

HDC Meeting Minutes 3/13/2017

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

Guest Present: Courtney Aitken Gifford

Absent: Wade Chiodo, Casey Rierson

Meeting started: 6:35

1) Team updates:

Mites/Termites 8U: Rupp reported no issues. The mites and 8U all had a jamboree in EGF last weekend. Kids had fun. Termite, Mite 1, 8U, Mite 2 white and Red are now done. Mite 2 Blue has their last jamboree this weekend.

Squirts: A team ~ finished 4th in districts and season is now completed. Team was up and down most of season. Team ended 15-21.

Squirt B ~ lost 2nd game of districts and no "play-downs". Finished the season at 16-14-1. No issues reported.

Squirt C ~ finished season at 4-20. Ended season at a tournament in Fairbault and sounded like they had a good time.

Peewee A: finished season at 21-22-1. Huewe reported up and down most of season as well. Lost out in regionals to Grand Rapids and Roseau.

Peewee B: Finished season at 27-16-1. Lost in regionals to Red Lake Falls and Duluth East. Also had parent/coach issue at regionals and the board is handling it.

Peewee B White: Finished Season at 4-36. No issues reported.

Bantam AA: Finished season at 18-28-1. Lost out in regionals to Grand Rapids and Duluth East. Tony reported no major issues in the last month.

Bantam B: Won regional tournament in Two Harbors and are headed to state March 17-19 in Prior Lake. Good job boys and coaches!!

After much discussion our two biggest weaknesses in the program are: 1) shooting the puck and 2) strength on the puck and strength on our feet. These come hand in hand. Shooting/stick handling pucks in the offseason strengthens shot and puck strength. Rupp is working on a shooting program to be held at BCA and Knott is working on some short video's to share with BYHA on how to create shooting station at their own house. We also need to create a greater "outdoor rink-rat" culture w/in the program.

Projections for next Season are still as follows: Squirts ~ 4 teams; 10U ~ 1-2 teams?; Peewee ~ 3 teams; 12U ~ 1 team; Bantam ~ 2 teams. Knott/Rupp will start working on a schedule to try and create minimum of 3 practices next season with a goal of 4 per week. This is also dependent on the high school schedule as well.

Update on Little Wild Program: Chiodo absent so no update available. It was discussed that even if we don't get the program we need to create our own Bemidji program. It has been a great feeder program and we need to figure out a way to continue this program to ensure our numbers stay up in mites/termites/8U.

If numbers hold true we are projecting 4-5 squirt teams (every year) the next 4-5 years and at least 1 10U team each of those years as well.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35

Submitted by Knott

