

**Westfield Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2012**

Executive Board Members Present:

Paul Labbe, President
Bob Jacques, 1st Vice President
Todd Jensen, 2nd Vice President/Ice Scheduler
Pam Bussell, Secretary

Appointed Board Members Present:

Jennifer McMahon, USA Rep
Tom Roskey, GSL Rep
Heather Schnopp, Registrar

Meeting began at approximately 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the March meeting.

President's Report: (Paul Labbe)

- The rink will be closed in May for maintenance. Because of this we need to look to cancel our May meeting. A motion was made and passed to cancel our May meeting, as well as our July meeting.
- New Board members, Meg Bacon (Director of Finance) and Tim McMahon (Director of Communications) will be seated at the June meeting.
- Registration is now complete. We currently have 181 players registered from mini-mites through midgets. This number will go up once we complete mini-mite and midget registrations in the late summer/early fall.

1st Vice President Report: (Bob Jacques)

- With the exception of two teams, every team for the upcoming season has a coach in place. Paul is in the process of interviewing new coaches at this time.

Ice Scheduler Report: (Todd Jensen)

- We are in the process of purchasing ice slots for the upcoming season. We are planning to have our schedule completed by early September.

Director of Finance Report: (Steve Jarvis - absent)

- No report.

Communications Report (Jeff Koziol-absent)

- No report.

GSL Report: (Tom Roskey)

- The GSL Meeting was held April 11, 2012. The next GSL Meeting will take place on May 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Olympia.
- Treasurer's report from GSL meeting: \$8,286.53 in cash account. \$1158.11 in scholarship account. \$2000.00 moved from cash account to scholarship account. Please see GSL website if you are a high school senior who played in the GSL for scholarship information and to apply for scholarships. Deadline to apply is May 1st.
- Parade of Champions Feedback – Some organizations were not happy about apparent disorganization of the parade and awards.
- Deadlines and dates for upcoming season: 8/31 number of pre-high school midget teams due; 9/5 midget pre-high school scheduling meeting; 9/8 number of teams and ice due for mites through bantams; 9/14 midget pre-high school season begins; 9/22 week 1 of evaluation schedule released; 9/28 number of teams for mini-mites session 1 due; 10/5 no play dates and state play down interest due.
- GSL will be looking into cracking down on coaching education and enforcing it.
- Election results for GSL Executive Board – Dan Haggerty, President; Jeff Brown, 1st Vice President; Jim Chouinard 2nd Vice President/Ice Scheduler; Jim Matroni, Treasurer; Katie Carzello, Secretary; Barbara Wright, Statistician.
- The GSL has voted to amend the following rules and policies of the GSL:
 - Rosters – Fall pre-high school midget teams shall submit an official roster of all eligible players to the District 6 Registrar no later than September 15th. Winter post-high school midget teams shall submit an official roster of all eligible players to the District 6 Registrar no later than December 20th. All other teams shall submit an official roster of all eligible players to the District 6 Registrar by October 15th. Any team whose official roster is not submitted by the dates established herein will forfeit all games played after that date until official rosters are submitted. Out of state teams participating in the GSL must provide the league with proof that their rosters have been submitted to their USA Hockey affiliated districts by the same dates established herein.
 - The following minimum number of players must be on a roster to start the GSL season per age group: Mite – 6, Squirt – 9, Peewee – 9, Bantam – 9 and Midget 9.
 - Penalties – A player who has been given a game misconduct(s) MUST sit out the next league game(s). If the player who has received a game misconduct(s) does not sit out the next league game(s) and plays in the next league game(s) then the “penalized player’s team” will forfeit the game(s) played and said player must sit out the next league game(s).

USA Hockey Report: (Jennifer McMahon)

- USA Hockey started accepting registrations for next season on April 2, 2012. It will now be \$40 to register. Children 6 and under are free. Once you have

registered for USA Hockey, please go to the WYHA website and load your USA Hockey information.

- October 15 is the deadline for handing in finalized rosters. Additionally, they will no longer charge for rosters.

Merchandise Report: (Brenda Labbe)

- We have in 152 orders for jerseys at this time. We are still in the process of receiving proofs for art work on the jerseys. Once that is set, then the order will go in.
- Once the order for new jerseys has been placed, Brenda will move onto new merchandise for the upcoming season.

New Business

- Sled Hockey Tournament is April 27 through 29, 2012. Carole Appleton is in need of volunteers.
- Clinics for spring and summer will begin May 31st. There is a possibility if enough girls register for the clinics; they will provide a slot for just girls. You may register for the clinics at the desk at Amelia Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.