

WESTFIELD YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2011

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Labbe, President
Bob Jacques, 1st Vice President
Steve Jarvis, Director of Finance
Pam Bussell, Secretary

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Keith Duboff, Team Rep Coordinator
Tom Roskey, GSL Rep
Jen McMahon, USA Hockey
Heather Schnopp, Registrar

TEAM REPS PRESENT:

MM, MI, M2, SI, S2, PW1, PW2, B1, B2

Meeting began at approximately 6:35 p.m.

A Motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the January meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Paul Labbe)

Team reps should poll parents for a vote on continuing with the calendar raffle for 2011-2012 season. We will present team votes at next board meeting and board will vote. There will be no changes to the structure of the raffle. It will remain the same. Minimates will not participate in the raffle.

Evaluation Committee Update Meeting will take place February 24, 2011 at 6 p.m. The meeting is open to all members.

Safety Program Meeting will take place on March 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Amelia Park. Chris King will do a presentation on concussions. All head coaches and assistant coaches are asked to attend. At least one coaching staff member from each team should be present.

Executive Board Elections: There are 3 spots up for election this year, President, 2nd Vice President/Ice Scheduler and Secretary. Elections will take place during registration.

Registration will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 15, 16, 17, 2011. We will take registrations, surveys and elections at that time. On Saturday, March 19, 2011, we will hold registrations from 2 to 5 p.m. for new registrations. Saturday, March 19, 2011 is the last day to registration without a late fee.

1st VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Bob Jacques)

Fire & Ice was a tremendous success. Many thank you notes have come in stating we were good hosts. We made approximately \$5,000.

LTS/LTP Session 3 is currently in progress. We are in week 2 of the 8 week session. We have 30 LTS and 25 LTP skaters.

ICE SCHEDULER REPORT: (Todd Jensen-Not Present)

GSL Play-off schedule will be released by the end this week.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT: (Steve Jarvis)

Evaluations and Registration fees – no change. \$75 for 1st two skaters in a family (mite through bantam) any player after that is \$35.

Ref and Timekeeper fees will be supplied for all play-off games, check envelopes.

Cash balance is \$100,000. It will be at \$75,000 after March ice payment is made. We will bottom out at \$60,000 at the end of the season. I have spoken with several treasurers from other organizations and they all keep 3 months worth of ice payments on hand.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (Jeff Koziol-Not Present):

Any items you would like to have in the newsletter, please send to Jeff via email.

GSL REPORT (Tom Roskey):

- Missing Game Sheets
 - Mite B from 1/23 vs. Amherst

Please send a copy or scan a copy and mail or email it to Barbara Wright

- Special thank you to Paul Labbe and Bob Jacques for sitting on a recent disciplinary board for the GSL.
- With the first season almost behind us using a new systems for scheduling a few items have come up to be looked into for next season.
 - Eliminating early games (7am)
 - Adding the human element to review the schedule
 - During 2011-12 all GSL games will be scheduled on Saturday/Sunday
 - In all divisions (Squirt-Midget) GSL teams need to provide ice. Midgets specifically will need to contract their own ice.
 - The ice formula will change for next season. Organizations will be required to provide half the total number of games +20%. Organizations should expect returned ice with advanced notice.
 - Deadlines will be adjusted. These will be forthcoming.
 - Organizations need to determine the % of ice that was returned this past season and bring that number to the next meeting.
- Buddy's party is set for February 13th at the Hue Ke Lau. \$20 per ticket.

- GSL would like to collect \$50 from each organization to give to Buddy. (Is last minute, but most organizations verbally agreed)
- MA Hockey approved to phase in the ADM cross-ice programs for Mites. The GSL unanimously voted to be proactive and require all Mites to play cross-ice next season.
 - The format (3v3, 4v4) is to be determined
 - All Mite practices must adhere to the ADM guidelines
 - You may see players of Mite age playing up in Squirts in other organizations.
- The ADM practice that was set for Jan 26th in Holyoke is being rescheduled. The format and players involved will remain the same. Just waiting on the new date.
- Looking for a GSL secretary. This is a paid position.
- For the upcoming Midget playoffs, a player must have played a minimum of 10 games to be eligible to play in the playoffs.
- GSL is sponsoring the State Tournament in March – Please volunteer to help out
- There is a proposal to make the GSL President the discipline committee chair and eliminate the 2nd Vice President position.
- Bantam season split into two halves like the Midgets?
 - 1st half would be Fall/Pre High School and games would be 80min.
 - 2nd half would be regular season and games would be 60min.
- Ideas for growing the GSL?
- Next GSL meeting is scheduled for March 2nd at the Olympia at 7 pm

USA HOCKEY REPORT (Jen McMahon):

Squirt and PeeWee playdowns will be held during the week of February 21, 2011 on Monday and Tuesday.

Level 4 Clinic May 21 and 22. If interested sign up soon as it fills up fast. Cost for clinic is \$350 and is not reimbursed by WYHA.

Registration for USA Hockey for next season is believed to be April 1, 2011, will have more details after next meeting.

No checking at the PeeWee level will go to vote at the June meeting. Tagging up is also going to vote.

Roster fees and fees in general should remain the same next season. They will, however increase the following year.

Red, White and Blue Tournament in Marlborough is February 26 and 27, 2011. Openings are still available. USA Hockey would cover \$200 fee.

Elections for Directors will be held next month. Let Barbara Wright know if you are interested.

1 to 2 hour CPR classes are available to organizations. Let Barbara Wright know if your organization is interested.

MERCHANDE REPORT (Brenda Labbe- Not Present):

Brenda is working on developing apparel for next season. Working with Bertelli's on a replacement for our jerseys.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sled Hockey Tournament is April 15, 16 and 17, 2011. Please let Carole Appleton know if you are available to volunteer your time.

Also, team reps ask your parents if they would be interested in ice time next season for independent games at Williston.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.