thinks we need to revisit our general policies. He is looking for a couple people to get together and write a policy booklet. Including all the things that we think is obvious but has never been written rules. For example that the pins are to be put in the net during games of Mites and Squirts. This is something that we could also give to the referees so that they are made aware of these general policies. Volunteers from PVL and Nonotuck decided to be on this committee. They will make sure that this booklet is put together in time to give to the referees before the start of the season.
- Mass Hockey made a rule that no one under the age of 8 is to play up at the squirt level as of January 1st. Only 7 & 8 year olds can play up to 10 full ice games a year and 1 full ice tournament. The league will not schedule any of this but they are able to schedule independently. If they are 6 years old and under on a Mite team they cannot participate in these games.
- Long-term planning committee will meet on Monday in Waltham, MA.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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