

GSL Meeting minutes March 8, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

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

- President's Report - McMahon
 - GSL Playoffs
 - The Trophies and Medals went over very well and everyone seemed happy with them. There was some confusion that the 5th place winner did not receive a trophy but that will not be an issue next year with the change in playoff structure.
 - All teams have been contacted about the Parade of Champions at the Thunderbirds on March 11th. If for some reason your team will not be able to make the parade of champions, Dave Jones from the Thunderbirds can honor your team another time if you contact him and arrange it with him.
 - We have received 1 application for the GSL Scholarship. See the website under documents for details and get those applications in by May 1 . Also Al Wright came and spoke about the Wright Scholarship award and dropped off applications. There are also applications on the GSL website as well. Al spoke about the scholarship and that it is a well funded and a well used program.
- 1st VP Report – Dakers
 - There are 3 suspensions from the 2016-2017 season that will carry over to next season.
- Schedulers Report - Huard
 - The last event for this season is the 3rd Session Novice Jamboree on March 12 Hosted by Ludlow at Smead.
 - On March 17,18,19 GSL is hosting the girls state tournament at the Olympia and can use some volunteers to help out . A sign-up sheet was passed around at meeting.
 - Kelly would also like to thank everyone for their help this season!
- Treasurer Report - Gokey
 - Account Balances
 - Checking - \$33,413.48
 - Scholarship - \$1,143.02
 - Bills for the GSL playoffs have been sent out and prompt payment is appreciated.
- Statistician Report - Scott
 - Final standings have been released on the website.
 - Missing Game Sheets – Only 4 missing for the season which is much better than in past years.
- Secretary - Wright
 - February 2017 Minutes Approved

- Old Business
 - Two GSL Evaluation Format Proposals were presented and discussed.
 - Recommendation 1 presented by Ludlow:
 - Bantam Division
 - No evaluations. Teams are assigned to A and B division based on organization submittal.
 - Peewee\Squirt Division
 - 1st Week
 - A's play the A's
 - B's play the B's
 - C's play the C's
 - "A" teams that go 4-0 or 3-1 and "C" teams going 0-4 or 1-3 don't play second week.
 - 2nd Week
 - Top B teams play lower A teams
 - Top C teams play lower B teams
 - Post Evaluation Committee Meeting
 - Mandatory one rep from each organization and GSL board members meet to sort teams into divisions. No phone calls or texts allowed. Organizations are expected to bring any arguments for any bubble team to go up/down.
 - Recommendation 2 presented by Kelly Huard:
 - 14U Divisions:
 - No evaluations. Teams are assigned to A and B division based on organization submittal.
 - 12U: Call for team info will be April 2017. Divisions will be defined as North, South, East.
 - Divisions of 7 or less will have (4) 30 minute evaluation games over one weekend.
 - Divisions of 8 or more teams will have (6) 30 minute evaluation games over one weekend.
 - After evaluation weekend:
 - Mandatory meeting with 1 representative from each organization and GSL board to decide team placement.
 - 10U: Call for team info will be April 2017. Divisions will be defined as North, South, East.
 - Divisions of 7 or less will have (4) 30 minute evaluation games over one weekend.
 - Divisions of 8 or more teams will have (6) 30 minute evaluation games over one weekend.
 - After evaluation weekend:
 - Mandatory meeting with 1 representative from each organization and GSL board to decide team placement.

- If the total number of teams at the 10U level is close to 30, divisions will be broken up into North, South, East, West.
 - In the past there has been very little movement of teams in general and the executive board will look at proposals and make the decision.
- New Business
 - A Nomination Committee was formed that consists of Chair, Brad Dakers, Rob Pattison and Kelly Wright. Nominations will be accepted until the end of March.
 - GSL Playoff Language (section 10) for Overtime and Player Eligibility proposal was discussed. One change in language for overtime is that the five players picked for shoot out do NOT have to start the game. A change in player eligibility is that it will be 50% of the games played in to be eligible.
 - (d) Games shall be played to completion and if necessary a 6 minute or 7:30 minute (depending on game length) sudden death overtime and shootout should take place to determine the winner of each game. If the game is tied after the overtime period the 5 skaters and goalie marked on the gamesheet prior to game will take part in a shootout. If a marked player is unable to play in shootout a player may be substituted. Additional shootout rounds will be utilized if necessary by any player one at a time.
 - (f) A player must have played 50% of games during the regular season in order to be eligible for participation in the GSL playoffs excluding injuries.
 - Jersey color rule proposals were presented as listed below and it was decided that rule #2 will be the new rule for jersey color.
 - Rule #1 Home teams will wear their light colored jerseys; Away team will wear dark jerseys. If any team only has one jersey, it should be coordinated by Head Coaches as to what jerseys will be worn prior to game.
 - Or
 - Rule # 2 The home team chooses the jersey color to wear for the game. Home team must inform the visiting team of their choice; however, if a team only has one set of jerseys then the other team must wear an appropriate shirt color
 - Other new business: It was asked about the date of GSL playoffs being changed because they are around February vacation week. The date is determined around States and will be looked at for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm