

WESTFIELD YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2011

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Labbe, President
Todd Jensen, 2nd Vice President/Ice Scheduler
Steve Jarvis, Director of Finance
Jeff Koziol, Director of Communications
Pam Bussell, Secretary

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Keith Duboff, Team Rep Coordinator
Jen McMahon, USA Hockey
Brenda Labbe, Merchandise
Heather Schnopp, Registrar

TEAM REPS PRESENT:

MM, M1, M2, S1, S2, S3, PW1, PW2, B1

Meeting began at approximately 6:35 p.m.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Paul Labbe)

Evaluation Committee Meeting – almost all in attendance. Bulk of the meeting around the mites and format for evaluation in regards to cross-ice: 3 sessions, drills, 2 games concurrently, 6 evaluators to evaluate sessions.

Projected numbers for next year: 4 squirts, 3 pee wees, 4 to 6 mite teams with reduced rosters of 9 or 10 skaters. Membership numbers are up. Right now we are at 30 bantams. We are also projected to have a midget team. 2 to 4 mini-mite teams, looking to finish with 4 teams or more. 3 Sessions in tune with LTS/LTP.

Safety Meeting – Coaches met with the Safety Director about concussions. We also received feedback from coaches to implement our Safety Program for next year. We will have a mandatory meeting in the fall to implement the program. The program will educate parents on the Safety Program, equipment, etc. We are looking into new first aid kits that are more extensive over the summer months as well.

Calendar Raffle Vote:

MM	Yes	S3	Yes
M1	Yes	PW1	No
M2	Yes	PW2	Yes
M3	Not in attendance	B1	Yes
S1	Yes	B2	No

S2 Yes

Calendar Raffle Vote for Board Members:

Bob No

Pam No

Steve No

Todd Yes

Jeff Yes

Calendar will go forward with same rules as last season.

A vote was also taken for the possibility of using Williston for independent games next season. The vote was exactly 50/50%.

1st VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Bob Jacques-Not Present)

Last LTS/LTP is March 19, 2011. The participants will receive a medal and a pizza party.

ICE SCHEDULER REPORT: (Todd Jensen)

We are waiting to see the outcome of the play-offs before setting the evaluation schedule. The evaluation schedule should be published by next Tuesday. Evaluations will span 3 weeks.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT: (Steve Jarvis)

Ice bills for next September are as follows:

Mini-Mites \$200

Mites \$500

Squirts/PeeWee \$600

Bantam \$650

Second half of the season, due January 15, 2012, will be set in September/October 2011.

Registration fees are as follow: \$75.00 per player (up to 2 per family) after 2 in a family, 3rd or more pays \$35.00. After March 19, 2011, fee goes up to \$100.00. Mini-mites and midgets do not evaluate and therefore do not pay a registration fee.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (Jeff Koziol):

Registration information has been posted on the website, including forms and raffle information. March newsletter will highlight registration. All coaches must submit a new application every year, this is found on the website.

GSL REPORT (Tom Roskey-Not Present) Paul Labbe went to GSL Meeting:

All organizations will donate a jersey to the GSL to hang in Box Office at Mass Mutual Center.

Cross Ice Mite Program was voted on. All but one voted in favor of cross-ice. Mini-Mite program remains the same, 3 on 3, small nets and no goalies. Mite A, B, C, cross ice, 4 on

4, full net with goalie – 2 games per sheet, no ref. No time-keeper costs, parent will do a buzzer every 2 minutes. Mite games will be specific to organizations having enough mite teams. Roster level for these teams will drop possibly, may be 4 to 5 teams in mite division.

Greenfield purposed a split Bantam season to run concurrently with midget season. A motion was made, WYHA lobbied to have motion shot down. 11-2 shot down.

A motion was also made by Greenfield to make games go from 80 to 60 minutes for Bantams. WYHA was strongly against this. Motion passed 7-6.

USA HOCKEY REPORT (Jen McMahon):

ADM Symposium is May 9, 2011. It is suggested that all Mite coaches attend. USA Hockey all incumbents were re-elected. Bob Jacques was re-elected.

Level 4 clinics in May in Framingham, Massachusetts. Once Level 4 is achieved, no further clinics are required.

Awards are available for coach of the year, see Jenn for forms.

Larry Reed did step down from GSL Board as 1st Vice President.

MERCHANDISE REPORT (Brenda Labbe):

We received positive feedback on winter coats. We will change a few items for next year. Jersey samples will be available during evaluations. Jersey prices will remain the same for next season.

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.

Spring and Summer Skating Clinics at Amelia Park for mites, squirts and pee wees with WSC, Dave Pelletier and Joey Czarnecki. See front desk at arena for a form.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.