

GTHA House Committee Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Dianne Jurica at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Dallas Drake, Dianne Jurica, Rich Noffsinger, Todd Wodek, Julie Ringwelski, Matt Gurthet, Tara Noffsinger, and Nanette Peters.

Proposed Introduction of Committee Members: Dianne introduced the proposed new members/positions of the House Board. These include:

Mite D Rep: Matt Gurthet
Squirt Rep: currently unfilled
PeeWee Rep: Mike Muzljakovich (unable to attend due to conflict)
Bantam Rep: Rich Noffsinger
Skillympics: Nanette Peters
Secretary: Julie Ringwelski
Treasurer: currently unfilled

Director of Hockey report: Dallas was at the meeting to give us an overview of what he would like to implement in the upcoming year. Some of his goals/ideas include:

- Coaching clinic to be held in mid to late summer for coaches of all levels. At the clinic, he would emphasize how he wants kids taught/coached with an emphasis on skill development and the ADM model – starting with Mites.
- Spending a LOT of time on the ice with all the teams at all levels. He is anticipating three to four hours a night – every night. Kurt Froese will also be on ice to show proper skating techniques at various times.
- Having a stronger and more enforced “parental” code of conduct, as well as showing the Star Video at the team meetings.
- Implementing a monthly player evaluation from coaches so parents can understand their child’s progress. He also suggests that all parents read the ADM model so they are familiar with it.
- At draft skates, having independent and unbiased people rate the players.
- Utilizing software to produce monthly account invoices or statements for members which hopefully will result in less “outstanding account balances”.
- Promote better current communication between the Board and members by using the GTHA website and having all minutes posted as soon as possible immediately after the meeting has occurred.

He also reported that Amy (Drake) has been very busy in the office this past month and has accomplished a lot. She will be in charge of much of the administrative work to be done.

End of Year Survey Results:

Dianne Jurica read the results from the end of the year surveys that were received. Only 28 were received from all levels. Below is a “general overview” of what the results were by division:

COACHING:

Mites: Good. Comments seemed to indicate a problem with a coach

Squirt: Very good to Excellent

PeeWee: Most were Very Good to Excellent. One “Fair”

Bantam: One “poor”, rest were “good” (Dianne was aware of the issue with the “poor” rating of the coach)

Midget: Very good to Excellent

REFEREES:

Referee comments were discussed. Discussion included:

- Concern with kids learning how to check correctly – in particular, our kids get called for a lot of “head checking” while at out of town tournaments. Could further instruction be given?
- Overall, (the board) felt Jeff Armour has done a good job with the referees. It is always hard to please everyone with refs, and kids need to learn and practice officiating. Pairing them with older experienced refs seems to help.

SCHEDULING:

Most people want a full year schedule

Many people would like to see a schedule that includes practices on the same day each week. (much like Travel has)

SKILLYMPIC FEEDBACK:

The biggest complaint was the location this year(Howe) -- not enough dressing rooms in particular.

When should Skillympics be held? On National Hockey Day in February or towards the end of the season in March? There was a conflict with Districts this year in February.

Should Bantams continue to participate in the Skillympics?

FUNDRAISING:

Unanimously, everyone wanted fundraising to be “optional” and did not want to do the North Stars ticket sales as a fundraiser.

OTHER:

Move-ups were discussed as to why they are allowed and when do they occur. Reasons vary by year but in general, move-ups are strongly discouraged.

Difficulty with teams finding scorekeepers/timekeepers for games was discussed. Options involving a contract or “charging” non-helping parents were discussed. During

tournaments, it is important that parents “know what they are doing” (especially with timekeeping) or it doesn’t sit well with visiting teams.

IMPLEMENTATION OF TEAM MANAGER BOOKS:

Julie Ringwelski had suggested to Dianne Jurica prior to the meeting that a team notebook with helpful information be written and given to all team managers. The idea went over well. We brainstormed for content and came up with quite a list of items to be included. Tara Noffsinger and Nanette Peters offered to help Julie with this project. We hope to have a book ready by the time teams are announced.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Dianne Jurica read a letter from an anonymous PeeWee parent in regards to their “disappointing” season this past year. The letter was discussed in length about how to avoid these problems in the future, and what steps need to occur.

The question of whether or not the GTHA should march in the Cherry Festival Parade prompted Matt G to discuss his plans for trying to recruit more kids to play hockey-at the Mite level where we need to “reel them in”. Discussion of various ideas and where to recruit took place. He has many good ideas.

The next meeting date of June 7 was discussed. Since Julie R has a conflict, Nanette Peters will take minutes for the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Nanette Peters made a motion to adjourn, Rich Noffsinger seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Ringwelski
House Secretary

