

Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Attendees: Sarah Jacobsen (President, Freeze), Michelle Reeve (D2 Director, Treasurer, Hammerheads), Renee LeBlanc (D6 Director), Carol Schwanger (D1 Director, Registrar), Laurie Golden-Birchler (Secretary, D3 Director, Flames), KC Bemish (Iron Maidens), Amy Cowan (GP Chill), Elizabeth Gayeski (Renegades), Ashley LeBlanc (Renegades); Absent: Jenn Czajkowski (D4 Director), Kerri Kelly (D5 Director)

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by President Sarah Jacobsen

- I. Review and approval of 10/14/14 minutes:
Motion moved by M. Reeve, seconded by R. LeBlanc
- II. Treasurer's Report (M. Reeve)
 - A. Current league balance is \$7,885.84
 - B. No monies in or out since last month's meeting.
 - C. The MSWHL is a 501 (c)7 organization and as such, can accept team sponsor donations and redistribute to the team, thus, allowing teams to make purchases tax-free if invoiced through the league. Teams that are interested in taking advantage of this should contact M. Reeve to obtain league tax-exempt number.
 - D. S. Jacobsen encouraged the Treasurer to produce an annual or semi-annual report for the league, for the purposes of financial transparency. Discussion about how different teams maintain financial records occurred. L. Birchler shared that it is good practice to have two players (apart from a coach or manager) assigned to manage finances for a team, and that many youth teams are required to disclose team financial reports to parents on a monthly basis.
- III. Division updates (games scores, penalty checks, injuries, issues)
 - A. D1 Update- M. Reeve
 1. Game suspensions (Metro Blades v. Renegades 10/24/14)
Elizabeth Gayeski and Ashley LeBlanc from the Renegades came to discuss the issue resulting from the 10/24/14 game and subsequent disciplinary action imposed by the board. Discussion focused on overall dissatisfaction with the referees, which had also been expressed by Metro Blades, particularly with both teams in agreement that the roughness of the game should have been controlled sooner by the referees before it the final four minutes of the game. M. Reeve agreed to consult with Metro Blades manager Dar Darvill about what flexibility she has in choosing referees for their home games.
 - 2 Renegades schedule clarification
 3. USA Hockey Rosters—in process, done this week
 - B. D2 Update- C. Schwanger
 1. Rhonda Horvath appeal to play for Fusion was not received yet but was confirmed by manager T. Molett that she would be requesting to sub on their team and was hoping to get the appeal to the board soon.
 2. Goalie Sub added – Mel Curran (Mag-A-Ritas) approved for D2 and D1

3. Injuries

- a. Sally Callaghan (Black Ice) suffered a dislocated shoulder during their 11/9/14 game against Goody 2 Shoes and anticipates being out for 6 weeks.
- b. Tammi Sanborn (Ladywings) suffered a broken ankle during the 11/9/14 game against Mag-A-Ritas and anticipates being in a cast for several weeks.

C. D3 Update- L. Golden-Birchler. No issues to report. Rosters and game stats received so far are expected to be uploaded within the next week.

D. D4 Update- (S. Jacobsen for J. Czajkowski)

1. Iron Maidens complaint re: Flames game 10/26/14 involved a discrepancy in the curfew clock and game clock, which was changed mid-game and without warning by rink staff. This resulted in confusion among the refs as well as the team officials, and affected the outcome of the game. KC Bemish from Iron Maidens came to explain circumstance of complaint.
2. S. Jacobsen will request that J. Czajkowski follow up with Flames manager to get referee contact information and consult with them about their decision and understanding of when the game should have been declared officially over, given that the puck was dropped after the curfew clock sounded and at least one referee indicated that a goal had been scored after that time.

E. D5 Report (S. Jacobsen for K. Kelly)

1. K. Wortman appealed to move down from D5 Epcot Ducks to D6 Chill) and completed the appropriate paperwork for transfer if granted. Appeal was voted on and passed by a vote of 5-0 (two members absent).
2. S. Jacobsen received information from Epcot Ducks about a potential new player, Allison Cory, moving from Grand Rapids in Dec/January. It was requested that she attend an open skate/practice if possible, given the experience and skill level reported about her. S. Jacobsen and C. Schwanger agree to observe and evaluate her at Epcot Ducks' practice at St. Clair Shores on 12/18/14 and make recommendations about which division she would be best suited for.

F. D6 Report from R. LeBlanc - No issues to report

G. General: Reminder to team officials to report to their Division Director any injuries to players that result in the seeking of professional medical treatment, either during or immediately following the game, or within several days after the game.

4. Referee rating update

Teams are strongly encouraged to complete the referee evaluation after ALL games, regardless of positive or negative experiences, as it is the board's intent to recognize an outstanding league referee at the end of the season.

5. Ruicci Cup Vendor request

Teresa Brown requested to sell merchandise (canvas small gear bags) at the Ruicci Cup playoffs again, which is currently slated for March 19-22 at Eddie Edgar.

President S. Jacobsen adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 7:00 PM at the Mahany-Meining Senior Center, 3500 Marais, Royal Oak, MI 48073.

Respectfully submitted
Laurie Golden-Birchler, Secretary