

## GSL Board of Directors Meeting

Date: June 19, 2013

Start: 7:02 p.m.

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

### OLD BUSINESS:

- May 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes were read and accepted with one amendment.
  - Remove the following ~
    - A motion was made to have all non-evaluation Bantam games be 60 minutes. This motion was seconded.
    - This motion was accepted with 9 in favor and 3 opposed.
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - The checking account has a balance of \$15,949.09
  - The scholarship account has a balance of \$1,160.14
    - The \$2,000 that the league approved this money to be moved from the checking to this account has not yet been moved.
- **Statisticians Report**
  - Any organization that knows of a Midget player who is not returning next season that is on the suspension list needs to let Barbara know ASAP.
- Katie Carzello is still looking to complete the contact list. Everyone needs to see her at the end of the meeting that has not updated their organization contacts.

### NEW BUSINESS

- **Update from the Mass Hockey meeting in Plymouth.**
  - New Rules passed this year for the 2014-2015 season.
    - Any player who receives a 3<sup>rd</sup> major penalty during the same season will receive the following:
      - Additional 3 game suspensions, 4<sup>th</sup> penalty will receive an additional 5 game suspension and the 5<sup>th</sup> will receive a suspension until a hearing.
      - If 3 major penalties are received in a game the coach is going to get a 1 game suspension. Any time this happens again the coach will be suspended for 3 games.
        - The delay in implementing this rule is the concern about how this is going to be tracked.
    - Safe Sport has added a 90-minute module for all coaches to complete this season.
  - A motion was made to have all non-evaluation round Bantam games be played at 60 minutes instead of 80 minutes.
    - Discussion:
      - Why are we looking to do this, what is the reasoning behind it. The reasoning is that some organizations have a lack of players at this age group that are staying because of high school etc.
      - Some thought that they would have done evaluations differently had they known that they would be playing shorter games.
      - Scheduling would be much easier if all the games were 60 minutes.
      - The difficulty with doing this now is that people have already started contracting their ice and already have full teams based on 80 minutes of playing time.

- Todd thought that by changing major rules now we are sending a bad message. this would send a bad message to everyone. We need to be thinking about these things for the next season not this coming season.
      - There was a motion to table this discussion until November. This motion failed due to an 8 against, 5 for vote.
      - The original motion failed because it wasn't 2/3 in favor with a vote of 8 in favor and 5 against.
- There was some discussion about adding a C division to the PeeWee division. This is an example of something, if we knew ahead of time everyone could do their evaluations differently. It may not be an option because it seems easy to get 3 teams; it's getting the 4-6 teams that may prove difficult.
  - Another thing is that you are going to get a complete schedule much sooner. If you want you can then schedule more independent games that are closer to your teams playing caliber.
- **Scheduling ~**
  - Todd Jensen meet with the Olympia regarding what we need for ice for the evaluation rounds. He told them we would need a similar amount of ice that we did last year, he didn't make any commitments until he has all the teams. We will need additional ice because the Olympia is not enough to hold the whole evaluation round. If any organization has ice available let Todd know.
  - There was a discussion regarding the GSL Championship weekend and the general thought is that it should be held in one location this year.
  - Novice will begin on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Olympia will host a large tournament that weekend so we need to schedule that somewhere else that weekend.
    - There was some discussion about using Stick Time Sports for some of the novice games. Everyone seems to have an issue with making a commitment to something that doesn't actually exist yet. Dan Haggerty is going to suggest to them that when they are ready they have a sort of open house for all the organizations in the league to come check it out. We could have 6 teams on the ice at the Olympia and 4 teams on the ice for an hour at Stick Time. The Olympia is typically very flexible with this age group. Typically the following ice is needed per weekend for novice games.
      - 2 sheets for session 1, 3 sheets for session 2 and 3-4 sheets for session 3.
        - This discussion was tabled until next month, as we need more information regarding Stick Time before we can make any decisions.
    - There was a motion made to allow Todd to contract a similar amount of ice for the evaluation round and playoff round as last year. This motion was made and accepted with 1 opposition.
- Once you sign an ice contract you need to send it to Steve Fitzgerald, 713 E. Street, Walpole, MA 02081.
- Deadline for Mite thru Bantam teams is September 1<sup>st</sup>. If you can get this information in to Todd Jensen sooner it would be appreciated, so he can start working on the schedule.
- Medical Waiver Requests~
  - A FCHA female player, Squirt requesting to play Mite. She is 79 pounds and 55 inches, only played one month at the mite level and the mother thinks she may lose confidence at the squirt level. We tabled this request from last month now the doctor has approved this.
    - The league voted against this waiver.
  - A Caps male player, Bantam requesting to play PeeWee. He only played 1 year on the C team in Ludlow. This waiver was tabled from last month now the doctor has approved this.
    - The league voted for this waiver with 1 opposition.
- Dan Haggerty requested 5 sets of rink dividers; Jeff Brown found that we were only going to get 2 sets of them for the western mass area. One will go to Greenfield and the other can go to either Fitzpatrick or Smead.
  - A motion was made and accepted unopposed to let Dan Haggerty decide where the other rink divider will go.
  - Any organizations at either of these rinks can "make there case" to Dan Haggerty and he will then decide where this set will go.
    - A big thanks to Jeff Brown and Don Derosier for pushing to get these rink dividers.
  - Scholarship committee will try and meet next week

- The policy review committee will work on getting together.
- Pre High School Midgets important dates, which are also posted to the website are as follows:
  - Midget PRE-HS Season Due Date (# of teams) - 8/30
  - Midget PRE-HS Scheduling Meeting Between - 8/31-9/6
  - Midget PRE-HS Season Begins- 9/13
- September 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the form for ice. Last year there were some organizations that gave too much ice and some that didn't give enough. This year there will be a form so everyone gives the right amount.
- There was a quick discussion regarding the playing the long change for evaluation games. The thought was that this hasn't happened consistently in the past. The idea behind this is that the weaker team will be less exposed.
  - It was eventually decided that the policy committee would look at this.
- There was a motion made to change the Bantams to a half season division.
  - Discussion:
    - Nobody wants to pull up PeeWees to have enough players for a game.
    - Some don't want to make a decision without talking to their coaches etc.
    - This would be similar to the midget division.
  - This motion was withdrawn.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.**

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 14, 2013 @ 7:00  
In the upstairs conference room at the Olympia Ice Rink**