

HDC Meeting Minutes – March 12th, 2021

Attendance: Corey Rupp, Neil Huewe, Bob Brink, Kurt Knott, Channing Boe, Mike Johnson, Pete Stahnke, Becky Adams

Absent: None

Squirt Coaching Situation – At District 16 meeting it was brought forward that our squirt B coach pulled the goalie up by 11 goals. It also was brought forward to another association he did the same up 10-0. Upon digging in the reasoning of trying to get a kid a goal was not acceptable due to the disrespect it causes to the other team. HDC has apologized to the associations and let them know we are addressing the situation.

Mite Coaching Situation – There was feedback brought forward on a mite coaches actions at a jamboree and another mite game. The feedback was the coach was yelling at opposing teams players and banging on the glass yelling at opposing coaches. This is not tolerated especially at mites, let alone any level and HDC is addressing with the coach.

Spring Ice – The spring ice schedule was submitted to the BCA to reserve ice. There are some session adjustments needed but almost final. We will be adding an all girls session. This year they will consist of mostly skills sessions including small area games versus traditional 3x3 nights. This will require more coaching support to run effective sessions and without enough coaches traditional 3x3 will need to be run. We are working to line up lead coaches for each group who will line up coach support and make skills plans for each session.

Possible May/Summer Camps – HDC is working to bring in Joe Fallon and Troy Stevens for off season player and coach development. We are also in talks for Project Hockey to come to do clinics. Our goal is to offer week long sessions to allow for low cost development opportunities for players and learning opportunities for coaches.

Covid Conversation – We discussed things we can do to finish season without more Covid shutdowns. It was appreciated on Burgraff Skating willing to postpone his last three sessions to after the season to limit the potential exposure risk as we enter the last few weeks of the season.

Team Classification – There was short discussion on squirt team classification for next year. HDC had a goal to do A1 and A2 teams like we did last year but due to coach and parent frustration it was ended even though it is better for development. This year it would have made sense again when you look at the competition our B teams get. We will discuss all team classifications after the season in April or May for next year.

Respectfully submitted: Corey Rupp