

GSL Board of Directors Meeting

Date: August 14, 2013

Start: 7:08 p.m.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- June 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes were read and accepted without any changes.
- **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. She is looking to clean up this list before the start of the season.
- Safe Sport has added a 90-minute module for all coaches to complete this season. They have decided to make this module optional this season. It is up and recommended that each coach take it but again not mandatory.
- Dan Haggerty hasn't heard anything more about the hard rink dividers but they should be in the works.
- Katie Carzello is has completed the league contact list and distributed. She will add the executive board to this list and resend.
- Barbara Wright updated her contact list for where to send the standings for each rink.

NEW BUSINESS

- A couple of representatives from the Springfield Falcons to discuss all of the different options for teams to participate with them this year. For example preliminary games, a couple teams can play before a Falcons game at the Mass Mutual Center. They passed out there cards to each organization so that they can get in touch with them for more information. **Justin Parzychowski** has decided that he would like to be the coordinator for the GSL with the Falcons.
- USA Hockey made a rule that signatures are no longer required on the official rosters. After a lot of discussion we decided that we would stick with this and not require them. The biggest opinion was that no one really enforces making a player sign to prove his eligibility to play anyways. This will also expedite the process of getting the official rosters completed.
- There was a suggestion for a policy that will be voted on at the next meeting.
 - All GSL Reps and the board of directors are to be notified via email anytime someone is added to a roster late. This notification must come anytime before the player plays his or her first game.
 - Another suggestion was to make it obvious on the game sheet that the player was added by adding, "late add" next to the player's name.
- Midget rosters are due September 23rd; all other rosters are due October 30th.
- Scholarship committee met and an update are to come next month.
- Justin Parzychowski made up a policy booklet. We will vote on this at next months meeting.
 - Dan Haggerty will ask if once this booklet is agreed upon, if a representative from the GSL can come to the referee meeting to present our policies to make sure that each ref receives it. In the past things didn't seem to trickle down to the actual refs.
- **Scheduling ~**
 - All the deadlines and important dates are on the website.
 - Midget teams are due to Todd Jensen by August 30th. There will need to be at least 6 teams for an a and b division otherwise there will only be one division.
 - Midgets should have a scheduling meeting date by the end of the week. Please be sure to bring 11 sheets of available ice to this meeting.

- A list of teams Mite-Bantam was sent out to everyone on the GSL rep email group.
- Each organization should link to the GSL site so that schedules will filter down automatically.
- There is an Ice calculator to determine how much ice each organization needs to provide the league with.
 - September 1st 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.
- There is an ice calendar spreadsheet for each weekend to put in what you have for ice.
- 4 teams so far have requested have a C division in the PeeWee division. An idea that Todd had was to have them play each other a few times and then having them play each of the B teams once. This is all pending evaluations.
- Todd Jensen is going to try to make as many games as possible for the Mites with the hard dividers.
 - An opinion was that if we make the hard rink dividers a huge deal to the parents there going to be but if we don't they won't get as upset if they have a couple games that are with the soft dividers.
- Evaluation dates are 9/27,9/28 &10/5,10/6. Then we have 2 weekends off which are 10/12,10/13 &10/19,10/20 with the regular season beginning 10/26.
- The October meeting will be held on 10/8 as people were looking for actual scores at the meeting and this would give enough time to have that available.
- Please be sure to talk to your coaches at the end of the first weekend as the more information we all have the better decisions we will make regarding team placement. Any teams looking to play cross over games will need to let Todd know as soon as possible. So that there is time for movement.
 - Also keep in mind that there are situations that the score may not reflect the team.
- Coaches Clinics~
 - Level 1 ~ 10/6 8:00 a.m. at Agawam Middle School.
 - Level 2 ~ 10/27 8:00 a.m. at AIC College (Cornley Otis Hall)
 - Level 3 ~ 10/13 8:00 a.m. at Agawam Middle School
 - Keep in mind you can only attend one clinic a year.
- A lot of organizations do not have their Cyber Sport program downloaded yet. This is a requirement to make the official rosters so please be sure your registrar's get this done as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, 2013 @ 7:00

In the upstairs conference room at the Olympia Ice Rink