

April 27, 2002
Meeting Notes

Present:

Absent:

Called to order @ 0935 by Mark Jensen. Roll taken. Introductions made. Minutes were reviewed. Correction made on double rostering. USA hockey does not have guidelines in place. Ames makes motion to accept the minutes, second Waterloo. AIFMC

Treasurer's Report- Will have handout at next meeting due to some business still being conducted. Don states that this was the worse year for collecting money. He feels there is a problem in communication between the MWL rep. And their organizations. You need to pay the dues within 3-4 weeks after you receive your bills in Jan. Don proposes fining some organizations if they have not paid in a timely manner. Checks need to come from the organizations-not the individual teams. Les stated that our by-laws address this problem. Mark stated that we were going to have to update those by-laws by the next meeting. Les suggested that someone re-write Article 3 before the next meeting to update the by-laws.

League Play Evaluation- Mark asked for comments on the Mite division. One issue was commitment from the Quad Cities organization. Les stated there was a communication problem. Mark stated that once you make a commitment to play, they have to play.

Squirts-Squirt A played the new format, and Sioux City wished that B would have played the same format. One issue in Des Moines was that no one was present that knew first aid. Mark stated that there has to be someone present that does have first aid. They do not require an EMT to be present, but some organizations do have one present.

Des Moines comments-With regard to A division-why don't we fill the mite division first, rather than have only 3 teams in the A division? Their mite B team stated that they had a good year. Discussion was the number of players in their organizations. Squirt comments were Witchita was too far away. One comment was we play too many weekends. The other comment was that we do not have the league divided up evenly. Mark stated that they try to keep teams as local as possible. Waterloo stated that at the mite division, the rules should be in front of the time-clock. Parents are new and they need to be guided by the reps to make sure that everyone knows the rules.

PeeWees-Quad Cities-stated that the six weekend format seemed to be one weekend too long. Ames stated whoever hosted the weekends did a very good job. Des Moines stated that people who drop out, need to do so earlier and they should pay. It was stated that they do. Waterloo stated that the schedulers' did an awesome job. They had a lot of schedule changes right before the start of the league that they had to keep up with. Frank stated the PeeWee A went very well. Ames stated that they liked playing the increased number of games. Ames stated the year end tournament went very well.

Bantams-Ames stated that there was a parent problem with the referees. Ben stated that he doesn't feel that it is the MWL issue. He feels it should be a rink or host organization issue. Discussion was held re: responsibility and it should be handled by each organization. Ted Ohmart, TSA president stated that it was the MWL was having the tournament, it is the MWL responsibility to address it with the organization. Will discuss this at the summer committee meeting of the meeting.

Midget- there was not much play in the midget league involvement this year.

League play-Mark reviewed the number of games that were played. Alternatives were discussed. Des Moines asked if they can have a C league team play in the B division.

Age Change—Ted stated that Minnesota has decided to register their teams up a division if they have older players. Teams coming into Minnesota will have to decide whether they want to play against older placers. They will can their teams "Minnesota peewee's or Squirts." He stated that all the teams have agreed to follow USA Hockey guidelines. Discussion held with regard to what MWL would do.

Interdivisional play/Standard league play- In the bigger divisions, some coaches stated that they did not get to play all the teams. Mark states that we need to decide what to do with the Bantams. All high school players will not be bantam age. Should we include the Bantam division in the new format? He feels that this will increase the number of teams in the Bantam division. All organizations gave their opinion on which way they preferred it to be. Mark stated that only one team from each organization can field a team to go on the National Tournament to represent the TSA. Decision was tabled to next meeting.

Competition level- Mark suggests that we make the B level B 1 and B 2 level. Do we want to have one large B group or split? Omaha suggested that limiting the number of second year players that can play on a B level team. After much discussion, Sioux City made a motion to separate the B division into two levels, if the number of teams exceeds 12. Second by Gladiators. Mark stated that he will send out a questionnaire regarding what level your teams want to play at. AIFMC
With regard to the competition in the B level, who will police this? After discussion, Sioux City makes a motion that if an association does not field a team at the A level and that asso. Team B team finishes in the top three with 10 or more teams in it, then that team should be required to move up. Second by Mason City. Discussion was again held on the need for organizations to police themselves re: level of the teams that they are. Quad Cities makes an amendment that this rule does not apply if more than 50% of the players are first year players at that age level.. Second by Sioux City. . Ted stated that each organization has to evaluate each team to play at the level that they need to be in. Omaha stated that it is not working. Majority passes with three no's. Motion carries.

