

GSL MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 2017

Called meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

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

Guests: Jeff Brown (District 6 Registrar), Mike DiOrio (Program Support Coordinator, Mass Hockey)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Nothing new to report

1st VP REPORT:

- All suspensions are posted on website. Make sure rosters are marked right when you submit them.
- Substitution rule clarification. You can only pull a player from a lower team. A team players can only play on A teams. Squirt C teams can pull from other Squirt C teams. Mites can never be called up to Squirts. Goalies don't have a three game limitation and there are more exemptions for goalies.

SCHEDULER'S REPORT:

- Novice Jamboree coming up on 11/19 at Fitzpatrick.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Annual dues sent out today and Ludlow still owes for evaluations.
- As of 10/31/17 the balance of general account is \$33,470.17. The balance of the scholarship account is \$1143.40.

STATISTICIAN REPORT:

- The missing game sheet list is not too bad so far. Official standings come from gamesheets. Please make sure there is a date, rink, and basic team information on the game sheet.
- All organizations are to provide to Ryan Scott the contact information for your time keeper coordinator.
- We have had a lot of suspensions this year. At Mass Hockey meeting there was a lengthy discussion about suspensions and the importance of sitting a suspended player. Mass Hockey will further discipline Coaches that fail to enforce suspensions for players.
- Coaches are encouraged to know the rules and educate players of such.
- Do not use old game sheets.
- The website (www.gslhockey.org) has a redirect and no way to fix it so use we have purchased the www.gslhockey.com address which will take you to the

same site.

SECRETARY:

- The minutes from the October 2017 meeting were approved by acclamation.
- The Scholarship committee is seeking at least 3 volunteers to review applications and award scholarship in spring. Sean Lavoine and Sean Munster volunteered.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fighting Major Suspension Rule Discussion:
 - We have had 33 game misconducts this year already. 16 of those have been for Fighting major penalties. Last season we had 45 game misconducts and 16 of those were fighting majors. At this point in the season last year there were only 19 game misconducts.
 - It was proposed that the league increase the penalty for fighting to try to reduce this type of unacceptable behavior.
 - New Rule Section 4: Penalties, Section (c):
 - The GSL will not tolerate fighting. Any player assessed a fighting major penalty (first occurrence) is suspended from league play for the teams next three (3) scheduled league games. Any player assessed a second fighting major penalty (second occurrence) shall be suspended for three (3) games according to USA Hockey Rule 615(f). After the 2nd occurrence the league will conduct a hearing within 14 days to impose supplemental discipline as necessary. Any disciplinary hearing shall follow the disciplinary procedures of Massachusetts Hockey.
- Mike DiOrio, the Program Support Coordinator for Mass Hockey, spoke about the many resources for organizations. They are trying to get quick change goalies pads to organizations. Mass Hockey will pay for ½ cost. There are 11 sets left. Information on website. Mass Hockey will also do player and goalie clinics. Take some time to see what they can do for your organization.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Next meeting will be December 13th.