

## GSL Meeting January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Tim McMahon, Brad Dakers, Beth Gokey, Kelly Huard, Kelly Wright, Ryan Scott and a representative from Ludlow, Holy Name, Amherst, Capitals, Franklin County, Keene, Nonotuck, WTM, Westfield, and Pioneer Valley.

Absent: Brattleboro and Enfield

- President's Report - McMahon
  - Please look on the GSL website to see information about the Buddy and Kathy Lafleur GSL scholarship. Note the deadline to submit is May 1, 2017.
  - The Blazing Speed Clinic at the Olympia will be February 21-23 with two age levels offered.
  - The GSL parade of champions will be March 11, 2017
  - The Thunderbirds are offering a sheet of ice for a Novice Jamboree on February 25 from 1-4pm and players will just need to buy a ticket to the Thunderbirds game.
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP Report – Dakers
  - The new coach's rule has significantly helped with suspensions being served this year.
- Schedulers Report - Huard
  - GSL Playoffs & Championships are set.
  - The Mite Jamboree will be 2/25-26 in Ludlow.
  - The Novice session 3 has been called out.
- Treasurer Report - Gokey
  - Account Balances
    - Checking balance is 32,916.27 and the scholarship balance is 1,142.92
- Statistician Report - Scott
  - Standings
    - GSL official standings are currently updated as of 1/5/17
  - We still have missing game sheets. When filling out the game sheets please try to write down the divisions on the game sheets.
  - A game misconduct write-up will be posted on the GSL website so there is a complete understanding of those game misconducts.
- Secretary - Wright
  - The December 2016 Minutes Approved.
- Old Business
  - None

- New Business
  - GSL Playoff Format Rule Proposal: Below is the original and the proposal. Please review these and have suggestions as we will continue to discuss next meeting.

Current Language:

The GSL Championships will take the top 4 teams in each division. The exceptions to this would be if a division has 4 teams or less then only the top 2 teams would advance. Additionally if a division has 10 or more teams then the top 4 teams would compete in an upper division championship and the next 4 would compete for a lower division championship.

Proposed Language:

The GSL Championships will consist of the top 4 teams in each division with 2 playoff rounds. The exceptions to this would be if a division has 4 teams or less then only the top 2 teams would advance in a single playoff round. Additionally, if a division has 10 or more teams then the top 6 teams would advance to a 3 round playoff where 1st and 2nd seeds get a bye in round 1.

- Rule clarification requested in terms of which age group can used. Always same or lower level of play only.
- We still continue to have some time keeper issues, especially the 7am games. Please alert GSL if you have any time keeper issues. GSL is considering having home rink organizations manage their own timekeepers.
- Question regarding referee pay when 1 of the 2 referees show. Pay only for one referee not both.
- We will have a discussion around the GSL evaluation process next month. If you are for or against the process please bring ideas about the GSL evaluation process to the meeting!

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.