2022-23 August HDC Meeting

Present: Wiskie, Hessenauer, Lemirande, Grall, Stieve-Busch, Jensen, Valasek, Chady, English, Bloomquist

Missing:  Marquette, Athlete X is interested in participating in Off-ice training discussions, Nicole Wilke (referee scheduling), Knott, Jets representative, ALDs for Squirt & Bantam, Luke Stuerer (Fury High School Hockey Coach)

Agenda:

1. Introduction.  JYH President Justin Wiskie is acting as HDD due to the resignation of Dirk Lessner. Dirk resigned a year shy of his 3-year term.  The Acting HDD would like to improve on a few things from the previous HDD and HDC. Improvements in communication, delegation of duties and the holding of regular meetings will be some initial changes.  Main focus initially will be on running a successful 2022-2 season, and to work on succession planning for future HDD and HDC roles.
2. Status of JYH/HDC – Player numbers are trending similar to last year.  Lots of JYH Board turnover, which has resulted in an increased work load on a few.  Also, numerous vacancies on HDC, most importantly HDD and Head Coach of Coaches (Dirk Lessner and Nate Fuelleman left the club)
3. Short term HDC goals.
   1. Need to set up a checking clinic, Nick and Jim are willing to help. Jim recommends all Bantams (not just 1st year), and potentially Peewee's attend.
   2. Action Item: Justin will get with Jim and Nick to set up a date and time for the checking clinic.
   3. Organization of evaluations and team selection will be the next big focus.  Plan to use SkillShark again.  Connor willing to help coordinate on ice again.  4 stations.  Prefer to keep the closed evaluations.  Dan will be Administrative lead again.  Dan Foss has coordinated finding the evaluators the last few years.  Would like more credible hockey minds that don't have kids in the club.  Evals Oct 3 -5. Leigh will run the Goalie evaluation.  Bantam Goalie situation may be an issue as we have 4-5 goalies, and may only have 1 team.  Recommend doing the goalie evaluations in early September so that they have time to submit for releases or prepare to skate out.  Need a better team selection process (see standing rules for the 6 named positions that are to participate).
   4. Action Item: Dan and Conor will get together to start developing the on-ice evaluation plan. All HDC members will think of good, non-parent, evaluators. Justin and Dan will start putting an evaluator list together.
   5. Action Item: Justin and Leigh will coordinate the goalie evaluations. Leigh will develop and lead the on-ice portion. Justin will help with securing goalie evaluators.
   6. For Skills and Drills, Jim and Nick willing to take Squirts and Peewees. Discussion about whether to check with Josh Biser to see if he would lead a couple of skills and drills sessions specific to skating during any of the September 19th - 29th (7 dates) Skills and Drills dates.
   7. Action Item: Justin will contact Josh Biser to inquire if he is available to run some skills days during Skills and Drills.
4. Long term goals
   1. Practice lengths and how we utilize practices.  Possibility/discussion of switching to longer practice lengths with one less practice night per week.
   2. Girls’ hockey. Focus on continuing to grow the girls’ game in Janesville
   3. HDD/HDC Succession Planning: Struggling to bring in new volunteers, Board members, coaches, referees, etc.  HDC members are encouraged to think outside the box on how to recruit and retain volunteers.
5. Current team numbers
   1. 6U: 3 teams projected
   2. 8U:  3 teams projected
   3. Squirt:  3 (one may be female)
   4. Peewee:  3
   5. Bantam:  2 (one female)
6. Coaches Meeting Planned
   1. Justin will be organizing a JYH Coaches meeting
7. Open business
   1. Girls - Ed is going to send an email explaining options (should have 14u, maybe 10u, play up/down, coed, release to an all-girls team).  More options are opening up in the area.  McFarland/Oregon/Stoughton cooping for 10u & 12u.  Sun Prairie offering 12u.  Mavericks expanding to 12u and 10u.  Region 5/Milwaukee is exploding for girls hockey with 8 bantam teams, 10 peewee teams, 10 squirt teams, and 8 RWB teams expected this upcoming season.
   2. Referee scheduling - Janesville is hosting a WHOA level 1 officiating clinic in October.  With this, expecting a large group of new referees which is a blessing and a curse.  It will be difficult to get them all enough games to get proficient and want to stick with it (less than 50% nationally do).  Plan is to schedule the most experienced/level 3 refs over the top of the new referees to mentor them.  I don't see the need to utilize Beloit referees this season except maybe to cover bantam games.

September Agenda Items

1. Follow up on Action Items:
2. Checking Clinic
3. On ice evaluation Plan
4. Evaluator number
5. Goalie evaluations
6. Goalie evaluators
7. Skills and Drills Plan-Josh Biser availability
8. Coaches Meeting run down
9. Evaluation Plan Overview
10. Team Selection Philosophy.