

VSAHA Monthly Meeting

10 March, 2009

Minutes

(proposed)

Meeting opened @ 7:45.

President Fritz Langrock: Introduced Eliza Pillard, from the Vermont Center for Children, Youth and Families. Ms. Pillard gave an introduction to a program that Dr. Jim Hudziak is trying to get off the ground, the VT Big Brother/Big Sister Hockey Program. It will involve High School aged kids being partnered with 5-6 year olds that are referred from the VCCYF. Specifics of the program will be posted on the VSAHA website, with contact information included.

John Hamilton from Rutland will be the Nominating committee for Executive Board elections. All elected members of the Executive Board will be running for re-election. Anyone interested in running should contact John.

V.P. Keith Barrett: (absent). Reports through Fritz that the new All-Star selection process received kudos for organization and the way it took place. There were some complaints. The All-Star Committee, Evaluators and Coaches will all be meeting again after Festival, to discuss ways to improve the process for next year.

The USA Hockey High Performance Model has been put on hold for now.

The USA Hockey American Development Model is being pursued and pushed by USA Hockey.

V.P. Jeff Cabanaw: State tournaments are all complete. Very close games this year, with no team "blowing out" everyone. Multiple games that went to multiple overtimes! The "split" squirt tournament was a huge success. May extend that format to Pee Wee B next season. The "Bracket Page" on the website was very popular, receiving over 22,000 hits!!

Girls/Women's Nate Isham: Presented registration pages from 07-08 and 08-09. Showed an increase of 42 players state wide over last year. Some Locals are showing huge numbers in the youngest age groups. Kudos to them.

Coaching Director Weston: Still getting coaching waiver requests....even on the day that the tournaments started!! Re-iterated that Vermont can not and will not undermine the New England District. **DECEMBER 31** remains the cut-off date to get coaching credentials updated. All the coaching manuals that are usually given out at seminars will be converted to CD. At the New England meeting, the National Coaching Director singled out Vermont for the Cross-Ice Mite program. Hopes it is expanded.

There was a brief discussion that centered on Cross Ice, and the Committee will be meeting soon

to try and produce some guidelines and accepted practices.

Referees Collamore: There are two seminars coming soon, in Pennsylvania. Contact Brian for directions if interested in attending.

Treasurer Greemore: Motion to accept report: Collamore. 2nd. Isham. Report accepted.

Registrar Greemore: If Locals are changing their registrars for next year....do it asap!
Materials and software is being distributed soon for next year.

Should sign up new person asap, so they will get the info and software. New registration date is May 1, 2009 for the 09-10 season.

Recently, a tournament director allowed a wrong gendered player onto a team at a USA Hockey sanctioned tournament. (Pee Wee boy goalie played for U12 girls team). Complaint went all the way to the National office (that team won the tourney). Moral of the story: DON'T break USA Hockey rules!

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Local Association Business: Milton: interested in One Goal equipment. Also, questioned why there was so many kids on @ one level during the first day of all-star tryouts. Ans: there were 15 walk ups on the day of tryouts. If the VSAHA had known, there was ice available to split that age group for the first day. Another question: there was a player that only showed up on Sunday, and made the team at his age level. Ans: VSAHA has always allowed younger kids that had State Tournament conflicts to miss Saturday and tryout on Sunday only. The older kids (high school and prep school) have also been able to miss Saturday when conflicts with VPA games, or unable to leave school until Sunday. The player in question was participating in the New York State tournament (Vermont resident that plays in NY).

Rutland: Proud to announce that the Pee Wee A team made the cross over @ the Tier II tournament! Congrats.

Adjourned: 8:30 pm.

	Attendance	
Local	Name	Position
Barre	None	
Brattleboro	Chris McLaughlin	Rep
Burlington	None	
CVSA	None	
CSB	David Philbrick	Rep
Essex	Pete Glass	Rep
Glades	Matt Higgins	Rep
Upper Valley	Carol Devins	Rep
Harwood	Brad Spaulding	Rep
Lamoille	Joel Prive	Rep
Lyndon	Mickey Murphy	Rep
Middlebury	None	
Milton	Matt Amstein	Rep
Missisquoi	None	
Northfield	Scott Amell	Rep
Northshire	Diana Cazaudumec	Rep
PVA	None	
Rutland	John Hamilton	Rep
St. Albans	Bob Berno	Rep
Stowe	Adam Rice	Rep
Woodstock	Kevin Calder	Rep

