

GSL Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 11, 2013

Start: 7:05 p.m.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- August 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes were read and accepted without any changes.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - The checking account has a balance of \$8344.09
 - The scholarship account has a balance of \$1,160.59
 - Everything is paid and some money is still owed to the league.
- **Statisticians Report**
 - The suspension list is getting down; anyone on that list must sit out the first game of the season with no exceptions.
 - Coach's clinics dates are all out.
 - Referee clinic Saturday September 14th at the Agawam Middle School at 8:00 a.m.
 - Medical Waivers Requests –
 - FCHA male player, Caden Soquette is a Bantam age player wanting to play down at the PeeWee level. He only played 2 years with the house league and is seeing a physical therapist for his hips. He is 56: and 95 pounds.
 - This was accepted.
 - Holy Name female player, Katie Most is a Bantam age player wanting to play down to the PeeWee level. She has only played in the house league and is 60", 88 pounds.
 - This was accepted
 - Holy Name female player, Grace O'Connor is a PeeWee age player wanting to play down to Squirt. She has only played in the house league and is 56" and 90 pounds.
 - This was accepted.
- 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. Any referee will need to do this modular.
 - Each organization will have to have a Safe Sport Coordinator. Email Barbara the name, address, phone number and email of this person.
- Midget playdown ap is due September 24th, get it to Barbara Wright.
- Bruins Coaches Symposium will be Saturday October 26th at the Boston Garden. At the same time they will be hosting a Local Association President Symposium. These are both tentatively scheduled for 8-12 that day.
- No full ice Mite tournaments will be sanctioned until after January.
- No Tier 2 on the Cyber Sport program for entering Squirt rosters, you have to actually type in Tier Two.

NEW BUSINESS

- Sean Provost from Stick Time Sports came to let us know they are open and have ice available if anyone needs it. They are ideal for Goalie clinics and strength and conditioning. Their ice surfaces are 45x85. They also have a couple turf fields.
- **Website ~**
 - Anything you would like up on the website, email Dave Sanshagrin and he can get it up there. They're also always looking for stuff for the Mass Hockey site.

- The Springfield Falcons are looking to have some involvement with the league. Justin is working with them to get some teams over there for between periods stuff etc. He's looking for a Squirt A team for October 5th for 3v3 w/ a goalie. Email Justin if your interesting in getting your teams over there.
- Scholarships are all paid. The 4 scholarship winners were asked to send in pictures to put on the website with a little blurb about each. They get very few applicants and its an award, you don't have to use the money for college. Todd Jensen will send out an email blast to the Midget players.
- Scheduling ~
 - Midget scheduling meeting was about an hour and it was divided into 2 divisions. 7 North, 5 South.
 - Mite through Bantam evaluation schedule has been posted.
 - Every Mite game should be with dividers, as Smead Arena also got there set.
 - Dan Haggerty would like a good size group of Mite coaches to get together to practice putting them up. Please make sure your coaches know that it is there responsibility to put them up and take them down. The rinks are not responsible for doing this.
 - Dan Haggerty will put a schedule together for staffing for evaluations tables.
 - No play date sheet was sent out to all the organizations, this is due back to Todd September 23rd.
 - Novice may have 12 or 14 teams. Anyone who thinks they may have a novice team should let Todd know ASAP. Week 1 of Novice is 10/13 and there is a big tournament at the Olympia so we need to utilize ice at Fitzpatrick. Because of the small locker room space the kids should come dressed as much as possible.
- Goalie Clinics for the league, the thought was that this would benefit some of the smaller organizations. Saturday Holy Name has a goalie clinic. Email Steve Bradway with how many goalies you would like to send to it. It might also be a good idea to have a goalie clinic for the coaches to teach them how to teach their goalies. Maybe a good idea would be to use Stick Time Sports for a neutral ground so that a player wouldn't feel uncomfortable going to another organizations "practice". Another option is to put the cost of these clinics in the registration fee up front.
- **There was a suggestion for a policy that will be voted on at the next meeting.**
 - There was a request to increase the minimum number of players to 12 for the Bantam and Midget levels. Take this idea back to your organizations for a vote next month.
 - 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.
- There was some discussion about whether or not Northern Berkshire and PVA are still in our league. They are still in it because no one voted them out of it. There was some discussion about making some sort of fee for organizations that don't have teams with us every season.
- There was a Caps player that didn't play, each organization has a right to refuse a player and each organization has a chance to challenge a player in another organization.
- Midget rosters are due September 23rd; all other rosters are due October 30th.
- Justin Parzychowski made up a policy booklet this was voted on and discussed. Justin will send the completed policy booklet out to everyone as soon as it's complete.

Meeting adjourned at

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