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SSWHL Meeting | Wednesday, November 28, 2018 | 7:15pm | Ice House, Canton, MA

Agenda

1. Season Schedule and Update:

a. Rink Updates

- i. We will not be getting ice at Wellesley this year. We currently have too many hours. Will look into getting ice at Wellesley next season.

b. Schedule Update

- i. Preferences are due Nov 28. Schedule will be out in 2-3 weeks. The header for one column for weekend off requests was accidentally deleted and therefore missing for a couple of days
- ii. There are two columns for weekends off. There is "have to have off" – could get fewer games, and "would like to have off" – you may not get it, but you won't lose any game. You may want to double check your weekend off requests.
- iii. No games super bowl Sunday
- iv. April 14 is the last weekend of hockey
- v. Forfeits from the first half: Stars v Bears, Ravens v Randolph, Boston Beauties vs Ice Sharks A, Stormchasers C vs Cougars, Zoo Crew vs Unicorns 2.0

2. Open Business

a. Division Levels

- i. Teams moving up or down
 1. Zoo Crew and Renegades – should they be moved. A teams here say no
- ii. C division alignment discussion
 1. Tailgaters are moving down from upper C1
 2. There are now only 3 teams in the top of the C1 division
 3. Cynara wants to divide C1 into "upper" and "lower" division. All teams in the middle will be moved to the top. Three

teams in top are Phantoms, Stormchasers C, TBA. Based on the scores from games between top and middle (Chaos, Nighthawks Blue, Wizards, Raptors, Sting) they are all relatively close, tie games. Merge those two groups together

4. 6 teams in the bottom
 - a. Everyone thinks this seems reasonable.
 - b. Part of issue at C level are just trying to get bodies on the ice.
- iii. **Vote on proposal** to Move Cougars up to B division
 1. This did not pass in August, and it was decided they would stay in their current division for the first half of the season.
 2. We did not vote on this. Cougars are “sort of” moving them to B division. 2/3 of games will be against B division, 1/3 of games will be against top teams in C division. Some teams will play them once or twice.
- iv. Pumas V Rhode Island
 1. Player on their team, never played HS, never played college, they are in second to last place. This player has been on the roster for 3 out of 5 losses. As cap’t or leader of the team, you should police yourselves. You need to take ownership, move teams up or down. Police our own teams first.
- b. **Vote on proposal** revised Division Guidelines from August 2018 meeting
 - i. [See by-laws for full regulations](#)
 - ii. Discussion
 1. Would people be grandfathered in? Not have to find a new team?
 - a. Can grandfather current rosters in because there is a way to lodge a complaint against them.
 - b. Existing rosters are mostly fine. For new players coming in to the league.
 2. Injury situations – it would be a case by case basis. It would go to the league review
 3. Players in lower divisions that people feel don’t belong there. Tough when you are in C division, majority of C and C/D division. Most people in 40s and 50s and maybe 60s. Problem is you have ex college players playing. Sometimes it’s just not fun, not fair for them to play there.
 - a. C2 team has an ex high school player

- b. Team in d division who should be in B or A division, she is an ex college player. Nor'easters, Outlaws have had several complaints lodged against them. People have been complaining about this, taking to social media about it.
 - c. If it weren't for the internet we wouldn't know any of this.
 - 4. If you are telling a player to play down, they probably don't belong on that team.
 - 5. What's the outcome of the disciplinary committee
 - a. What happens with the disciplinary committee – they get to discuss what happens
 - b. Good point to needing a process, having a grounds for an appeal, under what circumstances would someone have to move, etc. This also comes down to sportsmanship – if the player is being unsportsmanlike, then that is really the issue.
 - c. Vote on this as-is, then maybe add descriptions of timeframe, etc. Guideline of when things would occur. The disciplinary committee should create this policy at their first meeting.
 - 6. People want to have fun games, not want to feel like crap. At D level, it's not safe to have the player level mismatch. Lack of sportsmanship, egregious violation of skill level and putting people at risk at lower levels.
- iii. General consensus from complaints. It's talent and sportsmanship that bothers people. Complaints are generally about sportsmanship.
 - 1. As teams – reflect on how you are playing on this ice. Everyone wants to play competitive games. Supposed to be for FUN, you shouldn't be worried about playing hurt.
 - iv. If you are trying to build a team, one thing in here is about moving more people at the mid-season point. A lot of things being presented in this could alleviate some of the situations.
- c. **By-laws pass unanimously**

3. New Business

- a. Committee to draft gender-inclusive policy
 - i. Please email Ariel if you are interested in joining this policy

- b. Use of SSWHL Facebook Group and Website
 - i. We need a new website – we shouldn't have to tell people what's appropriate
 - ii. Social media is for finding subs, posting tournaments, etc
 - iii. Pumas V Rhode Island social media fight

4. **FINANCE/TREASURY**

- a. Total cost for year: 24 games is **\$5150**. 26 games is **\$5575**.