Midget league Play-do we want to address this situation? Some organizations feel like they will have enough to play in the Midget team. Ames clarified that this would be a MWL sponsored league play. Ames stated that the Midget B players would not be roistered on the high school roster. Ted states that we should not limit that. Mark stated that the questionnaire will have a question on it will it have a 17 and under or 16 and under. Would we prefer to be a 17 ½ and under in addition to the A program. Witchita makes a motion to we have a Midget B level 16 ½ and under playing a regular league schedule with no regards to the high school league schedule to start next season. Mason City second. And amendment is that MWS acts as an agent to have a 16 and under tournament if USA hockey passes at the summer meeting. Ames and Waterloo oppose. Motion carries.

Incorporation of the Midwest Hockey League-We will try and find an attorney to get this done.

Summer Committee Assignments:

A: Nominating- vol. For president? No one volunteers Mark states that he will do it one more year-and one year only. Don Krueger will remain in his position also. Eliminates the need for a nominating committee. Discipline Committee-Sioux City Quad Cities and Dubuque. We need to come up with ways to handle discipline problems and bring suggestions to this committee.

Ben passed out a policy and procedures that he had worked on over the winter. See handout. Suggest changing the title to rules and regulations. Please read through the handout and get suggestions back and it will be discussed at the August Meeting.. Ben stated that he would be on the bylaws and he will work with les from Quad Cities. Witcita will be switching to the discipline committee to replace Quad Cities. Get comments to the committee by June 15, 2002.

Final weekend procedures- Suggestion came from Des Moines to eliminate the shoot-out procedure. Ben from Ames made a motion to play 5-5 for 5 minutes, then 4-4 then 3-3, then 3-3 no goalies. Mark suggested then that we add an extra 15 min. to each final game. MWL would still continue to pay for the ice. Waterloo second. Kansas City opposed. Motion carries.

August , 2002 will be the date of the fall meeting.

Motion made to adjourn mason City-Second Waterloo. AIFMC

Tri-States Meeting Notes. April 27, 2002

Meeting called to order @ 1:30 p.m.

Present:

Absent:

Motion to approve minutes Sioux City, second Strake, and AIFMC

Election of Officers- officers will stay the same.

Staff reports- Coaching committee by Scott Ball. See handout. Shaun Spencer stated that he feels that the Advanced level of coaches is putting organizations in a financial bind. Scott stated that he was working on getting an advanced level coaching clinics in Des Moines. The feeling from Ted is that they will back off on that level to an intermediate level. It will be discussed at the June meeting in Colorado. Mark will post the decision on the Web-site. Scott asked that organizations should get their dates to him as soon as possible re: hoisting clinics. Scott stated that if an organization has an Advanced level coach that wants to put on a clinic, and he is not available to do the clinic, they can put the clinic on if they work through him. Discussion was held re: attendance of annual coaching meeting. The name should be changed to Coaching Director in the book, as there was some confusion on what the position should be titled. Should we cont. to have the coaching meeting or should we just do it by phone? Ben suggested having the coaching director's meeting the morning of the Tri-State affiliate meeting. It was decided that we would hold the next coaches meeting the morning of the Spring meeting.

Player Development Camps-Brian Giachino not present. Ted gave a report on the number of players going to Ferris State and Chicago and the USA Development Camps. Ted also reported that we have been using the block grant money from USA Hockey to cover the cost of the girls player development camp. Blake Marshall is the head of the Girls division. His name and address is listed on the web page.

Referee-in Chief Huber not present.

Risk Manager- Les Teplicky gave his report. See hand out. He also had a video to play, but he will hold that to the next meeting. Ted asked that les get a copy of the standard form that is going to be used for screening to Mark Erbstein so he can get it on the web site. Mark Jensen asked if players who play up a division, are they still covered under USA Hockey. Les said yes, but they need to sign a waiver. If you do not have a copy of the waiver, you can obtain one from Les Teplicky. If a player who is not a coach or listed on your roster IE: Junior A player, are they covered under USA Hockey? Ted stated yes they are, as a volunteer. Their is an age limit. As long as they are not at every practice. If they are, just have them fill out the IMR form for a coach.

Registration-Joe Strako-report given. See handout. Mark Jensen made a motion that we increase the fee by 1\$ for registration. Second by Mason City. Joe stated that it was a hassle this year having two checks this year for registration (separate one from USA hockey), but he feels this process shouldn't be a problem.

