

## **HDC Meeting Minutes – August 10th, 2020**

**Attendance:** Corey Rupp, Neil Huewe, Bob Brink, Kurt Knott, Channing Boe, Pete Stanhke, Becky Adams, Jim Dewar, Jenn Nelson

**Absent:** Mike Johnson

**Covid Planning** – The majority of the meeting was spent on discussion of how Covid will effect the season. New district rules came out over the weekend. Our district will be allow to play games with District 16,15, and 12. NO travel allowed to Fargo, St Cloud or Duluth and need to stay North of St Cloud. Tournaments are still undecided. We feel this will be something we can work with but stressed the need to have our home tournaments. We have enough teams we will be able to make effective schedules. This has lead us to review our team classifications since majority of games will be district **\*\*See below for notes on that.\*\*** Games will also not be allowed until after November 21<sup>st</sup> as of now. We also discussed practice plans and how it will work. We will have less ice available with more transition time, no use of locker rooms and coaches will need to be masked. All things we feel can make work with the situation we are facing. We need to have a maximum of 25 kids per pod and we discussed ways to keep kids in the same groups for weeks at a time in case there are outbreaks so not everyone is exposed. There was much discussion mu this is summary and we are using District 16 Director’s plan as our guide. BCA and BYHA are also preparing Covid guidelines we will follow.

**Team Classifications** – Due to new information of travel from the District Director we are revisiting team classification. HE is looking to make a B2 league for squirts so need to consider changing from C teams to B2. No information is solidified as of yet so still working on it. As of now we are looking at the following:

- Bantam – AA,B1,B2
- Peewee – AA, B1, B2, B2
- S squirt – A, B,B,B2 or C, B2 or C
- 12U – A
- 10U – A, B

For squirts it will be unique. We also had discussions of moving tryouts back three or four weeks and having an in-house league until December. Discussion still happening as there are challenges with kids mixing so much and having to shut down all squirts with a positive exposure.

**September & October Hockey** – We are going to start September Hockey right after the camps on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Schedule to being formed and sign up will be live. We are also having October hockey and felt best to keep separate from September Hockey for this year to give people cost flexibility.

**Coaches Meeting** – We are planning to have a coaches meeting immediately after coach assignments.

**Player Movement** – We have had a couple requests for player movement due to new birthdate rules. We do not see any issues with approving but waiting to approve all requests in September or October meeting.

**Mini Lumberjacks** – We have 23 players signed up and expect to reach over 30. We are accepting last minute registrations for about a week to get gear in time for ice times.

Respectfully submitted: Corey Rupp