

GSL Meeting February 8th, 2017 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:01

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

Absent: Brattleboro, Enfield

- President's Report - McMahon
 - Scholarships - The information is on the website and on a flyer. Please reach out to your organization about this scholarship because the deadline is April 1, 2017.
 - Blazing Speed Clinic will held during February vacation at the Olympia.
 - Parade of Champions is scheduled for March 11th
 - Novice Jamboree – 2/25 1-4pm but still working on information.
- 1st VP Report – Dakers
 - Game sheets still continue to be a problem and are important in order to see game misconducts. Make sure when serving a game misconduct that you cross out and mark it as suspension. Also they cannot be on the bench at all when serving the suspension.
- Schedulers Report - Huard
 - GSL Playoffs & Championships schedule is out. Organizations need to bring money still for time keepers and referees. GSL will bill organization for playoff game ice.
 - Mite Jamboree, 2/25-26 – Ludlow
- Treasurer Report - Gokey
 - Account Balances
 - Checking – \$34,001.27
 - Scholarship - \$1,142.97
- Statistician Report - Scott
 - Standings are updated as of 2/9/17
 - Missing Game Sheets – We still have 22 missing game sheets. Down from 32 since 10 came in after the last email. All game sheets need to be in by Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 5 pm in order to set playoff brackets.
- Secretary - Wright
 - January 2017 Minutes approved
- Old Business
 - GSL Playoff Format Rule Proposal
 - After some discussion on the number of teams to appear in the playoffs a motion was made and approved to change the format to top or top 6 teams depending on size of division.
 - 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 1:
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.
- Proposed Language 2:
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.
- It was decided and the motion was ACCEPTED to accept PROPOSAL #1.

- New Business

- Timekeeper Process Proposal – We will be changing the format in that all teams will staff a time keeper at their own rinks. The motion was made and approved by majority for these changes:

- **6. Timekeeper Duties**

(a) GSL Member Associations will be responsible for assigning timekeepers themselves for their home rink regardless of which GSL teams play (i.e. Westfield for Amelia Park) with the exception of Olympia Ice Center where the Home Team will provide a timekeeper. Associations must submit the name of the person (Association Timekeeper Coordinator) responsible for timekeepers to the League Timekeeper Coordinator prior to the start of the Evaluation Schedule, so that future problems concerning these groups can be resolved. If these groups fail to submit game sheets to the League Statistician within the one (1) day period as required by GSL timekeepers, penalties shall be assessed by the GSL Board i.e. GSL will assign timekeepers, or any other penalty that GSL feels is necessary to encourage these Associations to conform with GSL By-Laws, Rules, and Policies.

- (b) Timekeepers shall be required to see that game sheets are submitted (mailed, emailed, or delivered) within one (1) day from the date of game to the statistician. Failure to do so may result in suspension of future assignments. The Statistician shall notify the League Timekeeper Coordinator in charge of timekeepers when game sheets are not received and she/he will notify the timekeeper.

recorded as a 1-0 forfeit. Use of non-rostered players in a game that is forfeited may be subject to further disciplinary action by the GSL board.

- (g) To field enough players for a game, any team may substitute a player from lower skill division in the same age group, from the same Association, to bring the total number of skaters for the game, excluding goalies, to the minimum number of rostered players (8U (Mite) - 6, 10U (Squirt) - 9, 12U (Peewee) - 9, 14U (Bantam) - 9, 18U (Midget) - 9). Substitute players from a lower age group may not be called up from a North Division team, unless the team calling the player up is also in the North Division (i.e., "A" players may only be called up to play "A" games in an older age group). The 14U age division can substitute players from any lower age division. Such players shall be listed on the game sheet and marked with an * using their legal name. Any such player from the same or lower division in the same age group or any division of a lower age group, from the same Association, playing more than three games will become a permanent member of the team, unless doing so would leave the lower team with less than the **minimum number of skaters**, excluding goalies.

B1	B2			B1	B2	
P1 ← P2	P3			P1	P2	P3
S1 ← S2	S3			S1	S2	S3
M1	M2	M3		M1	M2	M3
B1 ← B2				B1	B2	
P1 ← P2	P3			P1	P2	P3
S1	S2	S3		S1	S2	S3
M1	M2	M3		M1 ← M2		M3

- The three (3) game limit may be waived under special circumstances with approval of the board of directors.
- All 8U (Mite) and 6U (Novice) players are required to play age-appropriate hockey including all applicable defined exemptions.
 - 10U (Squirt) "C" level teams may substitute players from another "C" level team from the same Association to reach the minimum number of rostered players.
 - The three game limit may be waived for a player who is a goalie on either the upper or lower team upon written request to the President and written notification to the opposing teams in the division. An upper team's goalie shall not play on a lower team as a goalie if another lower team goalie is available from the same age bracket.
- (h) Division age classifications shall follow those approved by USA Hockey.
- (i) Players with approved medical waivers to play down one age level may be granted participation on the organization's lowest team pursuant to Mass Hockey rules. Associations may petition the league to place a player on another team excluding the North Division with the approval of the board of directors.
- (j) Only players who are dressed and ready to participate in the game should be listed on the game sheet.

- WTM has the opportunity to field a 14U Team but needs a waiver for Goalie for 2017-2018 Season prior to a medical waiver being accepted by the state. The board was approved this motion by majority.
- GSL Evaluation Process discussion requested by Ludlow. It was proposed to change the format of the evaluation process to have less teams playing the second weekend of evaluations and possibly not have the Bantam Evaluate at all. There was some concern to this proposed change in that many treat this as a preseason to hockey. A new proposal will be drawn up based on our discussions and presented at the next meeting.
- Mite Game Protocols requested by Amherst was addressed by Steve Sady who was present at meeting and assured everyone he did not know of any issues with referees at the mite level and going forward to communicate with Steve Sady on any of these issues. His phone number is on the GSL website.
- Jeff Brown asked for Volunteers for the Girls Tier 3 State Tournament at the Olympia the weekend of March 17, 18 and 19. The first games start Friday at 5pm till 9pm. On Saturday the games are from 6:50 am 5:20pm and on Sunday the games are from 7:00am until 4:20pm. This is a great fundraiser for the league but we really need your help to volunteer in some capacity.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:03