



*Player Development Meeting
June 20, 2012
Queen Bee's, Paynesville*

Meeting Minutes

1. Girl's Coordinator Update:

District meeting - everyone in district is in same boat as River Lakes in terms of fielding consistent girl's teams. Numbers are fluctuating everywhere. River Lakes will be playing a 12A schedule and could possibly support two 10U teams.

Skate-a-thon – raises money to support the girl's program and money is used for scholarships and equipment.

14U is in a difficult situation. Several players are eligible for high school and have expressed interest and there are no goalies at this age. As of today, the numbers will not support a 14U team for next season. If this is the case, 4 8th graders may have to move up to high school to continue to play hockey.

High School: Three coaches were hired this month with strong hockey background.

2. Summer Ice

John Pulsifer raised the discussion about summer ice for next year. PDC will look at brainstorming some ideas that can get out players on the ice periodically throughout the summer at Paynesville that both supports development as well as being financially viable for the rink. (tournaments, practices, etc)

3. Skills Night/Dryland

Drills were handed in for skills night and a practice book will be completed by fall for Pee Wee, Bantam levels. A dryland inventory of equipment will be made so new equipment can be purchased to be used next season.

4. IP and Mite Program

In the fall, PDC will schedule both East and West members to attend the mite practices for the first month to mentor and get them on the same "page" as all of the coaches. Aaron Stellmach will be doing a mite book for the coaches.

5. Junior Gold

With the numbers steadily increasing, the time may be right to start a Junior Gold Team. This team would be under the umbrella of the youth hockey association but would consist of high school age players. The high school coaching staff is in favor of the move as it would alleviate the large numbers of players on the ice and

allow for more players to see games. RLS will need to work with the high schools to promote the program. Ice time could also be a factor. However, the need outweighs the issues and PDC recommends that we move forward with fielding a Junior Gold Team for the 2012-13 season.

6. Fall Camp/Tryout Calendar

PDC will have a Calendar for October ready in July to hand over to the Ice Schedulers. The tryout format from last year was discussed and was agreed by all that it was effective and with minor tweaking we will continue in the same format. Steve Anderson will talk to Shawn Jones regarding goalie tryouts.