Southwest Bullets Meeting Minutes July 29, 2024

Attendees: Rob Veldman, Kristin Antolak, Ian VanMiddelkoop, Kelli Brent, Erica Parnell, Erica Quenneville, Katharine Beamish

1. Unfilled board positions:

* We are continuing to look for volunteers for the unfilled positions of the SOuthwest Bullets Board which include the Director of Development, Vice President, and Four Counties Rep.
* There is an upcoming 4 counties meeting on August 13th, 2024. We need someone to attend with Mike McEachren. We are trying to find a board member to volunteer to go with Mike for August 13th and then hopefully we can find a new volunteer soon

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1. Ice time update- We have booked the hockey season to start Sept 9th.

* Player development- we have voted to add an extra ice time in Bothwell on Sundays at 2pm. This one-hour time slot will be rotated through the 3 age divisions, so each team will have an extra time slot every 3 weeks. This can be used for player development and teams can fundraise to have a trainer come out to do some skills and drills. (ex Tom Jobson with Future Pro hockey)
* The schedule has been set and will be loaded on the website by Ian and Kelli this week. U8/9 and U11’s are booked for Mondays in Glencoe. U5/7 are booked for Wednesdays in Glencoe. Games will be Fridays in Bothwell for both u9 and u11 from 7-9pm. U5/7 will have Saturday mornings from 9-10am in Bothwell. For the initial few ice times they will be starting at the earlier ice times of 6pm and 7pm, as of September 30th we will start our regular schedule of 7pm and 8pm.

1. Registration update

* u21 team: At this time, we do not have enough interest or a coach who is available
* We now have 45 registered players: u5: 11 registered, u7: 12 registered, u9: 11 registered, u11: 11 registered.
* Katharine will work on getting a list together for each team with parents' emails so the coaches can send out a letter to them with information about starting, taking respect in sports, equipment they need, etc
* Oliver Quenneville has been moved up to the u11 age group and will play on their team.

1. Sponsorship update:

* Cheques received from MFA (Melbourne Farm Automation) for 500$, Parnell Family for 500$, and Ritchie Home Builders for 500$ (given to Katharine to drop off to Ashley Patton to be deposited)
* We will continue to work on the sponsorship list and update at the next meeting

1. Equipment update:

* Small hockey nets for u5/7 age group. Ian spoke with representative from Glencoe Minor Hockey, and it was discussed about the possibility of purchasing small hockey nets for the u5/7’s. A quote was given of $4612.66. The meeting to approve this will be in August and we will have an answer at the next meeting. Rob Veldman will speak to the Southwest Municipality to see if they are willing to contribute a portion of the cost.
* The room at Bothwell arena has been cleared out. The plan is to take extra equipment from Sean VanBilson’s house in August and move it to this storage room at the Bothwell Arena.
* Rob Veldman will collect the u9 and u11 Jerseys to get the Velcro added to them. He is working with Strathroy sports to complete this and a volunteer has offered to sew them on.
* Rob Veldman will be picking up 3 puck bags for the coaches of the 3 teams. The coaches will be in charge of carrying their own pucks this season.
* After we review the equipment at Sean’s house, we will discuss the need to purchase u9 and u11 goalie equipment.

1. Tournaments:

* The u11’s are booked in the Parkhill Silverstick tournament on November 8-10th. Erica Quenneville is also looking at tournaments in Mount Brydges, South Huron and Strathroy.
* We need to schedule tournaments for the u9’s and u5/7’s (We will look into signing the u5/7’s up for the Alvinston, West Lorne and Tyke Fest-London tournaments)
* We will be hosting 2 tournaments:
* U8/9 Horvat Tournament Jan 24-26th at the Bothwell Arena (Daryn M and Ashley are organizing) Optimist will usually run a skills and drills competition with prizes for fun during the tournament.
* U5/7 tournament Jamboree on Feb 8th at the Glencoe Arena (Rob V is organizing) Plan is to have 3, 30 min games for each team. Ice is booked from 8am-4pm.
* Rob V will look into getting these tournaments on the OMHA site so we can have teams start signing up.

1. Upcoming events/ summer events

* Optifest: We still need 10 volunteers for bar tending
* We also need volunteers to help set up and clean up on Aug 8th and Aug 11th
* Will will need to start advertising to get people to volunteer for the Glencoe Fair Dance as well soon.

1. Bills/payments

* Bingos: approved to pay Cindy 200$, Kim 250$ and Ian 50$.
* Approved to pay security deposit for Optifest $2333.45
* We also will need to cover the cost of insurance and ice for Optifest

1. Advertising

* We will be advertising on the website and social media that the season will be starting sooner on September 9th. Schedule will be posted soon to website.
* Start advertising on social media in mid-august that registration will be ending soon, encourage people to sign up as soon as possible.
* Add more content from registrants from last season for advertising

1. Next meeting date: Sept 4th, 2024 at the Glencoe Train Station

* We would like coaches to attend this meeting. They will get their equipment, discuss the season, sending emails/keeping contact with parents, discuss tournaments and answer questions.