

**WESTFIELD YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2011**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Labbe, President
Bob Jacques, 1st Vice President
Steve Jarvis, Director of Finance
Todd Jensen, 2nd Vice President/Ice Scheduler
Jeff Koziol, Director of Communications
Pam Bussell, Secretary

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Meeting began at approximately 6:45 p.m.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Paul Labbe)

- Subway will open Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 6:00 a.m. It will be open every weekend and week nights starting at 4:00 p.m.
- There is an elevated level of moisture in the arena because the compressor has broken and it controls the levels of humidity in the arena. A new compressor has been ordered and will be installed in about 3 weeks. The biggest challenge has been keeping the ice surface cold enough.
- Amelia Park has asked that in the event of a team meeting for parents that one parent is elected to watch younger children who are not being supervised during the meetings.

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

- LTS/LTP is a few weeks into session 1. We have 26 LTS players and 12 LTP. We are in desperate need of volunteer WYH coaches to assist during LTS.
- Student Coaches must fill out a student coach's form and put the same in Bob's envelope. Student coaches are between the ages of 13 and 17 years old. As this point we only have 2 student coaches, Mason Rock and Jake Neilsen.
- Fire and Ice Update: S1 Full; S2 needs one more team; Mites is struggling because of ½ ice. A committee will be formed in the coming weeks.
- The mini-mites will play next Friday, October 21, 2011, cross-ice, during the Springfield Falcon's intermission.

ICE SCHEDULER REPORT: (Todd Jensen)

- An email was sent to head coaches about open ice on October 22 and 23. Please email Todd if interested.
- If you are holding a scrimmage at Amelia Park, please fill out the scrimmage form available at the desk in advance so that board will be updated accordingly as far as locker rooms are concerned.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT: (Steve Jarvis)

- 2nd ice payment has been posted on the website and is due January 15, 2012. \$375 for mites, \$650 for squirts and pee wees, \$750 for bantams.
- Since we have brought down our cash balances over the past year, we are at a low of \$63,000. Our monthly ice bill is \$30,000. We expect to break even this year.
- We distributed \$9,350.00 between 11 teams as a result of the calendar raffle this year. Each team received \$850.00. Team Reps please provide your team with an accounting as to how the money is spent.
- Coaches will be reimbursed for USA Hockey Registration, Coaches Clinics and Modules via your child's ice bill prior to the January 15th payment. If you do not have a child playing, you will receive a check.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (Jeff Koziol):

- The new website has been up and running now for a month. We have received good feedback from teams as to this new website.
- Tonight the executive board will vote on the organization nicknames to be presented to the organization for voting. The teams will vote on the new nickname and the new name will be announced at the next board meeting in November.

GSL REPORT (Tom Roskey):

- Mark Sampson went over rule changes and points of emphasis: no tolerance for head contact; no tolerance for fighting – 2nd fighting major (on the same team in the same season) three game suspension; 3rd fighting major (on the same team in the same season) suspended until review convenes; penalty times – 12 minute period are Minor 1:30, Major/Match 4:00, Misconduct 6:00 – 18 minute period Minor 2:00, Major/March 5:00, Misconduct 10:00.
- Referee fee increased by \$1. If only 1 ref shows up for your game, you only pay for 1 ref per Mark Sampson. Ref is to seek the other half from the missing ref.
- Referees needed for independent games need to be coordinated through Steve Sady at 335-8416 or ssady2121@charter.net.
- Timekeepers will be managed by Jeff Brown (GSL Webmaster) and his daughter Emily. \$12 per 60 minute game; \$16 for 80 minute game.
- GSL regular season begins October 29.
- Novice Jamboree locations: Session 1 Enfield; Session 2 Amherst; Session 3 Ludlow.
- Falcons now have ONE Goal equipment (12 sets).

- All head coaches or a team rep should have picked up their GSL information packet at the Olympia this past evaluation weekend.
- Evaluation schedule posted for this coming weekend. This is the last weekend of evaluations.
- Regular season schedule should be posted by 10/23. Pay attention to the schedule who is the home team as home team is responsible for entering scores on GSL website.
- Next GSL meeting is October 16 at Amelia Park.

USA HOCKEY REPORT (Jen McMahon):

- Level 3 clinic this Sunday in Holyoke.
- Level 2 at AIC on November 13.
- No midget play downs this year.
- Bantam play down applications due October 20.
- Please put CORI forms in Jen's envelope with a copy of your license.

MERCHANDE REPORT (Brenda Labbe):

- Team store is on website, please check it out.
- Gear bags are selling well.

EQUIPMENT REPORT:

- Socks have been distributed. If you need other sizes, please let Paul know.
- First Aid kits – bags on back ordered. Supplies are in.
- After GSL games, coaches please help with mini-mite bumpers on ice.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Team pictures are next week, photo packets have been distributed.
- Need volunteers for Try Hockey for Free Day, October 5, 2011. Please let Paul know if you are available.
- We need volunteers for a committee for our In-House League. Please let Paul know if you are interested.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.