

VSAHA Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2012

Called to order: 7:30 pm

Executive Board: Keith Barrett, Jeff Cabanaw, Ray St. Pierre, Maurice Rosales, Bob Greemore, Craig Weston, John Cioffi, Justin Martin, Chip LaGue

Absent: Susie Brooks, Brian Collamore, John Pelkey

Local Associations: Barre, Burlington, CVSA, CSB, Essex, Glades, Harwood, Lamoille, Lyndon Middlebury, Missisquoi, Northfield, PVA, Rutland, Stowe, Vermont Stars Woodstock. PHONE: Milton, St. Albans.

Absent: Brattleboro, Upper Valley/Hartford, Northshire.

Guest: Buzz Hoerr, who is coordinating the Voluteer Program for the IIHF Worlds.

Reports:

President: The IIHF "Volunteer" link is on the VSAHA website. Buzz will be heading the program. Approximately 60 applicants in the first week. USA Hockey will also be launching an "Ambassador Program" through the local associations. The intent is to help increase the excitement and buzz about the tournament. USA Hockey wants kids to be involved, and use grass roots word of mouth to advertise the games.

The New England District will bring up the CEP issues that are being felt by the local coaches. There has been a 30 day extension for the online portion of the CEP. Must be done by January 31, 2012.

Juniors: The Green Mountain Glades organization, which includes the EJHL and Empire teams, has been sold. They will be moving to Maine. An application is pending with the AJHL to locate a new franchise in Vermont. This will not have ANY effect on the Glades Youth Organization.

SQUIRT REMINDER: Period times are flexible...10-10-12, 12-12-12. Penalty times are not: 1:00 for minors. Goals are NOT to be pinned!

Due to time constraints, the Executive Board chose Lyndon and Essex to participate in the X-ice Showcase game at Fenway Park in Boston. There was not time to take requests. For the same reason, St. Albans Pee Wees were chosen to participate in a Hockey Quebec/USA Hockey Body Contact Symposium. Information from that program will be posted to the website.

Treasurer: Financials will be posted to website. Report Accepted. Money for Squirt B tournament goes to Maurice, not the host association. All others go to Host sites.

Tournaments: ID cards are available @ the meeting. Squirt B change to 2 games for the North/South weekend. Top 8 will move on. Change was made because hosts were losing money and insufficient ice for 3 games.

CSB U12 were left out of the State tournament, without their knowledge. Asked to be included, in the A/B bracket (which had 2 teams). One of the teams, Missisquoi, recommended they be included.

Motion to allow CSB U12 to go to U12 A/B tournament: Randy LaGue, BYSA. 2nd: John Boomhover, Missisquoi. Motion passed.

Tournament draw completed.

New Rule: If hosting a VSAHA State Tournament, you no longer need an approved application.

Festival Update: Site Coordinator needed for Gutterson FH during the Festival. Contact Jeff C.

All-Stars: 15, 16, 17's will be posted soon. Registration will open for the 12's and 13's by January 15. Format for the 12-13: a 3 day evaluation.

Coaches: There will be no more screenings this year.

No Discipline issues to report.

Registrar: The current report is out. Registrars will be receiving information from Bob very soon.

Women's: No report.

Midgets: The combined teams have been absolute success. Kids making new friends and still playing hockey! Some teams still looking for players, so contact Justin.

Grow the Game: Approved Grant to CVSA for \$400. Cutoff date is quickly approaching. Check the USA hockey website for Hockey Across America weekend information. Also, a Free Hockey Day is also approaching.

Please bring or email feedback on the X-Ice program. We want to keep the flow of information going. What successes have we had? Challenges?

Pee Wee Clinic info from Montreal will be put on website. Kids skated ½ practice run by Quebec coaches, ½ run by Roger Grillo. Contact vs Checking was eye opening, for players as well as parents.

Coaching: Online deadline extended to January 31. Have to get it done. 85 coaches have not completed it as of now. USA Hockey knows there are "overlap" issues with the modules, and changes are probably coming in the spring. Thank you to Essex for hosting a last minute Level 1 clinic. 38 coaches attended.

Larry Rocha is the new NE District Coaching Director, taking over for Bill Corbo.

Referees: No report.

Miscellaneous: Robin Hall will be hosting and ADM/Grassroots clinic in conjunction with the IIHF Worlds.

16 and 17 boys will be having their mini-camps during festival. No summer camp.

Boys summer camp will be moved from UConn to UNH in Durham this year.

Associations:

Northfield: Norwich University hosting "Pink the Rink," on January 28, 2012. Hoping to have a special program/opportunity for local girls to watch the game, and support the NU Women. They are the defending National Champions.

Adjourned: 8:53 pm.