

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association

BOD meeting Minutes – 12.4.14

5:30 p.m. – Glenwood Springs Library

Present: Peter Tibbetts, Jay Mencimer, Kirk Huyser, TK Kwiatkowski,
Bryan Gonzales, Phil Weir, Angie Fowler, Greg Knott

Not present: Theresa Hadsock, Evan Marty, Peter Guy

1. Call to Order

Pete called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Directors' Report 11/2014

Coaches update

- Coach Larry Thrun has joined our Bantam coaching staff; this group will appreciate his experience & talents.
- Coach Chuck Apostolik suffered an injury recently while on the ice and had to be brought to the emergency room. The Midget coaching staff has suggested we, as an association, help with his medical costs (no medical insurance). I suggest we use the Holiday Festival, an 18U event, as a fundraiser to try to raise funds for this cause.

CPHL update

League schedule was released 12/01. Only 8 teams signed up for the league (originally projected at 12), which gives us only a 14 game season. We are trying to schedule non-league games for the core team along with some 'JV' games for our underclassmen.

Team meetings

All team meeting have been completed & season plans were laid out to the families.

SafeSport meetings

Multiple SafeSport meetings were held for GSYHA families; managers have collected all paperwork needed*. We have also decided to post Locker Room SafeSport policies within each locker room at the community center.

**Need to verify IP & Mite*

Evaluations

Team evaluations were completed 11/07

Most notable situation is player G. Olson & family were upset Gavin was placed on the B team and have decided to withdraw from GSYHA*. TK had a productive conversation with father Mike Olson about Gavin's evaluation, mother Lynn

communicated via text with Peter, Kirk and TK but never responded to any offers to meet or talk in person. A full refund has been issued to the Olson family.

**This did leave the Bantam B team with only 8 skaters, working on GJ players still.*

No other major issues, most families are excited about the rosters and are looking forward to a successful season.

Exit interviews have been held for all that have requested.

Try Hockey For Free

The event went off well, many players to help out as 'student coaches'. Numbers were down some this year (22 compared to well over 30), the only reason we could attribute this to was unseasonably warm weather the day of the event.

Midland Fitness Update

So far coaches & families have been impressed with the training offered by M.F. and see the benefits. TK will follow up with coaches & trainers, along with M.F. owner Steve, to fine-tune any specific training procedures we might want to adjust. Overall M.F. trainers have been doing very good to date.

Body Contact Clinic

Received very well by coaches, would recommend bringing in Coach Brian Sutton (or similar) for the 2015-2016 season.

RMHS Clinics

Coach Bryan Smith had an unforeseen incident (broken leg) that prohibited him from performing the scheduled RMHS clinics scheduled for this week. We are looking into the feasibility of rescheduling, although it might be hard as our game schedule might preclude this.

Squirt House Jamboree

Over 30 players showed up for the first CDYHL Squirt H.H.P Jamboree. It was a very successful event, with many compliments from opposing associations & coaches.

Team Sponsor update

Leahy-Gornick Real Estate signed up to sponsor the Bantam A team, replacing Orthopedic Associates. First Bank & Glenwood Suites renewed their team sponsorships. We now have too many team sponsors (due to only one 18U team), TK will contact the sponsor that overpaid (Bighorn Toyota) to find with a solution*.

**One idea is to offer them both Squirt House & I.P. teams for their donation*

Concussion Protocol (see attachment)

Concussion specialist volunteers have been chosen for all teams with the exception of one (SQ Silver).

A training session has been set for 12/16 @ 6:30pm for all specialists and available coaches to meet with VVH Certified Athletic Trainer (and Grizzly Alumni) Kayla Allred for continued concussion training.

Grizzly Mite Jamboree & ADM Clinic

14 teams have signed up for the Grizzly Mite Jamboree to be held this Saturday, January 6th. Schedule has been completed, food sponsors secured and the *very* new Mite staff seems to have a good handle on the day's events. Ty Hennes from USAH will be here again to perform a District ADM Clinic for players & coaches.

Justin Johnson Goalie Clinic

AJH is bringing out Justin Johnson again this year; there is an opportunity for us to join in with this clinic again. Dates are set for 12/16, 12/17 & 12/18. AJH Director to contact TK with budget needs from GSYHA to join (approximately \$1200 to \$1500, splitting costs). Two practices would be in Aspen, one in Glenwood.

