

***Greensboro Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
per GYHA By-laws Article VI, Section 2
Monday May 10th, 2010***

President Scott Seffels called the Special Board Meeting of GYHA to order at 5:55 PM.

Present: Scott Seffels, Jerilynn Bathgate, Paul Fidishun, Kathryn Riedell, Keith Spours, Marnie Fidishun

Absent: Chuck Koontz, Aaron Graff , Ray Miele

I. Agenda Items/Discussion Items

- A.** Appeal by Sean Willoughby-Ray regarding mite players playing in the squirt division due to the implementation of USA Hockey American Development Model of play. General discussion of the appeal and review of formal input received from members. Reviewed 2009-2010 exemption for Mite players. Agreed to abide by previous exemption dated 8/31/2009. See addendum. Letter was crafted and sent to Sean Willoughby- Ray with outcome and request he respond in writing regarding his intentions regarding not accepting the mite coaching position as he had discussed with Paul Fidishun.
- B.** Petition by Bantam parents concerning coach selection. Paul Fidishun excused himself for this portion of the meeting. General discussion of petition letter request and content. Paul Fidishun was asked to return to the meeting and it was decided he would invite all Bantam eligible families to an informational meeting this Thursday.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

The next GYHA Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday May 17th at:

*The Courtyard by Marriott
4400 Wendover Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27404
Phone(336) 294-3800*

Minutes Submitted by: Jerilynn Bathgate

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Addendum:

8/31/2010 exemption letter:

Mite and Squirt Parents,

This season GYHA is following the recommendations of USA Hockey and our organization is developing and implementing a Cross-Ice Program for all players aged 8 and under. GYHA strongly feels that this is the right direction for our youth hockey program and that the Cross-Ice program will be the best way to develop our young players. Along with the Cross-Ice Program GYHA also offers the Mite Select Program for players aged 8 and under. The Select Program has additional practice time, gives players the opportunity for full ice games with limited travel along with the possibility of attending a tournament.

As strongly as we believe in USA Hockey's Cross-Ice Program for our younger players we also realize that some parents may be reluctant to enroll players in the GYHA Cross-Ice Program since their children have been participating in full ice programs over the past years. Since this is a year of transition for GYHA with the implementation of USA Hockey's Cross-Ice, GYHA will offer the following exemption for mite aged players wishing to play in a program that offers no cross-ice games, only full ice games:

Any mite player who participated in a 2008 - 2009 GYHA Mite full ice program may apply to the GYHA Board for an exemption to play up one level on the Squirt House/Rec team provided the players skills are appropriate for that level of play. Each player requesting this exemption shall be evaluated by the Squirt coach, GYHA Board member and the ACE Coordinator to ensure the player has the adequate skills. Any Mite player who participates on the Squirt House/Rec team must also commit to playing with the Mite Select team for the Mite's (12) scheduled full ice games and commit to sharing the Mite Select game costs as part of the players overall team fees. This player will be exempt from participating in the GYHA Cross-Ice Program provided the player meets the above.

Please email Scott Seffels, GYHA President at if you wish to apply for this exemption. An evaluation will be scheduled during a squirt practice. Fees for mite players playing up are approximately as follows:

- Team fee for Squirt Select is \$14,381. Per player cost is the team fee divided by the number of players on the team.
- Fee for Mite Select games (12) is \$2,448. Per player cost is \$2448/#players playing Mite Select games.
- A mite player playing up with squirt team will be responsible for both of above fees.

Thank you,