

GSL Board of Directors Meeting

Date: May 15, 2013

Start: 7:10 p.m.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- April 10, 2013 Meeting Minutes were read and accepted
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - The league received \$680 from the hotels for the tournaments.
 - The checking account has a balance of \$40,479.09.
 - The GSL & the State tournament made \$5532.13 total.
 - The scholarship account has a balance of \$1,160.49
 - The \$2,000 that the league approved this money to be moved from the checking to this account has not yet been moved.
 - There were 4 applications for scholarships that the scholarship committee will look at.
- **Statisticians Report**
 - Please let Barbara know of any midgets that are definitely not playing next season that are on the suspension list. She would like to get this list down to as little as possible.
 - You are eligible to play if you're out of high school but still under 18. The general consensus was to lay down the law regarding fighting for everyone instead of isolating a certain group.
 - Rosters are no longer required to have signatures of the players anymore. After some discussion it was decided that we, as a league, would look at it to see if there is still a spot to sign and maybe the league should require signatures even though USA Hockey no longer does.
 - Maybe a roster form for Squirt – Midget is something we can look at later.
 - Everyone, including learn to skate players, must register online for USA & MA or CT hockey.
- **Website~**
 - The bill for the website is due soon.
 - The email blast went through for the discount playoff Falcons tickets.
 - We can set it up that every organization would register their officers on the website.
 - **Katie Carzello** will send out an email requesting that every organization update their board members with her list **by June 1st**. Todd Jensen can then post this list on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was a lot of discussion regarding making an example out of coaches that play suspended players. They automatically serve 1 game suspension, and then the thought was to then have them attend a hearing for further punishment. The problem is that putting together a hearing is very time consuming.
 - One idea was to have a rotating schedule of organization responsible for the hearing and have a standing hearing before every GSL meeting.
 - Some ideas brought up were~
 - We must stand behind whatever rules we do make.
 - We have to make sure the associations are taking responsibility of their coaches.
 - We already have the forfeit piece, which doesn't work if they loose, maybe we take away the 2 points whether they win or loose.
 - According to the rules we may not be able to impose more then the 1 game without the hearing. The **policy committee** will look at this and come up with a

wording that works to make sure the coaches get the idea that this is not acceptable.

- Holy Name and Paul Jerome volunteered to run the state and GSL tournaments again.
 - A volunteer idea is to have each organization volunteer hours based on the number of teams they have. With the largest organizations being at the top of the list, if there's 14 slots that need to be filled the top 2 would get 2 slots.
 - The thought is that if someone wants to do all the legwork for the tournaments they should get paid for it. If we decide to hire a site director to run the tournament a suggestion of a \$300 stipend was made.
 - A motion to pay the site director \$300 to run the GSL and State tournaments was made.
 - This motion was made and accepted unopposed.
 - A motion was made to have a site director named for the state tournament run by the GSL.
 - This motion was made and accepted unopposed.
 - This motion was amended to say that the president of the league could appoint this person.
 - This motion was made and accepted unopposed.
 - Dan Haggerty appointed Paul Jerome as the site director for 2013-2014 tournaments.
- **Evaluations~**
 - The #1 thing from all each organization is that everyone wants a full season schedule as soon as possible.
 - One of the reasons is so teams can schedule independent games without conflict.
 - Last year was only the second year of this type of evaluation round and it wasn't done properly. The idea is to give it at least this year to be done how it was designed and see how it goes.
 - After the first weekend of games, the scores etc. will be looked at and if a team should be moved up or down it will happen then. The next weekend these teams will play teams in the other division to see if it makes sense to move them up or down for the season.
 - The organizations must talk to their coaches to see if they think they should move or if they think teams they played should move. Communication is key!
 - There were a lot of missing kids during the first weekend of evals because of Columbus Day being a big soccer tournament weekend.
 - A motion was made to eliminate evaluations.
 - Discussion:
 - The smaller organizations need to have the evals because they don't know where their teams should be.
 - This motion was not accepted with 3 in favor and 7 opposed.
 - A motion was made to follow whatever the scheduling committee guidelines.
 - It's important to schedule a lot of games at each rink, using all of the different organizations ice so that nobody is eating a lot of ice.
 - In the past for eval weekend we had the coaches write down the scores on a sheet this year having the coaches put in the scores gives them more time to communicate what they think about the games. The meeting should be on Tuesday instead of Monday to give everyone time to look at the scores etc.
 - This motion was made and accepted with 9 in favor and 1 opposed.
- A motion was made to have all non-evaluation Bantam games be 60 minutes. This motion was seconded.
 - Discussion:
 - Large teams that were already put together will have a hard time with this.
 - It will be difficult for smaller teams with kids missing to play an 80-minute game.
 - It's easier from a scheduler's point of view for all the ice blocks to be 60 minutes.
 - Next year the larger organizations can look at making smaller teams.
 - Initially the 80 minute games were to get the players ready for high school, with feedback from the referees after the high school kids leave it's hard to fill that 80 minute sheet.
 - This was not accepted because it was not 2/3 in favor with 6 in favor and 4 opposed

