

MSWHL MEETING MINUTES – Aug. 17, 2010

Attendees: Joanne Lukasik (Hammerheads/Stingrays), Sarah Jacobsen (Flames), Tammy Callahan (Polar Bears), Kerri Kelly (Puckin Chix), Sarah Mason (Flyers), Sally Callaghan (Black Ice), Birdie Ball (Detroit Revolution), Michelle Dastigar (Ice Pack), Lisa Durand (Goody 2 Shoes), Debbie Newman (Icebreakers), Marina Miller (Icebreakers), Jaclyn Teno (Cougars), Amy Shepler (Cougars)

Meeting was called to order by President Sarah Mason at 7:05 pm.

I. Welcome/Introductions

- A. Board members
- B. New Teams entering league:
 - 1. Cougars (Jaclyn Teno, Amy Shepler)
 - 2. Detroit Revolution: Birdie Ball (representing for Eliza Ollinger)
 - 3. Rochester Icebreakers (Marina Miller, Debbie Newman)
 - 4. Grosse Pointe Chill (no rep present)

II. New Team Orientation

- A. Jersey clarification for new teams
 - 1. Ownership /issuing of jerseys
 - 2. Logos/sponsorship
- B. Referee scheduling & fees
 - 1. Need to be Level 2 qualified
 - 2. USA Hockey Sanctioned
 - 3. Payments/ cancellations
- C. Time keeping
 - 1. Host team responsibility
 - 2. Check w/ice rink on age minimums/responsibilities, etc.
- D. USA hockey registrations
 - 1. Need to get to district registrar by deadline (before first game)
 - 2. Signatures required to be valid
 - 3. Can be electronically received by managers if have player's name, DOB, and zip code
- E. Knowledge of Rules
 - 1. USA Hockey
 - 2. MAHA
 - 3. MSWHL
- F. Scoresheets
 - 1. Be proactive and use shipping labels to avoid frantically writing it all out prior to game
 - 2. Captains and assistants need to be designated on scoresheets at each game
- G. Rosters
 - 1. 25 players max (excluding coaches)
 - 2. Coaches have to be rostered (and registered w/USA Hockey as well)
 - 3. Children of players need to be rostered (as coaches) even if they're just opening doors (and are required to wear helmets)
- H. Goalies
 - 1. Can borrow (up to 25% of total games) a sub if rostered goalie is injured, unable to play, etc.
 - 2. Can only borrow a goalie within or below your own division
- I. Playoffs
 - 1. League champion vs. Ruicci Cup champion
 - 2. Players need to be rostered by Dec. 31 but do not need a minimum game requirement to play in

Ruicci Cup tournament

II. New Team Orientation (cont'd)

J. Competitiveness

1. League teams within divisions are carefully determined based on previous record/statistics, player experience, and current overall team composition
2. Mid-season checks and balances in place- shifting divisions will be done if needed
3. Complaints against individual players can be filed if placement seems too low for their skill

III. Team Composition and Division Assignments

- A. Managerial screening
- B. Skill and experience level
- C. Appeals will either be voted on by teams (for existing players) or by the board (for new players)

IV. Website update (Michelle Dastigar)

- A. Arena maps locations now on website do not work – possibly will be changed to just the link
- B. Looking into using Pointstreak or Sport NGIN for statistical tracking of games

V. Next meetings:

Thursday, September 9, 2010 7 p.m. --- League Organizational Mandatory Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2010 7 p.m. – Regular Board meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Jacobsen
MSWHL Secretary