August 1 st	\$500.00 + \$200 forfeit fee if necessary
September 15 th	\$1,500.00
October 15 th	\$1,500.00
November 15 th	\$1,000.00
December 15 th	Remaining balance (\$650 or \$1075 depending on # games)

- b. **New this year: All teams paid in full by October 1 will receive a \$50 discount!**

- c. Send all checks, made out to SSWHL, to [Cynara Wu](#): 78 Cutters Ridge Rd, Carlisle, MA 01741 OR we will now be accepting payments via Venmo SSWHL Account or [@Cynara-Wu](#).

- d. Any questions regarding how many teams owes

- e. Most teams are up to date

5. **Referee Update**

a. **Referee Complaints**

- i. Some of the older refs, players are complaining in B division, C division. The referees are just lazy. Another ref complained about refs before them, score keepers also have mentioned things. They are out of position, waive off icing, never where they are supposed to be. Collect pay-check and leave. Correlated with Pats game schedule. Any time this happens, it should be report to the league. Need to know when they are happening, see who they are, and what's going on. Biggest issue in Canton. Same refs are often at the same rinks. Easy to address this when it happens with specific incidents. If guys are doing things, they should be reported.
- ii. Refs names are on the sheet – you should follow up with the name of the ref.
- iii. Send an email with game location and time if you don't know the name of the ref

b. **Game Sheets**

- i. Please sign score sheets with your NAME not on the roster sticker. National bound teams need the ones with signatures on them.

- ii. Subs on score sheets. ANY subs must be registered with USA hockey. They are YOUR team's responsibility if they are not USA hockey registered
- iii. You must write their WHOLE name and you should also include their team name
- iv. Important to make sure they are insured – everyone has that liability insurance as a part of USA hockey. ANY subs MUST be USA hockey registered. They have to be rostered on a team.
- v. The person who is bringing them up, make sure they are USA hockey
- vi. Talk to the other team if you see it. If you see something you should report it to Laura
- vii. If they are on the ice they need to be on the sheet!!! Penalty wise this is important too to make sure if they are getting a ton of penalties we can track this
- viii. If the player is not USA hockey registered. If they are not on a league roster it is a \$50 fine for them to play
- ix. You should check the rosters, they should be rostered on any team.

c. Reminder on subbing

- i. MAXIMUM three times subbing for that team, otherwise you now are on that team
- ii. You can only sub up to four skaters and they can only sub up to four times on that game

Meeting closed at 8:45pm

[LINK TO UPDATED BY-LAWS](#)

Attendance

Program	Division	Attended Meeting
Bears	A	yes
Boston Beauties	A	
Ice Sharks A	A	yes
Nighthawks A	A	
Renegades	A	no
Unicorns 2.0	A	yes
Zoo Crew	A	
East Coast Wizards B	B	yes
Happy Cows	B	
Mass Chaos	B	yes
Quincy	B	yes
Shamrocks	B	no
Storm 2	B	yes
Chaos	C1-B	yes
Cougars C	C1-A	yes
East Coast Wizards	C1-B	yes
Ice Sharks	C1-C	yes
Nighthawks BLUE	C1-B	yes
Phantoms	C1-A	yes
Pirates	C1-C	yes
Randolph	C1-C	yes
RI Raptors	C1-B	
Ravens	C1-C	yes
Sting	C1-B	yes
Storm 1	C1-C	yes
Stormchasers	C1-A	yes

Tailgators	C1	yes
TEAM TBA	C1-A	yes
Breakers	C/D	
Crush	C/D	yes
East Coast Wizards	C/D	yes
Hell's Belles	C/D	yes
Nighthawks RED	C/D	
Noreasters	C/D	yes
Pumas	C/D	yes
RI Panthers	C/D	yes
Black Ice	D1	yes
Bulldogs	D1	
Demolition Divas	D1	yes
Eagles	D1	
Goal Diggers	D	
Mother Puckers	D2	yes
Outlaws	D2	yes
Rockets	D	
Stormchasers	D1	yes
T Squared	D	