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Kansas City requested copies of the coaching manuals for their organizations. Joe states he send guidebooks and rulebooks to the registration. All the awards come through him for the patches and all you need to do is get a copy of the score sheets to him, and he will get the awards to the registrar. Turn around time is 2-3 days. Joe states he is getting about 98-99% completion rate for organizations getting him the information that he needs. He wanted to clarify that the 20-10 rule applies to only after the team is registered.

Web site: USA Hockey has a web site and they also have children's web site. Mark states he goes in and creates the web site. If anyone is interested to tristatehockey.com, his e-mail is at the bottom of the page. Mark will work with you on making your web site the most it can be. He states that there is a lot of information on the USA Hockey web site IE: tournaments etc.

Mark states he has gotten a tremendous amount of feedback. He has worked with getting information onto the web site from Mark Jensen MWL president. If someone wants to be a contact person for their organization, they can contact him directly by e-mail to get things posted for their organization. Joe asked Mark if he updates everyday? Mark stated that it just depends on how much time he has.

High School Reports: Played a 33 game schedule. Omaha Lancers won the Varsity and Des Moines Capitals won the JV State tournament. He introduced Larry Leigh. He represented the Tri-State team as Manager and did a lot of work to organize that. This year, they will not be allowing 8th graders to play up on the high school level, if they have a Bantam team. If a player has been held back, the player only has 4 years of Varsity eligibility. Ames stated that they are looking for a high school coach.

MWL did not give a report-see meeting notes.

Senior Men's league-Ted requested that if you have an active men's league, he would like to have representation at the TRI-STATE level meetings. Quad Cities stated that they have teams registered with USA Hockey and they host a year-end tourn. Cedar Rapids asked why register? Ted stated that if you register as a player, it waives the cost of them registering as a coach.

Women's/girls- Trying to promote girls hockey. They are trying to put some teams, putting three towns together to form a team. Blake will be trying to coordinate this. If you know of a parent that would be interested in your organization to help coordinate this let him know.

IN-line-Des Moines is just starting. They will be using the second sheet of ice at the new arena.

New business- DewHurst not present. Ted stated that the regionals were held at Des Moines. Midget level was competitive as well as PeeWees. Omaha reached the finals. Tri-State will host again in two years. If interested, let him know.

Winter Meeting- Ted reported. If you would like to see the report, let Ted know. Ted stated that it was discussed how unenforceable it is to police the coaches as far as carding. Les stated that at the spring meeting a proposal would be made have the coaches sign the score sheet and list what level they are. Joe gave a report also on coaching registration. Les stated that their will be discussion re: coaches wearing helmets. Discussion was also held on which age level to start checking. Age change was also discussed. They also discussed who could be on the ice at a practice. Ted thinks what they will decide that managers will not be on the ice. Ted feels that if you are not registered with USA Hockey, you should not be on the ice during a practice. This is different than being on the bench.

Old Business-Midwest League 5013C status- they will be moving ahead with it.

Directory-See handout. Mark Jensen made a motion to continue to print the Directory-Second by Waterloo. Discussion was held as to the need of it. Vote taken, AIFMC

Rules and Regulations for Affiliate. Play-off procedure for outside teams playing outside the MWL tournament. Discussion was held on what information was needed for the manual.. Witchita stated that they hold their annual meeting in July. Ted asked if we should wait until the after the high school schedule comes out. Les stated that it is much easier to do the book without the schedule and put the schedules on the web site. Spencer stated that he is not sure he wants to publish the rule book. After discussion, it was decided that OMAHA makes a motion to put the schedules in the book, and wait until the schedules are completed to put them in the book. Second by Sioux City. Lincoln no-Motion carries.

Association Criteria - See hand out. Les made a motion to approve this AssociationStatus-Second Witchita. Ames had a question re: who would be responsible for problems, and he stated the TSA would be. Question from Kansas City re: two associations playing out of one arena. An amendment was suggested to change the date to 60 days after notification by registered letter to get each organization in order. . Les states that there are ten organizations not in good standing at this time. Another friendly amendment was to grandfather in any associations that currently playing in one facility that are in good standing with the TSA. AIFMC Mark Jensen made a motion to amend the time to the annual meeting to notify the organizations at

the spring meeting that from 60 days of them receiving their notification via registered letter, they have 60 days to get the information to the TSA board. If they fail to comply with this, they will not be allowed to register in the fall. Mark would also like to make a minor amendment to change the 60 days be changed between the spring meeting to the fall meeting. He made another amendment of an interim date that meeting the drug screening requirements or failure to meet these requirements by Jan. 1 Mark withdrew his motions.

Cedar Rapids made a motion to adjourn. Second by Dubuque. AIFMC