

HDC Meeting Minutes – Sept 8th, 2020

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

Absent: Pete Stanhke,

Covid Planning – We discuss ideas to improve current practices of the Covid procedures. Becky educated on more of the plan details and reasons for things and all makes great sense. Overall going well but we discussed ideas, especially as October hockey approaches. One specific was around tryouts. It was discussed if we should move up tryouts to first week of October to get to teams quicker to help be more preventative. This could also engage more help and better enforcement. We felt there were not enough benefits and staying as is with tryouts.

Team Classifications – All numbers are close to projections except Bantams. We are down a few due to birthdate change for them but overall the same. We will proceed with three teams for now and make calls to see why some are not signed up. Below is what we recommend for final approval. There is hope of more squirts joining but we don't feel we will get enough to move to 6 teams. For 10U we are proceeding with two teams and potentially moving three girls up. Two very small teams is better than on team with 18 girls.

- Bantam – AA, B1, B2 if three teams; AA, B1 if two teams.
- Peewee – AA, B1, B, B
- S squirt – A, B, B, C, C
- 12U – A
- 10U – A, B

Coaches Meeting – High school coaches want to hold a coaches meeting for all coaches including mites.. We are scheduling for Wednesday Sept 30th 6pm. We are planning and hope to have Teddy B involved in the meeting.

Player Movement – We had discussion around player movement and scenarios this year. As of now we have no player movement needed to approve. We discussed how MN Hockey has a rule and we have done at BYHA where if player's age requires to be the level down but grade wise their peers are a level higher we let them move up. This is known as the peer up rule.

Coach Approvals – We have three head coaches we approved for coaching that are either non-parents or no tryouts needed due to one team. They are Neil Huewe at Peewee AA, Jeff Loewe at Bantam B1, and Corey Rupp at 12U.

Tryout Process – Feedback was shared on the tryout process. The idea was shared for coaches that are clearly set to make a team those coaches run tryouts to avoid perceptions of bias. Also it was recommended coaches do not tell the kids on the ice to avoid hurt feelings and emotions amongst peers. This will be discussed.

Junior Gold – We discussed the plan if the MNSHL does not have a high school season we would form three junior gold teams, a 19U and 15U team so high schools kids could play. There will be a lot of details to work out but all agreed we should plan for it. Neil will also bring to the District meeting to get on radar of other programs and we could play district teams to give kids a partial season.

Respectfully submitted: Corey Rupp