

## **GSL MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

Called meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

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

Absent: Ryan Scott, Enfield, Keene, WTM

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- There are 4 Scholarship opportunities on the GSL website. The Wright Scholarship, The GSL Scholarship, The FMC Scholarship, and The Mass Hockey Scholarship. The deadlines are from March to April so now is the tie to get them in.
- Blazing Speed Clinic to be held during Feb vacation at Olympia. Information on website.
- Parade of Champions date is not set yet. Hope to share next meeting.
- We partnered with a vendor to supply GSL merchandise during out playoffs on March 17 and 18th.
- A President's meeting was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss home town rules to create a competitive league and reduce the loss of players to travel/independent programs. There will be another meeting on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **1st VP REPORT:**

- All suspensions have been cleared. There are 58 suspensions so far this year but coaches are doing well having players sitting out their suspensions.

### **SCHEDULER'S REPORT:**

- End of Season Mite Jamboree will be hosted in Keene on March 17 -18. The schedule has been released.
- The last Novice Jamboree is on March 11<sup>th</sup> hosted by Ludlow.
- Playoffs are coming up in March and ice times have been submitted. In Divisions with less than 10 teams the top 4 compete and in divisions of more than 10 the top 6 advance for playoffs. Bantam North and South will have round 1 games in Greenfield on Tuesday. Bantam South will have additional 1 round game on Thursday at Olympia. Bantam North Championship game on Saturday. All other Championship games will be on Sunday. 2 Peewee teams will play Friday Night at Olympia. Schedule will be released once team spots finalized.
- Volunteer schedule will be released once schedule confirmed.
- GSL will pay timekeeper and refs and invoice organizations for payment.
- Andy Lefleur is scheduled for all Championship games on Sunday.
- Amherst expressed concern around GSL playoff games conflicting with Amherst Girls team playing in Mass State Playoffs. Amherst to provide a list of impacted teams.

#### TREASURER REPORT:

- All organizations have paid annual dues.
- As of 1/31/18 the balance of general account is \$44,847.47. The balance of the scholarship account is \$1143.55.

#### STATISTICIAN REPORT:

- The standings are updated as of game sheets received 2/13/18.
- Missing game sheets will not be accepted after March 13, 2018. Only the standings from game sheets are used to seed playoff teams. Some teams are currently impacted by missing game sheets.

#### SECRETARY:

- The minutes from the January 2018 meeting were approved by acclamation.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- New rule proposal: "Member associations whose payment balance is unpaid more than 30 days will have their voting rights revoked until paid in full."
  - This was approved by 2/3 majority.
- It was asked if volunteers are needed for playoffs. Yes, schedule to be released with playoff schedule.
- Visitor from the Worcester Crusaders who are interested in joining GSL for 2018-2019. They would likely submit midget and bantam teams. They have 28 teams (4 midget, 3 bantam). They are a town organization.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Next meeting will be March 14<sup>th</sup>.