

WESTFIELD YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 11, 2011

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Labbe, President  
Bob Jacques, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice 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:**

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

Meeting began at approximately 6:35 p.m.

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

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Paul Labbe)**

An email went out on Monday to all eligible Midget players with an 8/22 deadline to respond. The GSL deadline for listing a Midget team is 8/29. At this time we already have 9 Midgets players to register.

At this time the rosters for the rest of the organization are at the following numbers:

Mini-Mites	19
Mites	31
Squirts	40
PeeWees	40
Bantams	31

We now have a coach for the Bantam 1 team. His name is Rich Vadnais, Jr. He is a level 5 experienced coach at all levels. He comes with a good reputation and background.

We are still in need of a Mite 2 coach and additional Mini-Mite coaches.

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

At this time we are in the process of scheduling two coaches meetings. The first will be the initial head coaches meeting. The second will be a safety meeting.

LTS/LTP will begin the first session on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.

### **ICE SCHEDULER REPORT: (Todd Jensen)**

We received the final contract from Amelia Park. The ice schedule needs to be approved and will post to the website soon. We will purchase no ice from Williston or Olympia for open ice purposes this year. We will supply more open ice slots this year for independent games at Amelia Park. The rate change for Amelia Park this year was 4%. Each team will have approximately 55/56 practices this season.

### **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT: (Steve Jarvis)**

First half of season ice payments are due in September. Mini Mites are \$200 per session with no mandatory raffle, Mites are \$500 for the first half with a mandatory calendar raffle or \$600 due at the first practice, Squirts and PeeWees are \$600 for the first half with a mandatory calendar raffle or \$700 due at the first practice, and Bantams are \$650 for the first half with a mandatory calendar raffle or \$750 due at the first practice. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED. 100% of the calendar raffle will go back to the teams.

We are still working on the 2<sup>nd</sup> half ice payment. We are analyzing costs for the new mite program to determine fees. Fees should be set by the end of September/early October for the second half of the season.

We had a loss of \$12,000. This is due to the board's action of bringing cash balances down. From now on we will break even every year and maintain about \$60,000 to cover ice expenses.

### **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: (Jeff Koziol)**

A newsletter will be going out shortly regarding fees, etc. As well, an email will go out regarding the Kevin Majors Tournament.

### **GSL REPORT: (Tom Roskey)**

- Next meeting will be on 9/14 and every month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, except for October, which will be on 10/16
- Investigation on how to handle fights at the midget and bantam level still ongoing
- Jeff Brown is the new GSL webmaster
  - Anyone wanting to place an ad on the website, contact him asap
- Home team will be responsible for entering the game's result onto the GSL website
  - Coach or team rep needs to pay attention to whether they are the home or away team

- Coaching education program completely different this year. Check the USA Hockey website for more details. Classes begin 9/1 through 12/31
- Mite C – Jamboree in Marlboro, 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve. 24 teams only \$160 per team on 2/12. This is listed in the MA guidebook, which we should get at the end of August. There are more cross-ice tournaments listed in it.
- Home team for Mites is responsible for putting a fun/skill session at center ice during games
  - Suggested format for Mites was revised and will be voted on in Sept.
- Westfield is currently not being considered to host a Novice jamboree unless nobody else steps forward.
- Volunteers needed to gather and assist compiling stats during both weekends of evaluations.
  - Game play during evals should be all out to help determine proper placement. These games only last 30 minutes each
- Anyone interested in becoming the GSL ice scheduler next season should get together with Todd and see what the job entails. He will be vacating that position at the end of the season.
- 9/7 Midget/Pre HS scheduling meeting to take place at Amelia at 7pm. Coach or team rep needs to bring 9 ice sheets with them for scheduling.
- Don has volunteered to come and go over the ADM material with coaches or parents. Just need to let him know interest
- The way referees are being paid has come under scrutiny and will be changing. A 1099 is almost certainly going to be required.
- Important dates
  - 8/29 – Number of teams due (Mite – Bantam)
  - 9/1 – Midget/Pre HS teams due
  - 9/7 – Midget/Pre HS scheduling meeting to be held at TBD
  - 9/15 – Evaluation schedule released
  - 9/16 – Midget/Pre HS season begins
  - 9/25 – Number of Novice team session 1 due
  - 10/1 – No Play Dates and State Playdown interest due (4 NPD)
  - 10/8 – Evaluations begin
- Complete and turn in GSL Team Registration form
- New GSL Rules and By Laws will be coming out in September.

### **USA HOCKEY REPORT: (Jen McMahon)**

No updates.

### **MERCHANDE REPORT: (Brenda Labbe)**

Jerseys, we are receiving the first order shortly and should receive remaining orders after that. We are still receiving late orders on jerseys and are hopeful to get those in time for the season to start. An order has gone in for LTS/LTP jerseys and for Mini Mite jerseys which will be the same as last year. We will have hockey bags available this year as well.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Kevin Majors Tournament is this coming weekend. WYHA will be participating in many ways with volunteers and 2 mites teams will kick off the tournament at 12:00 noon on Saturday.

We will hold a meeting in September to educate Mite parents in regards to the new format. As well, we will hold a meeting in September for PeeWee parents in regards to the new checking format and show a video to coaches, parents, refs and players.

The “snack shack” at Amelia Park will be SUBWAY, they will be open for business the week practices start and will also be available during game dates as early as 6:30 a.m.

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