

HDC Meeting Minutes 1/9/2017

Members present: Kurt Knott, Corey Rupp, Tony Mannausau, Neil Huewe

Guest Present: Jason Brodina (board member), Steve Savard, Courtney Aitken Gifford

Absent: Wade Chiodo, Casey Rierson

Meeting started: 6:35

1) Team updates:

Mites : Rupp reported no issues. Games are being finalized for mite 2 and 8U. Mite 1 jamborees are locked in. Termites going well.

Squirts: Knott reported no issues. "A" team success has been up and down. Need work on skating and passing. Kids are working hard and improving. "B" no issues and they split over the weekend 1-1. The "C" team won in FF over the weekend and continue to improve.

Pee wees:

Huewe reported no issues. Had good games on Sunday just couldn't finish. Kids are working hard a getting better. "Blue" team has been up and down. 3 losses over weekend however they played 1 & 2 in the district for two of the games. "White" won against GR on Sunday.

Bantams:

Mannausau reported no issues that he knew of. Success has been up and down. No issues at Bantam B.

2) Squirt Game Limit:

Huewe reported the squirts are over their game limit by 2 games. Two southern MN teams made a swing through northern MN and asked to play against Bemidji. Neil booked the games not realizing they were at their limit. He will go to board with approval for squirts over game limit. Knott is squirt A coach and he said two games can be removed from schedule if needed.

3) Dry-land Training:

Discussion on our lack of passing/shooting ability at every level including the high school is very evident right now. We need to do more and two suggestions are: summer dry-land training & dry-land during winter months. Rupp and Knott will work on a proposal for BYHA to use BCA for dry-land in summer months to help improve our shooting and passing skills.

4) Squirt C & Pee wee B White update:

Neil has added & removed games to the squirt C team schedule. One game added was against FF this weekend and they were victorious. Neil is still trying to add a game or two including Wadena. Neil also worked to modify pee wee b white.

5) Lower level youth numbers: Ice time is tight right now. Need to start planning for future because starting next year we will have a minimum of 4 squirt teams for at least 4 years +.

Also next year we have enough for 12U, 10U, and possibly two 8U teams.

- a. 2nd year squirts ~ 17
- b. 1st year squirts ~ 24
- c. Mite 2 ~ 27
- d. Mite 1 ~ 29
- e. Termite 2 ~ 31
- f. Termite 1 ~ 21
- g. 2nd year 10U ~ 4
- h. 1st year 10U ~ 10
- i. 2nd year mite girls ~ 5
- j. 1st year mite girls ~ 10
- k. 2nd year termite girls ~ 9
- l. 1st year termite girls ~ 5 (not including LLL)

Other Business Steve Savard:

- 1) Savard reported that when his kid went through squirts they were not allowed to play over their limit and pointed out Knott is now head of HDC and is ok with over game limit. Knott told Huewe to remove 2 games from schedule.
- 2) Savard reported Bantam AA parents are frustrated as they are not playing to win.
- 3) Savard stated this group would have a better chance to reach state tournament if they played at the "A" level. They don't have the same numbers as larger schools and a majority of the players are first year players. He noted Bemidji has historically not done well in the AA regional tournaments. He suggest we look at switching from year to year going "A" or "AA" depending on the skill level of the team.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05