

MEETING MINUTES

SAHOF High School Committee Meeting



Meeting Date: Friday, August 11, 2017

Meeting Time: 10:00am

Meeting Location: Conference Call

Committee Members in Attendance: Tom Garavaglia, Jay Feaster, John Gullman, Ed de La Paz

Committee Members Absent: John Colombo

Also in Attendance: N/A

- Old Business
 - Private schools combining with public schools to form combined/composite (Tier II) team
 - FPSHL update

FPSHL, knowing that they have a full year to prepare, will continue to work towards adjusting their current team(s) that are presently structured with a public and private school combining to form 1 team, and believe they should not have a problem making that adjustment. FPSHL sees a potential issue and flaw with this approach as in their area, students may enroll in any public school they wish, so long as that public school has space for them. FPSHL President, John Gullman, believes the FPSHL will be able to adjust no problem, and be ready for the 2018-2017 season.

Important to note that any adjustment to the structure in which teams may be formulated from a Tier II standpoint, is purely as it relates to SAHOF State Tournament and beyond qualifications. The thought process is that leagues may form teams outside of SAHOF qualifications, and operate them at their local league level, however they must meet SAHOF qualification to be eligible for state and national tournaments.

Additional discussions still include the potential for 2 private schools to join. This item/topic will be pushed to a later agenda

MOTION BY TOM GARAVAGLIA, SECOND BY ED DE LA PAZ - Beginning in the 2018-2019 season, to be eligible for the SAHOF state playoffs and beyond, a private school may not combine with any public school

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- State/ National Tournament
 - Committee member proposals/ideas on penalties/solutions to teams backing out of intend

Committee would like to see some sort of penalty or sanction imposed to some extent to those teams/individuals that first commit, and then ultimately walk away from their commitment. Discussions included checking in to additional support from SAHOF in the event that a coach walks away from a high school commitment, and having a penalty cross all SAHOF sanctioned tournaments and events, and vice versa.

Additional discussion included the potential of implementing a more in depth process in which teams submit their intent, to add more weight in the process. There is some hesitation in this possible direction as there may be extreme push back from teams

- New Business
 - Elite Development Program (EDP)

- LSHL launching an EDP this season.
LSHL is rolling out a program to assist in the further and advanced development of their players. Would like to see FPSHL roll out a similar program to create additional in-state competition and development opportunities. A PowerPoint presentation outlining the LSHL program was provided to all committee members.

Tampa Bay Lightning are supporting the LSHL with additional financial and administrative support. Suggest approaching the Panthers organization to further assist the FPSHL in potential launch of a similar program.

- Interleague play

To gain more credibility for high school hockey, it makes some sense to have the 2 leagues in the state play some games against one another at some point during the season.

Discussions included when the best time to play these games would be. Pre-season tournament or jamboree of some sort was suggested. Additional thoughts in regards to hosting a tournament or jamboree in conjunction with the SAHOF State tournament, for those teams that did not advance to the official state tournament.

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Additional discussions will be had in regards to playing games during the season between the 2 leagues at a later Committee meeting

- Continued player eligibility questions/concerns
 - LSHL Senior Grandfather Rule
 - LSHL allows senior players to remain with the team they participated with in their junior season (if the player so chooses) in the event of boundary/catchment area adjustments.
 - Does FPSHL have a similar rule?
 - Does/should a player in this scenario count against the school count total for that team?

FPSHL President, John Gullman, is in support of LSHL senior grandfather rule, so long as it is monitored properly by the local league as well as SAHOF. All Committee members believe that a player falling in to a senior grandfather rule, should not have their school count against the total of 4 schools represented on a roster.

MOTION BY TOM GARAVAGLIA, SECOND BY JOHN GULLMAN - Any player using the senior grandfather rule, the school they attend does not count against the total school limit within a given team's roster

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- State Tournament
 - Team/roster eligibility check-point
 - Should a process exist to review rosters from both leagues prior to the state tournament to verify teams meet the SAHOF High School Committee required qualifications?

High School Committee believes it is in the best interest of SAHOF and high school hockey to have a process of some sort in place to review rosters and verify qualifications prior to arrival at the State Tournament. A preemptive process will give teams and leagues additional opportunity to ensure they are within the parameters set forth to qualify.

The specific process will be further discussed at the next committee meeting, inclusive of any potential forms or paperwork that should be utilized both at a league as well as a state level.

- For future agenda
 - Statewide development & opportunities

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APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES



Tom Garavaglia – Committee Chair

09/22/2017



Jay Feaster – LSHSL President

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John Gullman – FPSHL President

John Colombo – Committee Member



Ed de La Paz – Committee Member

09/23/2017