

GSL Board of Directors Meeting

Date: November 6, 2013

Start: 7:11 p.m.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- October 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes were read and accepted without any changes.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - The checking account has a balance of \$17962.37
 - The scholarship account has a balance of \$1,160.59
 - Have the organizations treasurers send their invoices for the evaluation game ice the league had to purchase to Jim Matroni.
 - Amherst has still not paid the adjustment fee, this needs to be taken care of asap.
 - There was a motion to make the registration fees as follows:
 - \$75 each for all full year teams
 - \$40 each for all half year and novice teams
 - This motion was made and accepted, unopposed
 - Copies of the invoices will be emailed and brought to the next meeting.
- **Statisticians Report**
 - The standings and suspension list were passed out.
 - The standings are not up to date due to missing game sheets.
 - Medical Waivers Requests –
 - Ludlow player is a PeeWee looking to play down at the Squirt level. He is new to hockey. He is 4'5" and 70 pounds.
 - This was accepted
 - Nonotuck has a Bantam age player wanting to play down to the PeeWee level. This is only the second year they have played hockey. He is 63", 97 pounds.
 - This was accepted
 - Ludlow has a player, who is a PeeWee age player wanting to play down to Squirt. He has only played Learn to Skate and is 54" and 71 pounds.
 - This was accepted.
 - Ludlow has a Bantam age player wanting to play down to PeeWee. He is 55" and 70 pounds.
 - This was accepted.
 - Holy Name has a Midget age player wanting to play down to Bantam. He has played with the organization since Mites but always at the B level. His size is an issue. He is 5' and 110 pounds.
 - This was accepted
 - None of these players are eligible for playdowns. Maybe before evaluations next year we could do an acceptance with all of these with the understanding that we are accepting them with the understanding that the doctor will accept them. It takes a while to get him to okay these and that may be part of the delay in getting these requests to us.
 - Clinics in the western mass area are done so anyone that doesn't have it done will have to travel.
 - Some coaches signed up for clinics and didn't show up for them.
 - There will be a referee clinic for first time referees in the eastern part of the state sometime in January. More information to come later.

- All rosters are in and completed.
- Evaluation Process
 - There was tons of discussion regarding the right way to do the “evaluation process” for teams. The end result seemed to be there is no fool proof way to do it. Everyone needs to bring back ideas to the next meeting regarding whether or not we want to continue the evaluation process and how we want to do it.
 - Another big thing was that it seems that most of the discussion regarding where teams should be placed was at the Squirt level. An idea was to maybe handle differently the Squirts and below then the PeeWee and Bantam teams.

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to table the discussion regarding the bylaw change to next month.
- Referee – Game Issues ~
 - There was an issue at a Squirt game where the time keeper ran the time because one of the teams was up by more than 6 goals. This is not the rule at the squirt level. They seemed to go back and forth on whether or not this was the rule and the referees weren’t sure until they looked it up at the end of the game and apologized.
 - There was a question about whether or not there is a rule regarding what to put up on the score board. There is no league rule that says that they can only put up a 6 goal differential on the score board. It is the usual practice but not a rule. If someone would like to propose the league makes this a rule they are more than welcome to.
 - There seems to be a lot of issues with referees not calling, or calling around, the major calls. As an example a kid gets hit from behind into the boards and they call it a tripping to not call a major. After some discussion it was decided that the league wants these calls made to curb them happening in the future and someone getting hurt unnecessarily.
 - Dan Haggerty is going to send an email to Mark Sampson and let him know that the league wants to have the games called tighter.
 - It was also discussed that the coaches need to be held accountable for their team also. The thought is that if you’re in control of your bench they shouldn’t be getting 10+ penalties.
- Dan Haggerty would like to continue the Midgets for the rest of the season. We would need 3 or 4 teams to make this happen. The thought was to have some team’s piece meal together a couple teams. Let Dan know if you have any players looking to play for the rest of the season.
- Goalie Clinics
 - Nate came from Premier Goal Tending to discuss how we could work with him within the league. He would really like to make things happen with all the organizations in the league. He wants to promote goaltending throughout the area. He’s going to come up with some ideas on ways to work it out within the league and get back to us. One of the thoughts for right now is to open up the clinics that are already schedule to some other organizations. He just has to know ahead of time how many goalies you plan on having because that’s part of how he bases his pricing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 4, 2013 @ 7:00
In the upstairs conference room at the Olympia Ice Rink