

GTHA House Committee Meeting Minutes October 4, 2010

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

Board Members Present: Dianne Jurica, Rich Noffsinger, Julie Ringwelski, Mike Muzljovich, Sheryl Beeman, Nanette Peters. GTHA Members: Chris Usiondek, Suzy Barsheff, Chris Barsheff, Kraig Visser, Jeff VanCompernelle

SECRETARY: Minutes were emailed to board members and posted on the website after approval from the board.

TREASURER REPORT: None (since there is no treasurer)

DIVISION REP REPORTS:

Mites: 36 Kids in Mite C this year. 2 teams/rosters. Can interchange. A1 is kids ags 3-5 years, A2 is kids age 6-8.

Squirt: Sheryl Beeman reported that there are four teams this year. There will be two teams sent to Districts this year – including one Wildcard.

A parent questioned number of practices in October this year (7) versus last year (12). We started season later this year, and there should be same number of practices for both years. Sheryl will look more into it once the remainder of the schedule comes out- which should be by Wednesday (October 6th).

PeeWee: Mike M reported that all three coaches seemed happy with their teams. There are three PW teams this year.

Concern from a parent of a 7 year old girl skating on U-12 team as far as practices being held late – starting at 8:15. Dianne J discussed how we schedule blocks of ice time and that we are second in line for use because the Figure Skating club gets their request in by May. We can't turn in a request until we know how many teams there will be for each division. The Girls U12 team, In this case, is skating with the Pee Wee Division because there are only 3 PeeWee teams and we needed another team to share the ice. Someone suggested taking a small deposit fee in early summer to help determine how many teams there might be in the fall. Some thought it was a good idea .

Bantam: Rich N reported that there are four Bantam teams this year. There is some concern already with the goalie situation, but the coaches requested there be four teams instead of three teams – knowing about the lack of experienced goalies.
Rich will find out if Bantam will be sending a WildCard team to Districts or not.

DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY (OFFICE) NEWS:

Scheduling Additional Ice for Teams: Dianne Jurica explained that we are under contract with GTHA to schedule ice . Therefore, the following steps should be done to schedule ice time for extra practices, friendship games, etc.

- 1) Contact Division Rep.
- 2) Division Rep contacts Amy and then Deb Derrer (scheduler)

*** All scheduling has to go thru the Division Reps and Amy Drake and Deb Derrer.

- 3) Either Amy or Deb will then check the schedule for available ice time. If no ice time is available for the team at their requested time, they will then (and only then) check with the Kalkaska Coliseum to see if ice time is available. The team pays the fee for whichever facility they end up using.

NEW MAHA RULES: Some questions came up in regards to how best enforce the issue of “no cell phones” allowed in locker room. Also- over at Howe- how will it be enforced that girls’ locker rooms don’t have boys coming into them. (they connect with a common bathroom). If cell phones are not allowed in locker room (because they have cameras), then will IPODS be banned also because new Ipods have cameras also? Discussion and ideas followed. Dianne J will look into this.

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.

SKILLYMPIC REPORT: (set for February 19, 2011 at Centre ice)

Nanette had some costs involved for this year’s Skillympics. The ice time alone costs \$1900.00 Additional costs include medals (120 needed), ice/décor, equipment and food. This brings up the cost to approximately \$2500-\$3000 to put it on. We have not yet secured any sponsors – but she is waiting to hear back from Cone Drive who has sponsored part of the costs in the past. She also brought up the fact that the radar gun is broken and there is no display board to show mph. There is no wireless microphone either. She would like the divisions to use some of their extra money (because of larger team sizes this year) to pay towards the cost. However, only Squirt and PeeWee have extra monies. Bantam has none. Many did not think it fair to have two Divisions pay for everyone, so that idea was nixed. She had priced out display boards/radar guns at \$758 to purchase. Two people at the meeting had radar guns they were willing to let her borrow for the day. Remaining members felt this would be good alternative. Nanette will continue to look for sponsors to help pay for Skillympics. Chris Usiondek suggested looking into a corporate “grant”.

OLD BUSINESS

TEAM MANAGER BOOKS: Julie R has been working on this all summer long. She put together books with the help of Amy Drake so that each team will get a book with information in it. Also- forms and additional information is constantly being added and updated to the Team Manager Resource page. There will be a team manager meeting on Wednesday, October 6th.

Next Meeting will be held on Monday, November 1st @ 7:00 p.m. at Centre Ice in the Community Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Ringwelski
House Secretary