

D6 Report – Galloway:

- MN hockey voted to pick out key state playoff games and hold them at the Excel energy center. D6 did not vote to approve. They would like feedback from the associations on how they feel about it. The board is not in favor of this idea.
- Lakeville is still strongly trying to move districts and pushing for MN hockey to realign the districts by 2009-2010. US hockey is looking into this with the online survey that they sent out at the end of this past season for feedback. After they have compiled the information it will be brought to the districts to look over to provide input.
- D6 will have an online calendar posted with all playoff schedules for tournaments; all league game start dates and other misc information
- D6 wants feedback from all association on A team 15 player rule. Do we want to keep it the same or do we want a 15 player rule with exception? We do not want D6 to enforce this rule.
- Review D6 rule book for possible changes. Email requests to Dave Kemp for discussion at the June meeting. They will be voted on at July's meeting. The new rule book will be printed in Aug.
- D6 wants feedback on neck guard rule. Do we want the rule or not? This rule will not change for the 2008-2009 season. Changes will go in for the 2009-2010 season. We would like D6 to keep the neck guard rule.
- A request was made by Eastview to adjust the mandatory 60 tournament volunteer hours/ association to be adjusted for smaller associations. AVHA supports this and would like D6 to this under consideration
- D6 budget report is out. They are still waiting for receipts from Apple Valley for hosting playoffs. Please turn in by 6/1/08 deadline. D6 believes they owe Apple Valley roughly \$4,000.
- Possible association rebate for overpayment to D6's \$350,000 cap. Rebate amount will be based on number of traveling teams.
- Minnesota made league for Mite and Squirts, associations beware of this program. D6 is going to put a rule in place to help the D6 associations deal with multiple league players. Will be discussed later
- It is against MN hockey and USA hockey rules to sell player information to private groups. There will be very large fines and legal issue involved if this is being done in any D6 association
- Game misconduct penalties were handed out, Apple Valley had five. Two of our coaches had to go in front of the discipline committee. Game misconducts are down from last year, but fighting is still moving up about 12% from last year. This is a concern to the refs. They even had fighting at the U10 levels.
- Naming conversion for girls from U12 to 12U. For example: age, U then Level, 12UA. They are also looking at new Jr. Gold name.
- There will be training on July 30th for the cyber sport software for the registrars.
- Voting for D6 Director will be in August. Brad Hewitt is re-running. If anyone else is interested they need to send their bio to their association and then to the D6 Pres Steve Johnson by July.

Concessions Report:

- 07-08 profits were \$18,000; close to \$7,400 to AVHA.
- EVHA will have a new concessions coordinator for the 08-09 season. They would like to grow their percentage of profits.
- The AVHA concessions committee is in need of two volunteers for next season; a schedule coordinator and buyer/stocker. Each is a \$500 paid position.

Old Business:

- Ice Contracts (Everson)
 - We will use 143 of the 174 hours in the proposal from Richfield. We had 63 hours at Richfield last year.
 - Burnsville has given us the same contract as last year (166 hours).
 - All of our ice will be at AV, Richfield, Burnsville, Haase and HDC for the 08-09 Season.
- Rosemount is converting an old grocery store into an arena.

New Business:

- Dates were set for on-line (opens Aug 1st) and Traveling walk-in (Aug 23rd) registration
- Clinic and try-out dates are being finalized
- Establish criteria for our Scholarship Program prior to registration. Requests to be submitted by Sept 1st.
- An AVHA Board member attendance policy will be incorporated into the by-laws. Anyone missing three meetings in a year will be subject to removal from the board.
- EVHA has asked AVHA to participate in the AV 4th of July parade with them.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion by: Galloway 2nd by: Wegenroth Result: Passed
Respectfully submitted by Annette Opseth



10U/Squirt Development Program 2008-2009



Objective

The purpose of the squirt program structure of AVHA is aimed at giving the players a better opportunity to develop over a longer period of time and emphasizing skill development. By incorporating a “skill development season” within the hockey calendar, the goal is to provide more detailed instruction to each 10u/Squirt. This will also maximize instruction and reduce costs for the first month of the “season”.

Rink Rat: October 4th-6th

Kick off weekend leading up to Development Season will be 3 days of small games, no structure, just playing. The kids can tryout new equipment, etc. Low stress, High fun!

Skill Development Season: October 10th- 27th

- Players will be divided into groups of roughly 20-23 skaters. These groups will be based on alphabet. Girls U10 will be mixed in to the boys groups.
- Each participant will be given 9 on-ice sessions as part of the development season.
- The first 4 sessions will be heavily geared towards Power Skating. The following 3 sessions will involve individual skill sets and the final 2 sessions will involve some team system introductions.
- The final week will also involve a couple of “classroom” sessions to supplement the team system introductions.

Goaltenders 101

There will be three clinics in October led by Goaltending Coordinator. This is an opportunity for existing goaltenders to get instruction as well as others to give it a try. Some equipment will be provided by AVHA.

10u/Squirt Development Shiny Hockey October 28th-Nov. 1st

One week Round Robin Shiny Hockey

Squirts/U10 girls are divided up into 6 teams and a round robin rink rat is held over the course of the next few days. The 45 minute periods will consist of a 15- minute warm-up skill session followed by a 30 minute non-officiated mini pick-up game. Scores will not be kept. They will be sped-up by eliminating puck drops. Coaches will instruct from the ice and the bench. This will culminate the 3 week period of skill sessions and be a lead into the skill assessment period.

Skill Assessment: November 7th-9th

Players will be placed in three groups, (2 boys, and 1 girl) and players will be readjusted after day one, day two and final roster decisions will be made after day 3.

Players will be ranked on a scale from 1-5 on a variety of attributes:

- Skating- balance, strength, acceleration
- Stickhandling/puck control
- Passing ability and also willingness
- Shooting- release, accuracy, effectiveness
- Hockey Sense- on-ice movements within the flow of play, engagement in play, application of demonstrated principles to game situations
- Attitude- effort, energy, listening, attention span.

Evaluation scores will be used to place players at appropriate level for play (A, B, C) in District 6 schedule. If scores are close, preference will be given to the 2nd year vs. 1st year player.

As most coaches will be provisional coaches, the coaches will be required to be on the ice during the development season. The PDC will oversee the clinic ice and train coaches on proper skating technique, puck handling, shooting, and passing techniques. They will also be trained on systems and other coaching related duties.