



*Player Development Meeting
August 17, 2011
Queen Bee's, Paynesville*

Meeting Minutes

1, Girl's Coordinator Update:

Mitch Sweep was invited to update PDC on the girl's program:

Coaches have been selected as girls will not be involved in tryouts. These coaches have been contacted by Mitch or in the process of being contacted.

Tournaments have been selected for all of the girl's teams.

Skate-a-thon: Numbers were down of participating hockey players but the money that was raised was close to two thousand dollars. Flyers have been printed using the revenue and these will be distributed to schools for open houses this fall.

Girl's beginner hockey camp: Mitch will be running this camp and it will be hosted in Paynesville. The camp is run through Community Ed in Paynesville.

2. Ice Scheduler Report:

Kevin Mooney discussed the October ice schedule. A discussion of fall camp and tryouts was held and minor changes were made to accommodate issues. It was agreed to add some separate goalie camp days during October.

3. Coaches Meeting:

The coach's meeting was scheduled for September 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Ron and Judy's in Paynesville. The agenda was modified and a great deal of discussion was held regarding the new USA Hockey requirements. As of today, USA Hockey has still not published their upcoming CEP clinic dates. It is believed that these dates will be out prior to the 14th.

4. Registration numbers:

Registration numbers were discussed. The current numbers are lower than projected and there are many families that have not registered yet. Finalization of team numbers was tabled until September's meeting. RLS Staff will be contacting families in the coming weeks to solidify numbers prior to the September 21st PDC meeting.

5. Waiver Applicants:

A discussion regarding waiver applicants took place. There were a few Mite to Squirt waivers requested. PDC agreed that we will allow these waivers but want to hold off on the decision until the September 21st PDC meeting and registration numbers are more solid. A mini-mite to mite waiver was granted and a mite to 8U waiver was granted.

There were two Squirts to Pee Wee waivers discussed under the exceptional player clause. One player was automatically denied due to birth date being too early. The other player, as agreed by the PDC, would be better suited to stay with his peers and remain at the Squirt level. It is our belief and philosophy that the exceptional player waiver is to be used in rare instances and that in the overall development of the player it is ultimately better to have that player develop as a leader, build confidence, and play with his “team” to develop the team as well.

6. Coaching Placements:

The preliminary coaching list was discussed. Several names were brought up that haven’t applied yet and Mark Jenson will be contacting these individuals to see if they would be interested in helping out.

7. Finalize Fall Camp Schedule:

PDC discussed the structure for fall camp. Individual PDC members that have coached at the levels will be bringing practice plans for the September 21st meeting to finalize the skill progression for fall camp. Also at the coach’s meeting, coaches will be told that they will need to attend the fall camp to assist with the stations during practice.

8. Squirt Teams:

The declaration of Squirt Teams was brought forth again after community input. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the rationale of two C teams and the overall development of the program. After much discussion it was agreed that we will in fact reverse our earlier decision and go with two Squirt B teams and only 1 C Team. If a B1 – B2 format is not approved by District 5, we will create two equal B teams.

Upcoming Dates:

September 14 th	Coaches Meeting @ Ron and Judy’s 7:00 p.m.
September 21 st	Player Development Meeting @ Queen Bees 7:00 p.m.