

GTHA House Committee Meeting Minutes August 2, 2010

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

Present: Amy Drake, Dianne Jurica, Rich Noffsinger, Julie Ringwelski, Jennifer LaCharite, Matt Gurthet, Sheryl Beeman, and Nanette Peters, Chris and Carol Usiondek, Bob Fernandez.

2010-2011 Committee Members:

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

DIVISION REP REPORTS:

Mites: 100 signs have been or will have been distributed by GTHA members at various places around town and outlying areas. Mite Jamboree will be on September 25th using both sheets of ice. It will be an all day event with food, etc. Volunteers would be great. Both girls and boys can attend.

Matt is working towards getting enough "One goal" gear which is mite aged gear (everything but skates) that would be available to be rented (with a deposit) and the returned (in same shape) at end of use. This would help keep the cost down of first time skaters/players for parents – to see if their kids want to continue with hockey.

Matt explained there would be A1's and A2's this year. A1's are the bigger kids (aged 7/8 ish) who have never skated who want to start playing hockey. They would skate with kids of similar size/age and then get moved up to appropriate division by Jan 1st. A2's are the "traditional" aged kids who start out around age 4 and begin to play hockey. They would stay in the appropriate Mite classification that matches their age/birthyear.

ALL Mites will be ADM compliant. Parents need to have ADM explained to them better.

Squirt: Sheryl knew of at least two people who have applied to coach this year for Squirts.

PeeWee: No report

Bantam: Rich reported that there were at least 3 coaches that had applied. Hoping for more coaches to apply. Coaches may choose their assistant coaches, but NOT their sponsor or team manager.

SKILLYMPIC REPORT: Nanette reported that the date for Skillympics has been set for February 19th 2011. This also is Hockey Day in America. Skillympics will be held at Centre Ice.

TREASURER REPORT: Jennifer reported that she contacted those on the list she was given with outstanding A/R accounts and many have been paid up. Soon thereafter, Amy D and Deb D

took over working on the remainder of them. Statements have been sent out, refund checks (credits) from last year have been mailed and they will be enforcing the “not paid up- no skating at drafts” this year.

DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY (OFFICE) NEWS:

REGISTRATION:

Amy reported that online registration is up and being used. Kerry R did a great job of making the registration website go smoothly. Only problem we have found is if people want to pay with either cash or personal check. Amy prefers that people pay with credit cards but we realize that not all people will so we need to figure this out. The “Lottery” opt-out is now \$80, and tickets for the lottery are \$23 each (with 6 being required) with a new option to buy extra lottery tickets available now. The North Star tickets are NOT required this year but ARE an option to buy. (individuals would buy at discounted price, then sell at regular price. This could be used for individuals/families who want to do fundraising)

USED EQUIPMENT SALE:

Bob Fernandez came with handouts on how to operate the sale. He is unable to be there this year. We discussed problems that have occurred in the past (mostly items being stolen and the inconvenience of using the credit card machine) In discussing items being taken but not paid for, we decided to use fluorescent stickers to put on each item as they are paid. We will have a person working the door to check both the receipt and the fluorescent stickers as they leave the room. We will try to get a longer cord for the credit card machine. That way the person checking out doesn't have to keep leaving the room to run the card. Also, there will be a place on the form added on to mail checks to people who sell the items rather than writing out all the checks that night. This way, numbers can be double checked and it won't be so rushed. We would also like to have parents be required to be in the room with their kids and not have kids run around unsupervised. This causes more chaos in an already chaotic room. Signs should be made for a few things and Julie R will make some. Also- Julie will be in charge of the cash/checkout area and will get helpers for that. Amy D has some people who have already called in who want to help –either with fitting equipment or at checkout.

OLD BUSINESS

TEAM MANAGER BOOKS:

Julie R has been working on it. Would like to meet with anyone else interested who has been a team manager to make sure all topics are covered. Suggested using a link on the main website page (as Team Manager button) so that information could be received that way- and used, and also updated as needed, rather than printing out thick booklets that may need updating often. Nanette is helping with the project also.

NEW BUSINESS

HOUSE DRAFT DATES: Draft skates are as follows:

August 30 th :	Squirts 1 st year:	5:00	Squirt 2 nd year:	5:15
	PeeWee 1 st Year:	6:00	PW 2 nd Year:	6:15

	Bantam 1 st Year:	7:00	Bantam 2 nd Year:	7:15
August 31 st :	Squirt 1 st Year:	5:15	Squirt 2 nd Year:	6:00
	PeeWee 1 st Year:	6:15	PW 2 nd Year:	7:00
	Bantam 1 st Year:	7:15	Bantam 2 nd Year:	8:00

Division Reps must have Index Cards to mark: Head Coach, Asst Coach, Sponsor, Goalie to make sure teams are drafted correctly.

Todd Spaulding is in charge of the Midget Draft Skate

MOVE-UPS: No move-ups in House. The exception is that 2002 Mite D's only are grandfathered into Squirt this year, if the parents choose to do so.

USA HOCKEY LOCKER ROOM POLICY: USA Hockey background checked adults (can be coaches) must be in the locker room at all times when players are in there.

TEAM HOUSE JACKETS: Will still be available for players to purchase. Not many are getting the patches as they seem very large for the jacket and the kids don't care for them. Teams will be individually responsible for getting orders together and are encouraged to combine orders if necessary to get the "quantity" discount.

MAHA MEETING UPDATE: Dianne J attended main session. We need a District 7 Representative really. In regards to suspensions – it is our job to check the MAHA website to find out suspensions. They do not notify you of hearing outcomes. Findings are within 7 days of hearings. Dianne reminded us that disciplinary meetings are not necessarily about character, but rather about following rules and can be appealed.

Another rule change: Teams competing with teams from District 7 and District 8 may have the four hour rule waived with the consent of each team's District Chairperson due to travel distances. The maximum of two games in one day cannot be waived.

Go to MAHA.org or mahadistrict7.com for more information.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Ringwelski
House Secretary