

GSL Board of Directors Meeting

Date: December 9, 2015

Start: 7:05 p.m.

Present: Beth Gokey, Barbara Wright and Katie Carzello, Tim McMahon, Kelly Huard
Representatives from the following organizations:
Amherst, Capitals, Enfield, FCHA, Ludlow, Holy Name, PVL, Westfield, WTM, EHA, Nonotuck

OLD BUSINESS:

- November meeting minutes were accepted without changes.
- UMASS Ticket packages are available for the league.
- Powerskate at Amelia and Olympia during winter vacation.
- Mark Sampson came to represent the referees. They are severely down in numbers across the state not just our district. They are working on being better all around. They need to be made aware of any policies we have as a league. If you have an issue with a referee, please adhere by the 24-hour rule and then feel free to call to calmly discuss any issues you have. The referees would like the league to look at scheduling similar divisions back to back. Instead of having a Mite then a Midget game, if we have a few Mite games or Squirt games etc back to back that would be helpful to their training. If there is a major penalty in a mite game they need to get the kid off the ice and make sure the coach is aware and told to handle the player.
- There was a motion for the referees to increase by \$5 over the next two years at the Bantam and Midget level. It will increase \$3 next season and \$2 the season after.
 - This was accepted unopposed.
- Scheduler's Report-
 - 2nd Novice Jamboree is going to be hosted by Nonotuck.
 - 3rd Novice Jamboree is going to be hosted by Ludlow.
 - Is there any interest in hosting a Mite Jamboree?
 - After some discussion it was decided that Kelly would look into what ice is available to have one as they are the only division that doesn't do anything at the end of the season.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Checking – \$20314.76
 - Scholarship – \$1162.30
 - The stipends have been paid out.
- Statistician Report
 - Suspension list is up; very light, keep it up!
 - 2 weird game sheets that it was decided Barbara could use the score from the website for.
- Looking for additional committee members for the following committees-
 - Scheduling
 - Scholarship
 - Statistician
 - Rules
 - Anybody who is willing to join a group let us know.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Medical Waivers-
 - Nonotuck Midget player looking to play Bantam.
 - Accepted unopposed it was approved by the doctor.
 - an issue. It was also stated that normally there is an extra locker room available.
- There was an email that went out regarding a schedule change for bantams. It would make the schedule more even so like teams would play each other more. This is due to issues with lop sided games becoming very physical and kids not wanting to play.

- After a lot of discussion, the new schedule was accepted unopposed. It was also accepted that the bottom two teams would be taken out of playoff contention due to an easier schedule going forward. These teams would be Holy Name Green and Ludlow White. The other 8 teams will be in contention and are continuing to play for seeding.
- WTM is having an issue with their Squirt C team, fielding enough players. IT was explained to them that they cannot pull up players from Mites. This is not a GSL rule, this is a USA Hockey rule. It was also explained that we as a league can make tougher rules but we cannot make more lenient rules.
 - They were also told that although tedious and time consuming MA hockey does have a waiver process.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 13, 2015 @ 7:00
Olympia Ice Center