



## **January 21st, 2015 PDC Meeting Minutes**

### **1. Problem Solving for IP Program-**

Noah Brunlett was in attendance to discuss the IP program in its current state as well as future problem solving. Issues from this season were summarized and reviewed by IP Coordinator Mike Tangen. The concerns about the program were discussed by the group. The PDC has consistently advocated for the ADM model use and limiting the amount of games to focus the program on skill development. This model has proven successful in USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey and River Lakes Hockey. By looking at the success of River Lakes Hockey teams since ADM has been utilized it is apparent to this committee that we are producing better skilled players then when ADM was not used. The PDC will review some program suggestions in the future. The following points will be considered before next season to make the IP program as strong and clear to all players, parents, and coaches involved.

1. Parent meetings involving the whole IP program will be held on GAME DAYS in the future to ensure the same messages are being sent to programs from both rinks.

2. A "Survey Monkey" survey will be sent out to all IP families in February. A draft of the survey will be sent to PDC members for the next PDC meeting. Draft will be created by Noah Brunlett. The goal for the survey is to let the parents voice their

concerns in a controlled manner. The results of the survey will be considered and may be used if the PDC determines changes will benefit the program keeping the core of the program intact.

**3.** The IP coordinator will attend and facilitate meetings at critical times in the season. September meetings to kick off the season and December meetings to prepare the IP program for their out of association game scheduling. This will help minimize communication problems and ensure the program the PDC has set is being utilized as intended.

**4.** The growth and implementation of River Lakes Girls Hockey will always be considered throughout the season.

## **2. Role of PDC for Hockey operations-**

The PDC is concerned that decisions and policies that are involving hockey operations are being discussed and decided on by the River Lakes Board without consulting with the PDC. Recently PDC members were made aware that board members writing tryout policies and attendance policies. The PDC considers these hockey operations. RLS President Henry Blattner was present at the meeting and agreed they were hockey operations. Henry stated that any policies or changes would have to go through the PDC before they would be approved by the board. Henry also stated the goal of PDC is conduct hockey operations and the board will conduct business operations for the association.

## **3. NEW ACE/PDC members and recruitment-**

The term for current ACE Coordinator Aaron Stellmach is up in March of 2015. Terms for members Steve Lemke, Tom Haines, and Mike Tangen are also up in March of 2015. The ACE position

must be filled by a current member of the PDC. The position and its duties were discussed by the group. See the next section for structure changes for the PDC. Stellmach intends to apply to stay on the PDC to assist the New ACE as a voting member. Mike Tangen and Steve Lemke intend to re-apply as voting members. Tom Haines will not re-apply. There will be a notification put out on the Web site seeking applicants for the PDC. Election and appointment recommendation for vacant positions are made at the March PDC meeting.

#### **4. PDC Structure and Job descriptions-**

ACE Coordinator Aaron Stellmach discussed the role of the ACE and talked about the amount of work that goes into the position. The position requires a significant amount of commitment and knowledge. Members discussed ways to delegate some of the duties to other committee members. After some structure changes there were PDC members who were willing to consider the ACE position. Changes in structure include.

1. A PDC member being designated as a coordinator for each level. Mite(IP), Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam, and Girls. The specific duties of each coordinator will be determined in future PDC meetings.
2. A PDC member will be assigned as Secretary. Minutes and other duties will be assigned. Specific duties will be determined in a future PDC meeting.
3. An RLS Board member will act as a liaison at PDC meeting and will give updates at the RLS Board meetings. The ACE will not have to attend board meetings unless a specific issue is being discussed and their attendance is requested for the issue at hand. Coordinators for specific groups may also attend for

special requests by board.

## **5. Meeting Location-**

It was brought to the attention of the PDC that Queen Bee's business in Paynesville is actively supporting River Lakes Youth Hockey again. The PDC will utilize Queen Bees for meetings to support local businesses who contribute to River Lakes Hockey.