

GSL Board of Directors Meeting

Date: December 4, 2013

Start: 7:13 p.m.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- November 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes were read and accepted without any changes.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - The checking account has a balance of \$20,052.37
 - The scholarship account has a balance of \$1,160.79
 - If you have not sent your invoices for evaluation ice please do so immediately.
 - The '13-'14 season bills were emailed out to each organization.
 - The following organizations have paid: FCHA, Nonotuck and the Capitals. If you have not paid please get this in as soon as possible. The bills were passed out at the meeting to the organizations that have not paid.
- **Statisticians Report**
 - The standings, missing game sheet list and suspension list were passed out.
 - The suspension list looks good, very minimal.
 - The missing game sheet list is kind of out of control. We need to make sure the game sheets are getting into Barbara.
 - The Playdowns are to start Friday night. The scheduled were mailed out and most organizations will be billed. No one needs to bring ref and time-keeper money. Any player that has a waiver to play down is not eligible to play during the Playdowns.
- Information regarding the Mite teams was sent out to everyone. There are 20 teams with 4 sheets of ice required every weekend. One sheet of ice will only have 2 teams playing but the games are to be played the same way.
- There was discussion regarding the Mite Jamboree to be organized by the league. Each organization needs to let Todd know if there Mite teams are available the week of the GSL playoffs.
- Championship Weekend(s)~
 - After looking at what teams are in state tournaments we may have to move some of the Championship weekends around to accommodate that. Todd is requesting that any teams that are signed up for tournaments or if they make it into the state tournament let him know the weekends.
 - Most divisions will have the top 4 teams except for divisions of more than 8 they will have the top 4 and the next 4 in a north and south division.
- Playdowns ~
 - Dan stated that he pushed to get the playdowns moved to December because he thought that more teams would get involved. That didn't seem to work so now he stated that it's up to Barbara when she wants to hold them. She would like to move them back to February vacation.
 - There was some discussion regarding what the league thinks about this. One of the thoughts against having it February vacation is that it is very close to when the state tournaments are so you would not have very long to plan for it.
 - A couple possibilities that were thrown around was Thursday night or Sunday evening games, Thanksgiving weekend when the league is off anyways. Another idea was one of the 2 weekends off between evaluations and the regular schedule. Bring back your ideas from your organization to the next meeting.
- Goalie Clinics~

- The people from Premier Goaltending would really like to have a chance to work with all the goalies in the league. An idea they had was at the end of the season to have a clinic for mini mites just to let them try the pads on and teach them what being a goalie is about.
- FCHA had the idea to do a goalie clinic for the northern organizations like Nonotuck, Amherst and Brattleboro.
- Evaluation Process
 - There was tons of discussion regarding the right way to do the “evaluation process” for teams. Next month we will need to start to nail down what we want to do. 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.
 - Some ideas to take back to your organization are as follows:
 - The 1st weekend everyone plays, the second weekend everyone is available to play but only the teams that are really still in question need to play. With no set determined amount of games.
 - Also the possibility of playing full games the second weekend to make sure of placement was brought up.
 - Take the top and bottom teams out and only have the bottom A to top of C divisions play.
 - Coaches meeting to discuss the teams, they would hold each other accountable.
 - Maybe just have evals at the Squirt and PeeWee levels because that’s where all the issues seem to be.
 - Bantam division could start sooner on their regular season if they didn’t need to do evals.

NEW BUSINESS

- If Nonotuck is not playing at Lossone rink they don’t have a time keeper. The organization uses its parents to do the time but they are unavailable if there teams aren’t playing. Jeff will email the home team of the teams that are playing there this weekend and let them know that they must have a timekeeper.
- There will be no Full season Midget teams this year, there was not enough players interested.
- It was asked that everyone pay attention to their Bantam season and how many kids they lose to high school teams. So when it is brought up in February to do a half season Bantam league everyone is better informed.
- Brattleboro made 2 small PeeWee teams because there were too many kids to justify just one team. Now they are always short players. There was some discussion regarding reasons for being short and there need to have certain players play 10 games to be eligible for the VT state tournament.
 - There was a motion to waive the 3 game rule for a single player. This motion was then amended to also waive the 10 player cap.
 - This motion was made and accepted without opposition.
- There was some discussion at first about some teams still being above the other teams in the division. This conversation was changed to a discussion regarding one of the Holy Name Squirt B teams. It seems like one player is very good but the whole team is pretty good. Steve Bradway said that he would look into the team and see if there is anything they can do to help balance the team.
 - Out of this discussion it was discussed about maybe doing a league wide Mercy Rule.
 - Take this idea back to your organizations and come back with ideas we can discuss next month.
- There was a coaching symposium in Boston that was well received by one of the coaches from the league. She said it was very well run and she got a lot out of it by also talking with coaches from other leagues.
- The suggested membership change to the by-laws was voted on and accepted without opposition.
 - This will go into effect for next season. The organizations that it effects right now will be notified at the end of the season.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 8, 2014 @ 7:00

In the upstairs conference room at the Olympia Ice Rink