- There was a recount due to some votes not being counted.
 - This motion was accepted with 9 in favor and 3 opposed.
- For next months meeting ask your organizations what they think about having 2 18-minute period games.
- Dan Haggerty is trying to leverage some money from MA hockey to get some hard rink dividers. It would be great to play all Mite games only with the hard rink dividers. If we can get a good enough deal the league could buy some instead of the organizations. Worst case we can just add another one at the Olympia. There is still the option of using Stick Time Sports.
 - A question regarding using Stick Time Sports is whether or not USA Hockey recommends or requires a certain size rink, as they are smaller rinks then half ice.
 - We will continue this discussion next month.
- USA Hockey is looking like Mini-Mites are going to be cross ice and Mites are ½ ice.
 - Another idea is to maybe have 85% w/ hard rink dividers and 25% home games.
 - After some discussion it was decided to let the scheduler schedule where he can.
- **Scheduling Committee Update~**
 - The 2014-2014 calendar dates are in the scheduling committee policy recommendations.
 - Once this is set they can look at it and set a 3 year calendar.
 - A motion was made to have the Mite through Bantam evaluations held September 28, 29 & October 5, 6, and end the season March 2nd with Championship weekend being March 7-9th.
 - This motion was made and accepted with 7 in favor and 1 opposed.
 - 26 games is the goal for each team.
 - Playdown date prospects are 10/26, 10/27 for Midgets & 11/16, 11/17 for Bantams.
 - Prospective dates for the district 6 tournament is 3/14,3/15, GSL tournament is 3/21, 3/22.
 - Amherst, FCHA & Brattleboro should not have away games scheduled before 8:00, games will also not be scheduled at there rinks before 8:00 a.m.
 - Your GSL Contract ice responsibility is to have:
 - 14 sheets per Squirt – Bantam team.
 - 11 sheets for every 2 Mite teams that you have, add 6 sheets for every 1 team that you have. You will not have any Mite home games if you only have 1 Mite team.
 - Midgets will have a coaches scheduling meeting.
- FCHA is going to make an open team that is open to all organizations in the area. Their rule is that everyone must state for there town team but they can also skate on this team. They will do approximately 6-8 independent games and 1 or 2 tournaments. Let C.J. know if you have anyone that is interested.
- Dan will go look at Stick Time Sports to see if this should be an open option.
- Medical Waiver Requests~
 - A Caps male player, Midget requested to play at the Bantam level. The doctor approved this request. He has had multiple open-heart surgeries and missed a lot of last season due to one of them.
 - This waiver request was approved.
 - A FCHA female player, Squirt requested to play Mite. She is 79 pounds and 55 inches, she only played 1 month at the Mite level and the mother thinks she may lose confidence at the squirt level. The doctor has not approved this.
 - This waiver request was not approved.
 - A Caps male player, Bantam requesting to play PeeWee. He only played 1 year and is 4'9 and 87 pounds. The doctor has not approved this.
 - This waiver request was not approved.
- A motion was made to place an ad in the State Guide Book.
 - This motion was approved without opposition.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 19, 2013 @ 7:00
In the upstairs conference room at the Olympia Ice Rink**