

HDC Meeting Minutes 4/11/2016

Members Present: Tom Kuesel, Neil Huewe, Jeremy Fayette, Wade Chiodo, Kurt Knott, Tony Mannassau, Corey Rupp

Members Absent: None

Guests: Mike Engum, Chad Rebischke, Jason Brodina, Jeff Loewe

Meeting Called to order 6:30

Applicant for goalie coordinator: Chad Rebischke came to the HDC committee and volunteered his time to be the goalie coordinator for the 2016-2017 hockey season. We did not have anybody the last couple of seasons and really need a goalie coordinator going forward. Chad will also manage the program's goalie equipment with the assistance of Kuesel.

A motion was made to have Chad be our goalie coordinator for 2016-2017 season: Kuesel 1st, Rupp 2nd; All approved.

Team Classification for 2016-2017 season: Estimated teams for next season: Bantam 2 teams, Pee wee 4 teams, Squirt 3 teams, 12U no team, 10U 1 team. A lengthy discussion was held and it was determined the following structure would be the most beneficial for the development of all players:

Bantam – AA & B; Pee wee – AA, A, and 2 equal B; Squirt – A, B, C.

A large portion of the conversation was on the Pee wee group. The A team will have some tough games vs district opponents. However, the rest of the schedule can be against other A programs and similar skilled teams. Huewe said this would also be the most feasible method for scheduling games as well.

A motion was made for Bantam AA, B; Pee wee AA, A, and 2 equal B; Squirt A, B, C.

Knott 1st, Rupp 2nd; All approved.

(This assumes our actual numbers next season are similar to our projections)

Home Tournaments: The HDC will ask the board to remove home tournaments that do not have a Bemidji team in the tournament. Next season we have no 12 U. Therefore we are recommending to remove the 12U tournament, have 1 16 team tournament for Pee wee B; and combine the Squirt A and 10U tournament on the same weekend to create more ice time for our program.

This year will be an odd year where we have 1 less weekend in the hockey season. This year Christmas also falls on the weekend so we will lose another weekend. Therefore the HDC is recommending to remove those tournaments to open more ice times for BYHA.

A motion was made to remove the 12 U tournament; have 1 Pee wee B tournament, and combine the squirt A and 10U on the same weekend. Knott 1st, Chiodo 2nd; All approved.

Kuesel will recommend this to the board.

Hard Dividers: Kuesel reported we received the hard dividers however it was not what we expected. It was only 1 set and not 2. They will be stored at BCA over the summer months. Kuesel will follow up and find out why we were only given 1 set and to find out if we are able to apply for another grant.

Skills/Dryland: Kuesel spoke with Kevin Williamson about the 2016 season. He felt it was ok however there were too many kids on the ice at times which makes it difficult. Going forward we will split the kids into smaller groups. Squirts/10 U will have 1:30, Pee wee 1:30, and Bantam 1:30.

Example, Squirr/10U will be split into 2 45 minute sessions.

Kuesel spoke to the dryland coordinators. They felt the Bantam/Pee wee group benefited from it more than squirts. The older kids had smaller groups and appear to be more dedicated to the dryland vs the younger kids just due to age/maturity levels.

More discussion to follow on skill sessions and dryland in the offseason.

Meeting adjourned 7:55

Respectfully submitted: Knott