



December 18th PDC Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

PDC Members: Aaron Stellmach, Mike Tangen, Kevin Mooney, Mitch Sweep, Steve Lemke, Chris Stanley, Dave Johnson, Tom Haines

RLS Board Members: Tom Ruhland, Henry Blattner, Sheri Terwissca, Cory Thoreson, Barry Venable.

High School Representatives: John Pulsifer, Boys Head Coach, Jack Freeman, Girls Head Coach and Joel Baumgarten ROCORI Activities Director.

At the November PDC Meeting members requested the attendance of High School Hockey representatives to discuss waiver/advancement/acceleration policy. The understanding that both programs although independent governing bodies affect each other greatly and the goal is to make sure we work together for a common goal.

The conversation was directed to moving forward with NEW policies and not rehashing OLD issues.

The High School Representatives informed the group that they intend on creating a policy regulating the acceptance of Bantam/ U14 age players electing to play high school Hockey. The Policy will be written and presented to the Athletic Directors Board of representing schools for River Lakes Hockey in the Spring of 2014. The policy will include an evaluation process where players who have the skill and maturity to play at the Varsity level will be allowed to play at High School. Others who do not meet that requirement will be recommended by the High School program to play at their Age appropriate level. RLS Inc. will continue to produce a competitive atmosphere for players to develop with the goal of feeding the High School with quality Hockey players.

The PDC had an open and detailed conversation regarding the waiver/advancement/ acceleration policy for RLS Inc. After the conversation was complete PDC Members took a vote. Two choices were given. #1 No exceptional player Waiver Allowed...No Exceptions. #2 writes a policy including process for exceptional player with changes from the existing policy.

The Vote was by written Ballot- 4-3 Majority for **option #2**. Ballots were counted and destroyed by ACE Aaron Stellmach. Stellmach abstained from vote (Not Necessary to break a tie)

The PDC will research existing policy and policies and have rough draft written at January Meeting. The goal was set to have NEW Policy prepared for RLS Board for the February Board Meeting. The PDC will also include High School Representatives in the process as consultants.