

## GSL Meeting August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Tim McMahon, Beth Gokey, Kelly Huard, Kelly Wright and a representative from all GSL teams except Keene.

- President's Report
  - Logo Finalized – The changed Logo has been updated and will be displayed in Lobby and Rink 3
  - State Tournaments in Western Mass schedule has changed and updated as follows:
    - March 3-5, 2017 District 6 & Olympia will host the Tier 2 Small Peewee , Tier 3 Small Peewee and Bantam Tier 3 Small State Tournament at Olympia
    - March 10-12, 2017 District 6 & Olympia will host the Tier 3 Medium Bantam Tournament at Olympia
    - March 17-19, 2017 District 6 & GSL will host the Tier III Girls U10, U12, U14 State Tournament at Olympia
    - Greenfield representative concerned about who runs these tournaments and the answer is that GSL only has to run the March 17-19 tournament the others will be staffed by the Olympia.
  - Coaches meeting will be in September before regular season starts. Jeff Brown would like to participate in this meeting. We will go over all rules to alleviate any issues throughout season.
  - There is a desperate need for Referees. Referees Ron and Bob spoke at the meeting stating the only criteria for being a referee is needing to skate front and backwards. There is a seminar and course at Agawam High School which consists of 4 hours then 2 hours skating, an open book test and modules online. There has also been a difference in interpretation of rules between officials and Ron stressed that they will be really trying to take care of this. Just remember when you are coaching that some of these referees are new. Zero tolerance is very important! If there is ever an issue with a referee please contact the referee league. If unruly fans, the clock is stopped until the coach gets that fan out of the building. USA hockey has an area for coaches and officials with good modules for rules. Youngest age to be a referee is 15.
  - Our new AHL team is the Springfield Thunderbirds and Dave Jones will be at our September meeting.
  - UMASS wants to do a Mentor Program. Josh Penn will be the contact person for UMASS.
  - USA Hockey Dates
    - **Try Hockey For Free Day** on Saturday, February 25, 2017
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP position was filled at meeting
  - Suspension Rule Change Proposal. Feelings from coaches is that league should discipline the coaches not their own association. Also suggested that it would be a good idea that all associations get a game misconduct

emailed to them. It is stated that non offending team still gets to keep their goals if they don't score. They get 1 goal to 0 still lose 2 points. Offending team loses and gets no goals. There was a lengthy discussion on this rule and ultimately decided on. The forfeit keeps the points. Coaches would be disciplined 1<sup>st</sup> offense 1 game, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense 3 game and 3<sup>rd</sup> offense goes to hearing with GSL and can't participate until after the hearing. This proposal was accepted and passed.

- 4. Penalties

(d) A player or coach who has been given a game misconduct(s) MUST serve that penalty by being suspended from the next league game(s). If that team's next scheduled sanctioned USA HOCKEY game is not a League game, the player or coach must still serve a suspension in the next already scheduled GSL game (in addition to the next scheduled sanctioned USA HOCKEY game). If the player or coach who has received a game misconduct(s) does not sit out the next league game(s) and plays in the next league game(s) then the "penalized player's or coach's team" will forfeit the game(s) played and said player or coach must sit out the next league game(s). *The forfeit will be recorded as follows: the offending team will receive a loss with a score of 0, the non-offending will receive a win with the goals scored during the forfeited game. The offending team will also have two points removed from their league standings.* Any team that plays a suspended player shall have its Head Coach suspended for the next game. For any subsequent occurrence of playing a suspended player, the Head Coach shall serve a three-game suspension. For a third occurrence of playing a suspended player during the same season, the Head Coach shall be suspended indefinitely until a hearing has been conducted by the GSL.

- Schedulers Report

- Important Dates – Revised End of Season & Championship
- Need # of teams and Ice needed by August 22<sup>nd</sup> and this is very important! This needs to be sent to Kelly Huard the GSL scheduler.
- Novice Jamboree Hosts
  - 11/20 (open) we are presently looking for someone to host!
  - 1/22 (Nonotuck)
  - 3/12 (Ludlow)
- Mite Jamboree
  - 10/1-2 – Ludlow is hosting
  - 2/25-26 - Open
- Pre-Season Midget Scheduling Meeting
  - Monday August 29th at 7pm at Olympia

- Treasurer Report

- Ice fees and Ref fees increased in 2016-2017
- Operating account balance as of 7/29/16 - \$36,356.22
- Scholarship account balance as of 7/29/16 -\$1,152.68

- Statistician Report

- No 2015-2016 Carryover Suspensions which is very good!
- New Game Sheets – USA Hockey – Discard old game sheets. The new game sheets is a 4 sheet format. A packet was handed to each GSL team rep.

- Secretary

- April 2016 Minutes were Approved.
- Meeting schedule – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of Month at 7pm at Olympia, August - April

- Conflict of interest forms collected for all E-board Members
- Scholarship Committee – We need 2-3 Volunteers just to review applications.
- New Business
  - Medical Waivers
    - 1 from Brattleboro (girl 14 to play down to 12 ) 2 young midget players to play Bantam approved by doctor.
    - 2 players from Capitals to play down.
    - 1 Bantam from midget and one peewee to squirt both approved by doctors.
    - Question was brought up about having coaches be informed if a child is playing down on a team. As it stands this does not happen now.
  - Committee was formed for GSL Stipend Review
    - Chair – Sean Lavoine, FCHA
    - Sean Munster, Nonotuck
    - Jason Vedovelli, WTM
  - When playing Keene you can now bring cash for time keepers and referees. They are also a fully participating rink now.
  - The girls tournament was profitable and what the GSL is doing with this profit is open for discussion.
  - This year is the last year for this current yearbook. So with that being said if anyone has any suggestions for new rule book contact USA hockey.
  - An idea was presented to have GSL shirts for volunteers as well as to see at events.
  - It was also suggested that with profits we get trophies to kids who win at end of season or goalie gear sets for each organization to grow player development.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm