

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
6:30 Pm at Shafer Law Firm  
Banget / Midget Organizational meeting

**In Attendance:**

Bobbi Jo DeCrapio, Lisa Betts, Pam Bacallao, Julie Passilla, Kevin Jacobs, Phil Passilla, Jon DeArment, Glenn Thompson, Rich Waddell, Sue Clayton, Gordon Buckley, Andy Bacallao, Beth Shafer, Dave Shafer, Michael Webber, Brian Ford, Allen Kroll, Nathan Kroll, Jodi Millin, Jeff Millin, George Ray, Michelle Higham, Heather Jager.

Jodi Kicked off the meeting by recapping how we go to this point and options (regarding Bangets):

**Bantam/Midget Divisions**

**Background:**

Initial Issues reported to the board:

- In-house Banget program not structured. Kids not being taught how to play hockey; just pick-up games
- Low attendance at in-house games
- 13yr olds playing with 18 year olds – losing players because of injuries of younger players
- Bulldog Freshmen team recruiting Bantam age kids – losing more players to Bulldogs

Findings after meeting with the Bantam and Midget parents

- All last year Bantam and Midget parents in attendance agreed that there wasn't an issue of 13 yr olds playing with 18 year olds – the older kids help the younger kids
- All last year Bantam and Midget parents in attendance agreed that they were happy with the coaching and the whole Banget division program. Were surprised that there were complaints

Offer from Bulldogs to help our Bantam Division

- Bulldog Freshman / CCYHA Bantam developmental practice hour. This joint practice would be run by the JV coaching staff thus eliminating the issue you are having finding coaches at that level. This practice time would be considered "house league: practice. We would operate with this joint session 3 out of 4 weeks per month
- CCYHA purchase only 1 hour of ice per week (sometime during the week) to run house league pick-up games. Invite the Freshman team from Bulldog Hockey to participate and have two sets of jerseys available to play pick up hockey each week. You could have up to 40 kids show up and do 2 teams with 4 lines each. (don't think that many would show but the capability is there). CCYHA coaches would run the teams and try to make the teams even and mix the kids up each week. This low key competitive environment would create good fun hockey conditions and benefit both of us. It would also satisfy your Bantam house league requirement.
- The benefits here as I see them are it would hopefully satisfy your travel parents, in addition to keeping a house league program going. Hopefully the joint practice sessions run by the Bulldog coaches will give the CCYHA something different to experience and at the same time offer the younger Bulldog players some additional ice time playing in your pick-up games to help fill your numbers....One of the biggest benefits is CCYHA will only have to pay for 1 hour of ice per week for the Bantam house league and yet I think the kids will get some quality ice time from the Bulldog practices

**Current State of the Division:**

- 8 Pre-registrations (7 Bantam, 1 Midget)
- Bantams: No Division Head, No Coaches, No Travel Team

**Proposals:**

**Proposal at February Meeting:**

Accepted motion by Allen (2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen) to have bantam & midget travel only teams with no house league requirements. bantam and midget travel team players will still have to register as CCYHA members at a yet to be determined reduced rate"

Over the next month the need for a non contact recreational BANGET division will be reviewed.

**Proposal 1 in a Nutshell:**

- Full pay for in-house only kids.
- We contract 2 hours of ice each week. (46 hours, cost: \$8050)
- Reduced rate for Travel Kids – no in-house requirement (does this mean they can't go?)
- Can join in-house at full rate if they want to.
- Keep Banget Division
- Still contact division at this point

**Proposal at March Board Meeting:**

Motion by Jodi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa to reverse prior decision regarding Bantam / Midget house division. Motion by Christy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon to host Bantam Plus ages 13 – 15, Bantam will have to meet house requirements, will host midget travel only age 16 – 18 group.

**Proposal 2 in a Nutshell:**

- Separate Bantams and Midgets
- Increase age of Bantams to include 15 year olds (13 – 15 division)
- Eliminate In-house Midget program
- Midgets Travel only
- Bantam Division have in-house and Travel
- Keep the participate in house league requirement for Travel
- Full pay for In-house
- In house ice cost \$8050

**Proposal 3: Suggestions from the Bantam/Midget Townhall meeting:**

- Put the Banget division back together
- Make the Banget division no checking division
- Do the bulldog thing so the kids who are serious about improving and playing can continue to develop
- Reduced rate for travel only kids - 1/2 of regular registration - Encourage them to attend the in-house stuff - do not require it
- See if midgets can join the bulldog practice
- Ice costs: \$4025

**Proposal 4: My thoughts after meeting with everyone**

- Make a clear distinction between Junior (mini's though peewees) and Senior (Bantam/Midget) divisions, so that the requirements and costs can be separated and not filter into the other divisions.
- Put the Banget Division back together
- Partner with the Bulldogs for the Bantam age kids (13 - 15) – As proposed from Bulldogs
- Registration for the Senior division at a reduced rate because we do not have to contract as much ice (\$175). I picked this because that is what the Mini-Mites pay for their reduced amount of ice.
- Make the division non-checking.
- Do not require that any of the kids, including travel, participate all of the time. They paid for it. They should have the choice to get out of it what they want at this level. It should be fun for all. The Bantam age kids who want to get better could develop more skills with the Bulldogs. The Midget kids would only play the pickup games.... Maybe Rich Waddell would open his travel practice to the few who do not do travel.
- Offer a travel team for the Bantam ages.
- Give the Bantam and Midget travel coaches the power to require or not require their players to go to the in-house activities. They may want to require them to go to certain ones and not others depending on the skills that their team needs at that time. They know their players. Trust in our coaches.

