

GTHA Executive Board Meeting

September 19, 2011

Members Present: Steve Peacock, Chad Fournier, Todd Spaulding, Jerry Ruskowski, Julie Ringwelski, Kerry Russell, Dallas Drake, Amy Drake, Dianne Jurica, Jeff Armour. Several guests.

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

Secretary's Report

Ruskowski motioned to approve June minutes. Armour seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

All travel teams are to keep a standard spreadsheet.

Presidents Report

After a brief discussion, Fournier made a motion:

"GTHA will continue the incentive with the local School District Athletic Directors, as we have in the past, by giving access to hand out literature to schools with incentives given for each child brought in to GTHA. GTHA appreciates the effort of those involved, especially during difficult situation. "

Ruskowski seconded motion. Motion passed.

Executive Vice President Report None (Jenkins absent)

Travel Vice President Report: (see old business for part of his report)

House Vice President Report:

- Draft Skates are set for weekend of October 7th and 9th.
- Draft will be held on Tuesday, October 11th.
- Parent meetings will be held on the 12th and 13th. (Squirts on 10/12 @ 6 p.m.; PeeWee on 10/13 @ 6 p.m. and Bantam on 10/13 @ 8 p.m.)
- Skating will start on the 15th for Mites and on the 17th for Squirt and above.

In regards to draft: Inquiry was made in regards to if head coaches could be in room for the actual draft. Reasons for request were discussed. The goal for everyone is to have even teams. Jurica reported that District 7 has rules about who can be in the room during the draft and that it is up to GTHA to develop guidelines and that there can be some "grey" matter in regards to draft rules. Discussion followed and the following motion was made by Fournier:

"On a trial basis, GTHA will allow the head coaches for Squirt, Bantam and PeeWee in the room during the actual draft and will allow input from them during the draft. All draft guidelines will be strictly followed as always."

Jerry Ruskowski seconded motion. Motion passed.

Several requests have been made to move the Bantam House Tournament away from deerhunting season in the future. Current date of tournament is November 18. Tournament can't be moved this year, but it will be looked into moving it in the future.

Director of Hockey Report

Coaching Clinics: December 11, Level 1; November 13, Level 2 & 3 (on website)

Coaching Seminar for Squirt/PeeWee on October 27 in Mack. City

There will be a Girls State Rec. Tournament for first time this year. Need to know by November 1 if girls will participate.

JV : Letter from Head Coach stating that GTHA will have a JV team .

Current numbers for House hockey are:

61 Squirts (5-6 teams); 44 PeeWee (3-4 teams); 33 Bantams (3 teams) Anticipate some last minute registrations and some players from Kalkaska.

Mites jerseys may move away from having jerseys with sponsors or teams.

Amy would like to hand out screen printed pucks instead of medals this year.

Referee-In-Chief Report

Upcoming: Referee clinic is Saturday Oct 8th, 8:30am @ Howe Arena.

Discussed possibility of paying referees in the future electronically. SP will look into this.

Ace Coordinator Report: None

Scheduler Report: None

Old Business: Due to an important deadline occurring in between Executive Board meetings, and the urgency to resolve the issue for scheduling purposes, an email vote took place in regards to Girls Hockey. The deadline had been agreed upon by both parties prior to the actual date of the deadline. In an email dated September 7th (a full two weeks after the given deadline of August 24) an email was sent in regards to the Girls Program:

GTHA will offer the following programs for the 2011-2012 season:

U16

Girls birthyears 1998-1995

**move ups will be allowed upon approval of board & coach*

U12

Girls birthyears 1999-2002

**move ups will be allowed upon approval of board & coach*

All other girls will be a part of GTHA's co-ed Mite program. This needs to be voted on - please respond to all ASAP to vote to approve or not.

After receiving at least four "yes" votes from board members on this matter, and the motion passed.

Chad Fournier (Travel VP) then sent out an email on September 8th announcing the Executive Board's decision in reference to the above motion, along with the following stipulation:

"Please note that all girls programs will be a part of the travel program this year and will be moved to the house program in the next year. The girls

program will need to follow the practices of each division with which they are included. "

Several emails were then exchanged in regards to the vote from GTHA members (Parents) and Board Members. A public apology was given to the board from a GTHA guest in regards to the emails exchanged. The board hopes to move forward with all of those involved in a positive way.

As a result of this vote, 3 girls were affected. (4 girls went back to Mites)

Other: An Amendment was made to the August 2011 minutes under **Director of Hockey**. In an email dated September 6, 2011, the Registrar of District 7 (Pat Brumbaugh) sent an email stating the following correction should be made in regards to supplemental rosters for goalies.

The rule is that if there are more teams than goalies in a House division, a goalie may be on the supplemental roster for the team without a goalie. So a goalie could be on one roster and one supplemental roster. Again, that only applies if there are more teams than goalies and applies to the PW, Bantam and Midget B and BB divisions. Goalies rostered on travel teams cannot be rostered on a house team also.

Adjournment

Armour made motion to adjourn. Jurica seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Julie Ringwelski