

GSL Meeting August 9, 2017
Revised 9/20/17

Called meeting to order: 7:01 pm

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

Not Present: Enfield

President's Report:

- Reminder time keepers will be done by associations. We are looking for a time keeper coordinator for GSL for the 2017/2018 season!
- Mass Hockey State Tournaments
 - Small Organizations: Capitals, FCHA, Nonotuck, PV, WTM
 - Medium Organizations: Amherst, Holy Name, Ludlow, Westfield

 - March 2-4, 2018
 - Bantam Tier II Small - TBD
 - Bantam Tier III Small - TBD
 - Peewee Tier II Small - Olympia
 - Peewee Tier III Small - Amherst
 - Squirt Tier II Small - Olympia
 - Squirt Tier III Small - Amherst

 - March 9-11, 2018
 - Bantam Tier II Medium - TBD
 - Bantam Tier III Medium - TBD
 - Peewee Tier II Medium - TBD
 - Peewee Tier III Medium - Westfield
 - Squirt Tier II Medium - TBA
 - Squirt Tier III Medium - Olympia

Schedulers Report:

- Important Dates – Revised Evaluation, End of Season & Championship
 - GSL playoff dates are 3rd weekend of March (3/16-3/18)
 - Greenfield had a concern to have games added since season longer because tough for them to budget ice for that long when they are usually doing evaluations for the following year that late in the season.
 - Every season will be different and we don't know when the State tournaments are until June.
- There are several changes to evaluations this season:

- 12U (Peewees) will be evaluated first weekend (September 17-18) of evaluations.
- 10U (Squirts) will be evaluated the following weekend (September 23-24)
- Division with 7 or fewer teams registered will play 4 games in one weekend with their division. Divisions with 8 or more teams registered will play 6 games.
- This will allow us to save 35 hours of ice by doing evaluations this way, in addition to the 32 hours of ice saved by skipping 14U evaluations.
- Ice sheets need be submitted by August 21st. If you don't have your ice contract by then let Kelly Huard know.
- Novice Jamboree Hosts
 - 11/20 – Pioneer Valley
 - 1/22 – Nonotuck
 - 3/12 – Ludlow
- Mite Jamboree Hosts
 - 9/23-24 – Ludlow
 - 3/17-18 – Keene
- Pre-Season Midget Scheduling Meeting will be held on August 28th at 7pm at Olympia.

1st VP Report:

- There were 3 carryover suspensions from the 2016-2017 season.
 - Holy Name 18U: McLaughlin - 2 games, Zukowski – 1 game
 - Holy Name 14U: Whitehead – 1 game
- Coaches meeting last year was done prior to season with a number of attendees so we will do this again and try to get a bigger space at Olympia. We are targeting the 2nd or 3rd week of September. This is good information especially for new coaches. If a coach can't go then a representative should attend.
- New this year safesport certification and module completion are required before the coach can step on ice or be added roster. Clinics still due by Dec. 31. Rosters need to be completed by first games which is weekend of October 14. We'd like to have them prior to evaluations.
- Explanations for certifications are on USA Hockey website or you can contact your registrar.

Treasurer Report:

- Balance of general account is \$37,861.78. The balance of the scholarship account is \$1143.26.
- There is \$2 increase in referee fee for 80 minute games.
- Beth will contact organizations about ice fee increases and publish updated game costs.
- The scholarship committee (Beth, Kelly W, Tim) received 9 applications this year. The selection was difficult due to the quality of candidates. We awarded 4 players a scholarship of \$500. We received 2 thank you notes from two of the winners.

Statistician report:

- The Home team will again responsible to send game sheets to Ryan Scott. Games without a game will have no points registered in the official standings. Last year's process worked well. We only had 2 missing game sheets all year.

Secretary:

- Minutes from the April 2017 meeting were approved by acclamation.
- Meeting schedule has been posted on the website. GSL meetings will be 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7PM at the Olympia conference room.

Old Business:

- There was no old business.

New Business:

- Kelly Huard shared information on Impact Concussion testing that the League is sponsoring. This information was sent to all organizations via email to be shared with player and parents. It is \$40.00 a player and you need to make an appointment for this test. It will be held during first weekend of evaluations. If there is enough interest the testing could continue the 2nd weekend of Evaluations.
- Ron Briggs, President of the PVIHOA, spoke to us about new officials and the lack of officials. They are doing our best to bring in new young officials. On Aug 27th a local referee seminar will be held at Agawam Jr. High for official training. Also, young woman are encouraged. There is a mobile app with rules this year. They are looking into having a 3rd person mentor on ice but difficulty what their exact role would be. It was proposed by referee association to remove officials from mite games because of the shortage and lack of training opportunities.
 - The GSL executive board voted to reject this proposal on July 26th.
- At State meeting Barbara Wright brought to Tim's attention a change to bylaws that would be necessary regarding posting stats at rinks.
 - The following was approved by acclamation:
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 - **League Statistician:** The League Statistician shall keep and publish all standings, records, and penalties. This is a paid position.
- Amherst is having a girls 10U and 12U tournament team. Player don't need to

join Amherst. They practice one Sunday a month. They would like to compete in state tournament so they are working on game schedule. The cost would be \$ 275 for season plus jersey. More information on Amherst website.

- There was a motion to start the 14U season later since the season was extended. The season would start on October 7th, Columbus Day weekend. This was approved by majority.
 - Teams who submit ice or otherwise do not indicate not playing on Columbus Day weekend will be scheduled for games.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 PM

Next Meeting will be September 13th.