

GSL Board of Directors Meeting

Date: February 12, 2014

Start: 7:08 p.m.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- January 8, 2014, Meeting Minutes were read and accepted without any changes.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - The checking account has a balance of \$9,918.87
 - The scholarship account has a balance of \$1,161.08
 - All stipends have been paid.
 - Enfield is looking for money for some games that were played there including Midget.
- **Statisticians Report**
 - The suspension list was passed out, pretty short list.
 - The missing game sheet list was passed out.
 - Timekeeper issues continue! Barbara would like to have a list of who is timekeeping so maybe she can call them to get any missing games. No real new ideas but it seem popular to have the home team coach take care of them. Maybe each rink should schedule there own timekeepers then they wouldn't be going for one game.
 - A motion was made to let Barbara use the standing online if she is missing a game sheet, only when it comes down to the last weekend.
 - This motion was made and accepted unopposed.
 - Barbara has a list that has some coaches that are listed on rosters that are not patched. Get any information to Barbara that you have if you know of these coaches on the bench or not. Any team with a coach on the bench that is not patched, that team must forfeit. If a coach forgets to scratch his name off the label, that can become an issue. You should do a roster change if someone is not qualified to coach.
- **Schedulers Report**
 - Playoffs~
 - Top 4 teams in all divisions except for Squirt South division as it has 9 teams.
 - Dan will make a volunteer schedule similar to last years.
 - Dan will get with Paul Jerome about the division posters and t-shirts etc.
 - Katie will make all the game sheets.
 - First priority next season will be to get a Mite Jamboree in the works because no one ran with it this year.

NEW BUSINESS

- A couple people came to speak about a new girls program there starting. It seems to be starting with a U14 team with the hope that they would grow into having a U12, U14 and U16 team. They're looking into getting some sponsors. This team will cost approximately \$1900.00. They wanted to start this team because they said that a lot of girls stop playing around 14 years old because they don't want to play bantam hockey with boys and the girls teams around are travel and expensive.
- FCYA is looking to start a team for the top level of players at each age group that would be in addition to your GSL team. They are looking for some coaches to take this on.
- It seems like we are having a larger number of teams forfeiting after the fact. One issue that someone had is at the Mite level, forfeiting is not a big issue because your only paying for ½ of the ice and 1 ref. There was an

attempt at a motion to make it a bigger deal to forfeit a Mite game, maybe paying for all the ice and the extra money would go into an account? Jeff Brown will reword this for the next meeting.

- The website has added an ice exchange tab for organizations to post ice they need or that they have available.
- Request for waivers to play up or down will have a limit.
- There was again some discussion regarding Bantam game time length.
 - Reasons to consider changing to 60 minutes are as follows~
 - JV games are only 50 minutes
 - You can keep the roster sizes smaller
 - Cheaper
 - Kids are likely to get injured with the longer games because of fatigue
 - A reason we changed to 80 minutes in the first place were because of losing kids to travel and to prepare the kids for high school.
 - There was a motion made to reconsider the vote to changing Bantam game times to 60 minutes.
 - This motion was accepted with a vote of 10 for, 4 against and 1 abstained.
 - There was a motion made to change the Bantam game time to 60 minutes.
 - This motion was not accepted due to it not being 2/3 of the votes. The votes being 9 for and 5 against with 1 abstained.
 - There was a motion made to have a split season for Bantams.
 - Some thought that you would lose kids if they had an out that would normally come back because they needed to pay.
 - This motion was not accepted. The votes were 2 for and 13 against.
 - There were some thoughts about making stiffer penalties for coaches that have a team getting a lot of penalties. Also maybe adding a game if one of the 3 penalties is a major. Some thoughts are that the referees aren't calling certain penalties because they know the kid is going to get into more trouble.
 - Were going to hold off on this as Mass Hockey is making some stiffer penalties.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 2014 @ 7:00
In the upstairs conference room at the Olympia Ice Rink