

## GSL Board of Directors Meeting

Date: April 10, 2013

Start: 7:12 p.m.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- February 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes were read and accepted
- The unofficial March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were reviewed.
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - The checking account has a balance of \$10,031.18.
  - The scholarship account has a balance of \$1,159.99
    - All of the tournament bills have been paid.
  - Dan Haggerty officially thanked Paul Jerome and Holy Name for organizing the State Tournament and GSL Playoffs. The league made \$546 from the GSL playoffs and \$1841 at the state tournaments for a total of \$2387.
  - The adjusted evaluation bills that were given to each organization have been paid by the following organizations. FCHA, Nonotuck and Pioneer Valley. The rest of the organizations need to get this in as soon as possible.
  - A motion was made to move \$2,000 from the checking account to the scholarship account for the scholarship committee to use as they see fit.
    - This motion was made and accepted without opposition.
  - The following people volunteered to be on the scholarship committee for the upcoming season. John Miller from Ludlow, Steve Bradway from Holy Name and Jim Matroni.
- **Statisticians Report**
  - The complete final standings were passed out.
  - The current suspension list was passed out. There are a lot of midget names on the list. Everyone must sit out the first game of next season. If you know of a midget that isn't returning please let Barbara know as soon as possible so that she can keep the list down.
    - 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.
    - There were a couple missing game sheets involved, unless and until a game sheet is provided proving that the player sat out, they must sit out the first game of next season.
  - There was a lot of discussion regarding stiffer penalties if a coach plays a player that is suspended. At the end of the season it was decided that each organization would police their own coaches. The general idea is that this needs to be dealt with from the beginning of the season. One opinion was that if we make an example out of the first coach who does it right off the bat it would discourage any other coaches from doing it. Whether the game sheets are in or not the coach should be aware at the end of a game if one of his players must sit the next game. An idea was to have the coach email Barbara when someone sits just to be sure she's aware.
    - This discussion was tabled until next month so everyone could consult their own organizations.
  - There was also a lot of discussion regarding getting the game sheets in to Barbara. The final decision was that each timekeeper would mail the game sheets to Barbara. This seemed to work better in the past.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- The GSL Playoff and State tournaments were well received. They both seemed to go well. Everybody should take the idea of running the GSL playoffs next year back to their organizations to see who would be willing to do it next season. Holy Name doesn't want to do it every year but would be willing to assist anybody who does want to organize it.
  - There was an idea to do it on a rotating basis, alphabetically.
  - Someone also thought that the volunteer hours should be based on how many teams you have in the league.
  - The volunteer schedule should get out early enough so everyone should be able to make plans for it.
  - Another thought was that there should be some repercussions for not fulfilling your volunteer obligation.
    - This was all tabled until next meeting, please come with ideas.
- **Scheduling Committee Update~**
  - A list of what they came up with was emailed to each organization representative. These are to be considered guidelines not rules, because the stricter the rules the harder it is to make a schedule.
  - The most important thing the committee came up with is that a full season schedule needs to come out as soon as possible.
  - Amherst, Brattleboro and FCHA are not to give ice any earlier than 8 a.m. They also asked that the same be true of scheduling their teams in the Springfield area.
  - There was a discussion regarding when the Pre-High School Midget Teams should play. If they should just play on Friday or Saturday nights or Sunday. Some thoughts were that if they knew which day they were playing the players could make their work schedules around that. Some wanted it more open. Barbara will also do the standings for this league.
  - Some game policies have bleed into the scheduling policies; this is because at the time of the scheduling committee's conception there was no game policy committee.
  - In the past there was only a weekend between the evaluation round and the start of the regular season. The idea is that it would not be realistic for a new scheduler in the future to get the full season schedule done in 1 week. Going forward there would be 2 weekends off in between the evaluation round and the start of the season. You could use these weekends to schedule your own independent games.
    - There was an opinion stated that the evaluation round is a waste of time and money for movement of only 1 or 2 teams. The ice in September should be used for scrimmages if you're not sure of where a team should be placed. It was also stated that we were always going to make a mistake, the process doesn't make for a better product.
      - Everyone should bring this idea back to their organization and we will discuss this further at the next meeting.
  - We should be able to figure out when the playdowns are far enough in advance. Barbara likes to schedule them around the PSAT'S this schedule should come out before the full season schedule is due.
  - Another opinion was that we should go back to 60-minute Bantam games. One of the downsides to this is that the tryouts have already been done and if you have 17 kids on a team for a 60-minute game it's not realistic. From a scheduling standpoint it would make it easier to have all of the games the same time.
    - Everyone should bring this idea back to their organization and we will discuss this further at the next meeting.
  - At the end of every season the idea is to look at the calendar dates for the next season to decide when we would not have games.
  - We need to look at how we want to schedule the mites. The general idea is that we want them to play at specific locations, where the boards are available. In order to do this some organizations that do not have access to the boards would not have any home games for their Mites.
    - Another option is to use Stick Time Sports in Agawam, which is supposed to open in May as one location.

- They have said they would give the league a good deal on ice but this is something we would have to look into further.
- Dan has asked that Mass Hockey give more money towards the dividers for organizations looking to buy them. The only 2 organizations that can potentially buy them due to rink constraints are FCHA and PVL. If these 2 organizations got them we could 2 hrs @ each rink every weekend. 2@ Olympia, 2@ Greenfield, 2@ Fitzpatrick & 2@ Stick Time.
  - Everyone should bring this idea (Playing Mite games at only rinks with rink dividers) back to there organization and we will discuss this further at the next meeting.
- Elections~
  - There was a motion to wave the nominating committee and hold the elections this evening.
    - This motion was made and accepted unopposed.
  - It was asked if anyone was resigning, with the answer being no.
  - It was asked if anyone was interested in running, with the answer being no.
  - The secretary cast 1 vote for each position.
    - President ~ Dan Haggerty
    - Vice President ~ Jeff Brown
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President & Scheduler~ Todd Jensen
    - Treasurer ~ Jim Matroni
    - Secretary ~ Katie Carzello
    - League Statistician~ Barbara Wright
      - All of the nominations were accepted unopposed.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.**

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, 2013 @ 7:00  
In the upstairs conference room at the Olympia Ice Rink**