

BYHA Hockey Development Committee Meeting

1/13/2014

Present: Neil Huewe, Corey Rupp, Tony Mannausau, Tom Kuesel, Scott Anderson, Kurt Knott, Cory Delapp, Wade Chiodo

Absent: Jackie Robertson

- Squirt Games – We had discussion about looking at squirt games maximums for 2014-15 season. We will review but feel as of now with no new information to support otherwise we feel 28 games is still best along with in-house program where kids could get additional 15 games with no travel. Discussed squirt A group going over games but did not follow in house protocol so would have had 12 more games as recommended if they would have.
- Schedule discussion – Discussed what worked this year and what did not. We will discuss further the set up with classroom sessions. Need to make mandatory if taking time to line up speakers. Also discussed squirt in-house to weekday and Rec Hockey time slots. Also reviewed overall practice schedule and based on team projections should be able to maintain current ice levels.
- Scheduling of games – Discussed challenges with getting games for some groups this year. Next year Neil will hold think tank sessions with each coach and manager before season on who they want to play. Should be more effective to get the right games.
- Blue Helmets – We still have key kids we have let where blue helmets. This year was the last year of flexibility. Will email towards end of year and require for next season.
- Power Skating – We have talked to long about getting a program and clear we need a greater focus on skating. HDC will work to develop strong program again.
- Coach feedback and accountability – We need stronger communication on philosophy and what we are seeing with coaches. Also need greater accountability to follow in-house programs etc. Next year we will look to have more coaches meetings and check-ins with coaches to ensure supporting BYHA plans for development or working with HDC to make stronger.
- Hockey Operations – HDC is working to create hockey manual to address all areas of concern for development. Things like team sizes, how we pick teams, number of games etc. Goal is to have manual discussed and approved for next season to give to everyone and discuss to avoid issues we faced this season.
- Leadership Council – HDC is working with form a Leadership Council as a resource to BYHA and HDC for development. We have a strong group committed including the BSU coaches, Phil Vercota, Bryan Grand and many others. Goal is to meet annually to discuss development and things that we can do to promote hockey and make better hockey players and kids.
- Next Meeting – February 10th, 2014 6:30am BCA Board Room