

GSL MEETING August 8, 2018

Called meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

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

Absent: Kelly Huard, Keene, Enfield

First order of business was the GSL Board of Directors election with the following results:

- League Statistician – Nominee Ryan Scott, Amherst
- Treasurer – Nominee Beth Gokey, Springfield Capitals
- Secretary – Nominee Kelly Wright, Holy Name
- 2nd VP, Scheduler – Nominee Kelly Jean Huard, Ludlow
- 1st VP – Nominee Brad Dakers, Ludlow
- President – Nominee Tim McMahon, Westfield

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- USA Hockey & Mass Hockey Rule Changes for 2018-2019
 - Helmet rule - All coaches need to wear helmet when on ice otherwise a 30 day suspension for that coach. (No helmet is necessary when coaching on bench).
 - Dates for rosters date change. 9/15 for all 19u, 18u, 16u and 15 u teams - 10/1 for al 10u, 12u, and 14u teams - 12/1 mites and Novice (all other teams).
- Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting Recognition and Amherst did a great job at it.
- There will be several State Tournaments in Western Mass.
- Open Roles: Timekeeper Coordinator, Marketing & Communications Director, Registrar so if you know anyone who has any of these skills or background please let us know. They are all stipend positions.

1st VP REPORT:

- 2017-2018 Suspensions Carryover
 - Just one that is 16U Player from WTM
- Coaches Meeting in September – 2nd or 3rd week
 - it is a great meeting and gets bigger each year. Great place to get rule interpretations.
- Rosters and Coach Certification (New Dates)
- New game incident reporting form and process (Game Misconduct, 3 Penalty ejections, and Match Penalties) these are all on website. The coach needs to submit these as soon as possible and within 24 hours if possible. Anybody can access these forms, so coaches as well as managers.

SCHEDULER'S REPORT:

- Important Dates for Season are posted on the website.
- Need # of teams and Ice needed by August 6th
- Ice Information is due by August 20th
- No play dates will due September 14th
- Novice Jamboree Hosts
 - 11/28 – No host yet.
 - 1/20 – Hosted by Nonotuck
 - 3/12 – Hosted by Ludlow
- Mite Jamboree
 - September 29&30 – Hosted by Ludlow
 - Discussion about not having End of Season Mite Jamboree, to be decided next meeting.
- Pre-Season Midget Scheduling Meeting will by August 27th at 7pm at Olympia
- Nonotuck is looking for midget goal tender

TREASURER REPORT:

- Westfield an Keene owe for playoffs.
- As of 2/28/18 the balance of general account is \$36,160.54. The balance of the scholarship account is \$1,143.59.
- Scholarship Update – 3 \$500 scholarships awarded to a player (Capitals, Pioneer Valley and Nonotuck)

STATISTICIAN REPORT:

- No report.

SECRETARY:

- The minutes from the March 2018 meeting were approved by acclamation.
- Missing GSL rep contact from Holy Name and several contacts from WTM and Keene.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Election of Board of Directors where completed.
- Tabled Motion: Any player or coach assessed a second game misconduct in the same season will serve a 3 game suspension. Any player or coach assessed a third game misconduct in the same season will be suspended indefinitely.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion was approved Ryan Scott as webmaster for 2018-2019 season
- Medical Waivers that all had medical waivers were approved except for the Springfield Capitals of a Goalie wanting to playdown and be on the North team. Tim will get more information on this player to discuss further. If you still have one get them in early!

- Motion: Game Policy Change – 8U games will be played with intermediate nets. Every rink will have these nets. Motion approved. This is a USA hockey initiative.
- No rule from GSL that a new player needs to be placed on the lowest team. GSL just needs to approve any players added after a roster is submitted. This can be an individual organization rule.
- FCHA has a shortage of Peewee goalies so may have a player play as goalie. They will bring this to GSL for approval if need be.
- Keene mite jamboree billing questioned as being high.
- September 14 is the deadline for coaches to submit if they are playing in the State Tournament.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Next meeting will be September 12th.