Holiday Festival & Winter Classic

CAHA has approved sanctioning for both our High School Prep & 3v3 Holiday Festival Tournaments. Information for both tournaments is on our webpage (Rules & Regulations and Registration information). We have decided *not* to use the SportNgin 'Tourney' feature due to the size of our tournament, instead we will manage this ourselves through the CAHA website.

- Currently we have three teams committed at the High School level (GSYHA, Moffat County & West Elk), still needing to secure a fourth team to fill the schedule. Todd Carmer has volunteered to be the official tournament coordinator.
- 3v3 tournament information has been distributed to regional associations through Directors and Presidents (where the association does not have a Director). Five 'ice leaders' have been chosen to date: Arianna Buxman, Natalie Bantis, Cam Avery, Dawson Quint & Jackson Wilson.
- Winter Classic (pond hockey tourney in El Jebel on the water-ski lake) is very close to being an "association paid" tournament for our players, Shaun (AJH) to follow up with TK on 12/8 with more details.

International Silver Sticks wrap-up

Our Grizzly Pee Wee A & Pee Wee B teams competed in the International Regional Silver Stick tournament. Results were awesome with the PW B team finishing 3rd and the PW A team winning the championship game! The PW A team will now play at the National tournament in Michigan (Jan 23 – 25).

Suggestion, upon team approval, we set up a Go-Fund-Me or similar site to donate funds to help offset the cost of this tournament for our families. This would not only help raise funds for the team, but also give GSYHA some positive local exposure within our community.

4. Treasurer's Report

We have 160 registrants this year, which is down a couple players from last year, and thus are down around \$11,500 on registration fees, but it's close to what we had last year. Largest drop was in the number of midget skaters. We didn't do as well on the Grizzly Fundraiser as we had expected to do.

5. Old Business

• Icebreaker

Saturday, November 8 at the Vaudeville – All who attended agreed the Vaudeville was a lot of fun. The silent auction was challenging given the limited space.

- Conversation began regarding splitting the silent auction and Ice Breaker event into separate events (if Vaudeville is used again).
- Phil suggested a golf ball drop combined with the annual golf tournament, if the event is moved to a larger course, such as Ironbridge. The silent auction could also take place there.
- Pete reminded everyone that approving another fundraiser was not on the agenda and we could look into a meeting, outside of the monthly board meeting to brainstorm other fundraising ideas. In the meantime, Phil will find out about Ironbridge rates.

• Jeep/Mega Raffle

As Evan was not available to attend this meeting, this item was rescheduled to the January 2015 board meeting

• I AM A GRIZZLY

Lots of input from coaches and players regarding this creed. TK will forward the feedback for board members to review. Action on this should be taken prior to January 2015 board meeting

• Strategic Plan

Pete reminded everyone of lots of recent actions reflect back on the strategic plan that was drafted in 2012. Pete will forward the draft of the plan to all board members to review prior to the January 2015 board meeting.

• Booster Club

As Evan was not available to attend this meeting, this item was rescheduled to the January 2015 board meeting

6. New Business

• Midget Ice Time Decrease/Rate Increase

Lots of discussion about this issue. Midget team offered a morning practice, but given the large number of Grand Junction skaters, the morning practice did not prove practical this season. Midgets that are interested in additional ice time, are encouraged to participate with the Bantam practice (formerly Midget) on Monday AM. As interest in hockey continues to increase, the demand for ice (a fixed resource) also increases. In the off season GSYHA plans to meet with the Glenwood Rec key decision makers to brainstorm options to increase ice availability.

• Grizzly Hockey Season Yearbook

Pete proposed the idea of a 2014-2015 GRIZZLY HOCKEY Season yearbook, similar to those kids get in school. The technology has greatly reduced the cost and effort

• Mite Jamboree

Will be on Saturday, 12/6. Large turnout (14-15 teams) expected. Mite Manager, Sheila, has all positions covered and is looking forward to a great event. Board members are encouraged to swing by and show their support for the Mites.

7. Next Meeting – Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at a location the library.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.