

# **AAHA Mite Committee Meeting Summary**

## ***September 20, 2017***

### Members Present:

Kayman Wong (Chair – DYHA)  
Michael Lepore (AZ Bobcats)  
Carly Accardo (AZ Hockey Union)  
Mike Carouchi (Mission)  
Cara Shafer for Kenny Corupe (CAHA Scottsdale)  
Dave Bereson (Flagstaff – Call In)

### **2017-18 8U Jamboree Dates**

September 24<sup>th</sup> – Mission  
October 28<sup>th</sup> (7 am-12:30 pm) – Jr. Devils  
November 4<sup>th</sup> (7:30 am -2 pm) – AZ Bobcats  
December 9<sup>th</sup> (9:40 am – 1:35 pm) – Jr Coyotes (Scottsdale)  
January 28<sup>th</sup> (7 am 4 pm) – (AZ Hockey Union)  
February 4<sup>th</sup> – (9:45 am – 1:30 pm) Jr. Coyotes (Chandler)  
March 24-25<sup>th</sup> (Times TBD) - Flagstaff

### **Meeting Frequency**

Next meeting 11/8/17 6:30 pm @ Oceanside  
Tentatively holding meeting dates for 12/13/17, 1/31/18, 2/7/18 to review Jamborees

### **8U Policy**

We brought everyone up to speed on the 8U policy and answered questions regarding travel policy and game format. The updated Jamboree rules sheet is available on the website in the Mite Hockey section and it was suggested that each association ensure coaches review the rules sheet prior to each event. The committee was also reminded that the Mite Division contact sheet was also available for use in scheduling games outside of the Jamborees.

### **Out of Town Requests**

There was one out of town request for AHU Black and the committee has approved this request. This will not be sent to the AAHA Executive Board for their approval. The committee was reminded about the use of the form and was encouraged to ensure teams complete this process before making plans to travel out of state.

### **Tucson Update**

This was not addressed at the meeting but the Chair received an email from Tuscon representative and they have 53 mites this year on 6 teams, including a dedicated jamboree team, so they do not want to miss out on any of them. We will forwarding them all the information regarding the Jamborees. Please ensure that you invite them to all our jamborees.

### **Jamboree Structure**

The Committee discussed the format and scheduling rules. All committee members were reminded that they may not begin taking registration until 30 days before the date of the jamboree. Committee members were also reminded that there will be times during the season where registration will be open for 2 jamborees at a time so it is imperative that team managers take notice of this. We were also reminded that the development travel teams should get priority in the house divisions before other travel teams so please remember that when creating jamboree schedules.

Due to the imbalance of teams this year at two organizations, we were reminded that the two organizations with larger teams (AZ Bobcats and AHU) may need to combine teams when registering for Jamborees if a limited amount of teams can register as we are trying to allow all organizations to participate. All Jamborees will use the blue pucks for all games.

The Arizona Coyotes have expressed interest in holding a Jamboree this year. The event will be tied to a ticket purchase. The initial thought was for the registration to be an open registration where kids will be assigned teams at random. Matt is looking into creating a contest where the kids can enter a logo design and the top 8 designs will be used to create jerseys for the teams. Each organization will still be responsible to vetting the kids who would like to participate through their organizations and submitting them to the Arizona Coyotes for registration. The date will be researched by Matt and he will report back to the committee. (see Mites Skills Competition below).

The Arizona Coyotes have asked that anyone interested in booking the Coyotes Howler or asking for auction items, please ask at least 30 days before the event. They book up early so the earlier you ask the better chance you have of getting what you need.

Last season the Arizona Coyotes sent banners to each rink to be put up for their Jamborees. As sponsors again this season, they ask that you put up the banner again this season.

### **Age Up Clinic**

The committee discussed the prospect of holding age up clinics at the end of the season. The Arizona Coyotes are open to sponsoring the events. The initial thought was to hold multiple clinics. One at Gila River, Oceanside and Gilbert, which would cover geographical regions. There was discussion about charging a nominal fee for the clinic to help cover some of the costs. A list of kids would be kept so first priority would be given to kids who have not attended a clinic first and if space remained, then kids who wanted to attend multiple clinics could register. All associations would still be required to donate coach's time to help run the clinics. The Committee will discuss further and choose dates at our next meeting.

### **Mites Skills Competition**

There was consensus to hold a mites skills competition this year. The format will be distributed to all members for review and comment. The Arizona Coyotes suggested holding this Skills Competition alongside the Arizona Coyotes Jamboree. The Skills Competition could be held on a Saturday and the Jamboree held on a Sunday. Possible dates would be March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 20-21<sup>st</sup>. Registration would be handled the same method as the Coyotes Jamboree. The skills competition would also be open registration with kids randomly assigned to teams.

**Other items**

AHU reminded the committee that ASHU Junior Knights season starts this Friday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> against NAU. All kids who attend wearing their association jersey will gain entrance for free.

The meeting was adjourned with thanks to all attendees.