

MSGHL League Spring Meeting
Sunday, May 7, 2017

I. Meeting Commenced at 8:00 PM

A. Board attendees

- Jeff Schultz – New Mexico
- Karl Borski - Vail
- Scott Glynn - Steamboat
- Scott Harris – CO Jr. Eagles

B. Association attendees

- Tom Neale – New Mexico
- Wendy Buchanan – WEHA
- Lisa Lynch – WEHA
- Laura Brown – Telluride
- Libby Luken – 19U Player Steamboat
- Maura Glynn - 19U Player Steamboat
- Shannon Schmidt – SLC
- Jackie Koetteritz – Summit
- Brian Smith – CO Select
- Brian Ripley – Steamboat
- Shaun Hathaway – Aspen

C. Absent

- Durango
- Colorado Springs
- Lady Rough Riders

II. Treasurers Report

Circulated financials for 2016/17 season. In general the League is tracking as normal. Continue to operate on a small surplus that will cover expenses into the Fall. All memberships are current for the season and all qualified associations paid for their teams that participated in the MSGHL Playoffs. The Playoffs came in slightly over budget this year as a result of added items passed out to players and Championship teams. League surplus more than easily covered these expenses. Fees were raised this season from \$950 to \$1050 for playoff teams. Was mentioned that we might want to raise the fees but Scott feels that we can possibly lock into another multi-year deal with the Edge at a lower cost. This expense being the largest might offset the overhead.

III. Tournament Report

Edge 3yr deal with reduced cost for ice. –Harris. Overall everyone felt that it ran smoothly and players and parents enjoyed the level of competition this year.

Continue with 4 man at 19U may increase with 14U division for next year but discussion will continue next Fall Meeting as to whether this is necessary or warranted.

IV. Schedulers Report

N/A

Board position was vacant but discussion on Associations having team declarations in July to better help with scheduling the travel matrix for 2017/18 season – Glynn.

V. Communications Report

-- Shultz- Addition of western State teams as a consideration... conference call with several western states preliminary discussions with those states. Strong concerns among the membership that this could cause too much stress to associations when already considering the fact that we travel outside already.

Expansion:

Thoughts of what it will look like adding, ID, WY, (3 – 4 teams) in the future.

Preservations of core CO teams... alienation is very likely with travel pressures.

-10U jamboree (Gunnison had weak turnout) what can be done to increase interest was discussed. Aspen had push back due to format preferring full ice over half ice -Hathaway.

Summit 4 years ago had both half and full ice that Vail participated in and was well received – Borski

WEHA might move event to December in hopes to draw more interest in less competing with regular season.

Several ideas were discussed on how to grow the game of hockey among girls. This included more “Learn to play Events”, School PE classes offering floor hockey opportunities, more peer to peer opportunities.

VI. Other Business

Glynn/Libby- Discussion for girls hockey on making it a high school sport. Motivation for younger girls to aspire to and help girls keep an interest.

CHSSA vs Club

Looking for support from the MSGHL possibly a unified letter of support to circulate to each AD of the mountain towns.

Discussion was lengthy on the pros and cons of CHSSA and not pursuing that direction. Club is a much more like approach.

By-law changes:

1. Glynn motions recommendation – eliminate the Member at Large position and add Past President position for historical and experience to the League.

Hathaway – seconds the motion for such changes

All aye.

2. Glynn recommends changes for sec/tres, VP and Tournament even year terms. President and at large odd number years for election so that changes are not so sweeping with BOD.

Glynn motions

Shultz seconds motion

All aye.

3. Borski suggests to change verbiage to electronic score keeping from point streak as presently written.

Glynn motions

Schlegel seconds.

All Aye.

4. Verbiage on roster deadlines needs to be struck through because it does not comply with CAHA/USA Hockey rules to Recreational hockey.

Borski motions to strike

Harris seconds

All aye

Integrity of game time rosters are in question for accountability - WEHA. Need to push associations to train and educate their members on the importance of this and how it can prevent protest and conflicts as we approach the end of season tournament.

Elections

President (2yr), VP (1 year), Scheduling (1 yr), Communications (2 yr)

President

Glynn is term limited and positioned opened up. No new members willing to take position. Shultz offered to step in.

Glynn motions Shultz to President

Harris seconds

All aye.

President: this positions 2 year term to follow odd/even year cycle.

Vice President (becomes vacant)

Shannon Schmidt nominated himself.

Shultz motion for Shannon Schmidt

Harris Seconds

All aye.

Communications Director

Lisa Lynch nominate herself.

Glynn motions

Harris second

All aye.

Scheduling Director

Jim Schlegel nominates himself for position.

Schlegel motions for self

Harris seconds

All aye

Other Business:

Concerns about CRYHL starting a girls division. The need to reach out to this league to get them to consider joining the MSGHL. Discussion on creating conferences could meet their needs/concerns with travel issues.

Mark Highlands Hills CRYHL...girls contact

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM