

GSL Board of Directors Meeting

Date: March 13, 2013

Start: 7:10 p.m.

Present: Dan Haggerty, Barbara Wright, Katie Carzello, Jim Matroni, and Todd Jenson

Representatives from the following organizations:

Capitals, Nonotuck, Westfield, WTM

There were not enough organizations present to make a full forum

OLD BUSINESS:

- February 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes were read.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - The checking account has a balance of \$7,648.48.
 - This is after all of the stipends are paid.
 - Everything else has been paid and up to date.
 - There was ice used at Cyr and Fitzpatrick during the evaluation process that we were unaware of. This ice was not factored into what each organization was charged originally. After some discussion it was decided that it would go under the evaluation budget, each organization would be given a bill for it today. It worked out to be \$70 per team. Jim Matroni passed out the bills to the organizations that were present and said he would mail them to the ones that weren't.
 - The Scholarship account has a balance of \$1,159.57.
 - Most of the checks are in for the state tournament.
- **Statisticians Report**
 - The Championship standings are out, they will be posted in the lobby after the Squirt C tournament.
 - We had a lot of issues with game sheets getting in. One issue that arose from this was that a team had an uncertified coach on the bench for 3 games. The game sheets didn't get in and this resulted in the Springfield Capitals being bumped into the playoffs at a late date.
 - Coaches need to make sure they are checking and signing off on the game sheets before leaving the game.
 - We also as a league need to do better with making sure everyone is following the rules in the future. The organizations need to be policing their coaches to make sure whoever is on the bench is certified. Also players who are suspended are sitting as well as any other rules. They need to understand that this stuff will not be tolerated.
 - The current suspension list was passed out. The midget list will be passed out at the next meeting.
 - If you are on this list, you must sit out the first game of next season. There is one coach who got a suspension during the championship weekend.
- Championship weekend went really well. The League made \$90 on Jewelry and \$250 on T-Shirts. Holy Name is still waiting to hear back from the other T-shirt Company and the photo company. All of this money will be added to the scholarship fund.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Website~**
 - All of the minutes are posted.
 - Todd Jenson is going to look at ways to get information from the websites. Like getting all the treasurers information etc.
 - If anyone has any information they would like put on the website they can give it to Dave Sanshagrin. There was a squirt player who ended up having to play 4 games in one day because the PeeWee goalie for an organization got a concussion. Dan feels it would be good to get this kind of thing on the website

- The scholarship application is up and Todd will change it to the proper name. Jeff Brown will also have to change the word document. Applications are to go to Ludlow, that's still okay.
- Todd will add a link to the FMC Scholarship also.
- There was a question about why it took so long to cancel the Mite games specifically during the snowstorm. It was explained that canceling due to weather become sort of a "who blinks first" game. If the league cancels they still have to pay. If the rink closes the league/organization doesn't have to pay. You also can't have coaches canceling on their own, the scheduler or the organizations are the only ones that can cancel a game.
- Using the Mite rink dividers seemed to go well.
 - Mass Hockey has agreed to help with the price of the rink dividers.
 - They are looking for \$1000 deposit and then they will decide what the rest of the price will be after they find out how many organizations are interested in getting them. The original cost is \$7500 it would be less than that but it's uncertain how much less until they see how many are being requested.
 - Dan asked that each organization that's interested look into if they would be able to store them at their rinks. Another thought was to use some of the money from the state tournament towards buying them.
 - Also it seems to make sense that 3 or 4 rinks have them so that they could mix up where Mite games are played.
 - From a scheduling standpoint, you may not have as many home games from the squirt – bantam level because the ice is being used for the Mite games, where the dividers are.
- A lot of people are asking for Mite age players to move up to Squirt. So far 3 requests for kids to move up because they've already played 2 or 3 years of ½ ice. All 3 were denied. No Mites are going to play squirt hockey. The only thing that may get passed is if a small organization doesn't have enough Squirts or Mites to make a full team.
 - The Falcons have advertised that they will have a full ice mite program. Dan sent an email letting them know that it won't affect the boys teams but it will affect the girls teams because they are registered with USA Hockey.
- Squirt East playoffs are Saturday the 16th.
 - There are a couple of coaches that are not certified that are on rosters. They are not allowed to be on the bench during any games.
- March 22nd is the Springfield Falcons Game where they will recognize the 1st and 2nd place teams for the teams in the league. They are offering \$12 a ticket and someone from the Falcons will contact the team managers for all the teams.
- GSL game policies committee is still working on a manual. They will get together soon. Pete Leere and Shawn Munser from WTM want to join this group.
- Scheduling Committee will meet again soon; they have already made a lot of progress. Seems like the general consensus of the group is that they are going to keep the evaluation process in some capacity. They may make a sheet that each organization will need to fill out but more information to come.
- Mini Mite jamboree went well.
- The Mites season was cut short because of the cancellation of games from the snowstorm and because no one took on the jamboree for them. Next season a jamboree will need to be scheduled earlier, and someone will need to take ownership of this.
- The State Tournament is coming up from the 22nd to the 24th at the Olympia. A couple volunteer hours from each organization will be needed. Dan Haggerty will send out the schedule of allotted times shortly.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 9, 2013 @ 7:00
In the upstairs conference room at the Olympia Ice Rink
Elections will be held at this meeting!**