GSFL Winter Meeting

March 23, 2015

Dave Levesque welcomed the organizations in attendance

Organizations represented:

Pembroke	Hartford	Monadnock	Merrimack Valley
Gilford	Con-Val	John Stark	Bow
Concord	Kearsarge	Hollis-Brookline	

Dave opened discussion on 2014 season

-discussion on rule regarding players who get ejected from a game- on this the GSFL reverts to the NHIAA rule:

"Any player who is disqualified before, during or after any sanctioned event at the sub-varsity or varsity level, for exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct, shall not participate in the next scheduled interscholastic athletic event"

-Discussion on referees

-Home teams are responsible for providing the officials for games, GSFL has no authority to overturn calls or dictate officials

-from GSFL bylaws-

"There should be a minimum of two (2) officials for each game and one WILL be patched. No game can start without at least one (1) patched official"

-Announcement of champions

-Bow was announced as Varsity champions for 2015 season

-Bow was announced as JV champions for 2015 season

-Congratulations to the Bow Bulldogs on a great season

New Business

-August 12 will be first day of practice for 2015 season

-Hollis-Brookline asked to rejoin GSFL after a one year hiatus

-Chris Lowes spoke on H-B's behalf, explained the reason they left and why they wanted to return

-Dave called a vote- unanimous for H-B to rejoin GSFL

-introduction of new GSFL committee

-Dave Levesque, Rob Polish and Tony Sawyer are stepping down.

Carl Schaefer- Pembroke - Pres

Mike Robbins-Bow- Treasurer/Scheduling

Shawn Oesterreich-JS-Secretary

Mike Robb- Gilford- At Large

Kevin Kimball-Bow- website Admin

-Discussion of by-laws

-Carl condensed previous revisions into the current by-laws, eliminated contradictions

-Any games that end in a tie score at the end of regulation must be decided by NHIAA overtime rules (10-yard in)

-Discussion on swing players

-If, after week 5 when JV playoff rosters are set, a team has injuries that bring the JV roster to fewer than 16, that organization may move up 6th graders to fill out the roster. They shall contact the opposing coach to inform him of the changes. -**Discussion tabled until summer meeting**

-Dave asked each organizations where they were at with sign-up numbers for the upcoming season. Several teams had not held signups yet. Most were confident that swing players would not be needed to fill their rosters. Con-val was hopeful that they would field two teams this season.

-Discussion on All-State selections

-Several teams failed to submit All-state votes for the 2014 season

-If a team fails to submit All-State picks for a game, neither team in that contest receives

All- State votes for that game.

-Each team shall submit 3 All-State nominations from the opposing team after each game, one

of the nominations must be a lineman.

-Coaches shall make contact with the opposing coach by Wednesday before the game.

-Discussion on game cancellations

       -If there is potential for game cancellation due to weather, the host coach should make

       contact with the visiting coach as early as possible, but no later than friday to notify them

       of the situation. No deadline for cancellation was decided. **Discussion tabled until summer**

       meeting

-Discussion on the upcoming schedule

       -with 11 teams in the league, each team gets a bye week

       -the 2 division format is eliminated, one league with 11 teams, the top 6 teams advance to

       the playoffs. 1 and 2 seed get first round byes.

       -Rob Polish volunteered to do the schedule again. He asked teams to get home game

       blackout dates to him by Thursday Mar 26

       -League agreed that first games will be Aug 29th, followed by an off week for labor day.

       -Hartford to get week one bye due to their late practice start date.

       -Rob expected to have prelim schedule out within a few weeks.

-Dave reminded that league fees of $25 were due.

-Ray Raimo extended appreciation to Dave Levesque, Rob Polish and Tony Sawyer for their years of service in the GSFL.

Thank you Dave, Rob and Tony from the GSFL

-Adjourned