**Considerations after my proposal went out:**

Jamie:

- Be careful with just how much you discount this divisions costs Yes, they will receive less ice time than other divisions but you will have far less paying members as well
- I really like the offer that the Bulldogs made to include our Bantam age kids in their Freshman team practices!!! This puts to rest the notion that this age group will not have the ability to learn and grow further as a hockey player
- I agree, we should not ask to include the Midgets. If they are serious enough to desire practice time then they should be included in the travel program.
- I think a one hour per week non-checking pick-up game slot is adequate for ALL Bantam/Midget/Freshman players. If we do not dictate the requirement for travel players to attend I believe that we will not run into a

- problem with too many players for only one hour of ice. Remember, this will be the pilot year for this program and more ice can be added next year if necessary.
- All travel players should be required to pay the same in-house fee that everyone else does. No discounts. The organization cannot risk losing money.
    - All Bantam travel plays should be required to participate in a minimum number of the joint Bulldog practices. Two reasons:
      - 1- Our organization needs to show the Bulldog program that we both appreciate their generosity and covet the instruction that our kids would be receiving.
      - 2- The travel players need as much instruction as possible and this can only benefit all involved
  - Bulldog Freshman team members being invited to play in our one-hour per week pick-up games for free would help keep that slot full and competitive.
  - These plans eliminate the concerns of small, young kids playing contact hockey with much larger kids. It eliminates the in-house requirement of being present to allow participation in travel (outside of requiring participation in the practice sessions).
  - I think a lot of homework needs done to determine what a fair cost is for both parties (players and CCYHA).

#### **Allen's Comments:**

My only comment to Jamies response is that CCYHA should not require any one group to do something above and beyond what others are required to do. Especially if everyone is paying the same. Also, I think the idea of letting Bantam and Midget players play travel only but require a fee to CCYHA was overlooked. From there we would encourage All Bantams and Midgets to register for House.

#### **Rich Waddell's comments:**

1. Make a clear distinction between Junior (mini's though peewees) and Senior (Bantam/Midget) divisions, so that the requirements and costs can be separated and not filter into the other divisions. [Good idea](#)
2. Put the Banget Division back together. [Definitely](#)
3. Partner with the Bulldogs for the Bantam age kids (13 - 15) - outlined below [Good idea, benefits bulldogs the most. You stated yourself that they acknowledge their program is beginning to suffer.](#)
4. Registration for the Senior division at a reduced rate because we do not have to contract as much ice (\$175). I picked this because that is what the Mini-Mites pay for their reduced amount of ice. [Good idea.](#)
5. Make the division non-checking. [I can see both sides of this. Non checking eliminates referee fees, I doubt Chuck will want his players in a no check league. I favor a checking league if enough players show up on a regular basis.](#) Update: I spoke with Chuck and he has no problem with the division being non-checking
6. Do not require that any of the kids, including travel, participate all of the time. They paid for it. They should have the choice to get out of it what they want at this level. It should be fun for all. The Bantam age kids who want to get better could develop more skills with the Bulldogs. The Midget kids would only play the pickup games.... Maybe Rich Waddell would open his travel practice to the few who do not do travel [This could be done similar to what Chuck proposes. There is the problem of ice cost. The travel team will be paying for the ice, and if the division as a whole only buys 1 hour of ice per week, will a charge have to be made for those who do not play travel? I'm sure there will be more than a few travel parents who see it this way.](#)
7. Offer a travel team for the Bantam ages.??
8. Give the Bantam and Midget travel coaches the power to require or not require their players to go to the in-house activities. They may want to require them to go to certain ones and not others depending on the skills that their team needs at that time. They know their players. Trust in our coaches. [We do know the players and we have earned the trust of players and parents, and the parents are the ones who pay the bills. So what sense does it make for the board to second guess what is perceived to be going on in the division?](#)

After this review we focused on Option 4 with this result:

- Everyone was in agreement with the idea of changing the format to a Junior (thru Pee Wees) and Senior divisions. CCYHA polices will need amended.
- Banget division will be put back together.
- Bantams to age 15 will partner with the Bulldogs freshman players
- Midgets (not able to participate w/ Bulldogs) can skate with the midget travel team. There may be a fee adjustment.
- We will decide on a reduced fee for these divisions
- This division will remain a checking division with referees in place. There will be added focus on proper officiating (and training) as well as discipline.

Motion By Allen w/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff M. to extend deadline to April 30<sup>th</sup> for those interested in coaching the Bantam travel team to submit letters.

Pre-Registration for Bangets will also be extended to April 30<sup>th</sup>.