



MAHA DISTRICT 6 COUNCIL
August 9, 2017 at Drury Inn, Grand Rapids
Minutes

- A. *Welcome, call to order at 7:05 p.m.*
 - *Attendance, see attached*
 - *Guests:*
 - *Frank Layman (RIC)*
 - *Janel VanDyke and Justin Van Dyke (Jr. Jacks)*
 - *Kathy Cutter, Tim Hrynewick, and Ben Kanaar (Lakeshore Arena)*
 - *Ron Brasseur, MAHA Director at Large*
- B. *Explanation of voter cards*
 - *Primary and alternate only, voting cards will be handed out at the beginning of each meeting and be collected after each meeting.*
- C. *Approval of March Minutes*
 - *March Minutes: Motion to approve Tom Berry, motion seconded Frank Noonan*
- D. *Treasurer's report*
 - *\$1,893.53 Checking and \$10,070.23 Savings*
 - *Tom Berry will replace Kevin Wood as the Treasurer*
 - *Fiscal year began June 1st*
 - *MAHA will be getting more involved*
- E. *Registrar update*
 - *MAHA and USA Hockey are going paperless; reducing 95% of the paper*
 - *No Code of Conduct, no Consent to Treat required*
 - *Credential checks will require: roster, check sheet verification, and game sheets/log*
 - *Concussion forms must continue to be maintained by the Association, one per player until the age of 19.*

- *Highly encouraged that all associations have their own internal Code of Conduct and behavior expectations for both players and parents*
- *Rostering requirements cannot be overridden by Registrar. All coaches must have background check, age-specific modules, and Safesport training BEFORE they are put on the roster.*
- *Modules are supposed to be \$10 each thru the year, including those coaches involved in Spring.*
- *Must have background check in Michigan*
- *Background check will not appear on the roster until the background check is cleared.*
- *Only rosters that may be in the system should be Midget Split-Season*
- ***August 15th** is the first day that teams may push rosters thru the portal*
- ***December 23, 2017** is the LAST day to add players or coaching staff to any roster of a team that is District-bound and state eligible teams, including 8u heading to the state tournament. (Amanda will get clarification on the 8u rosters)*
- *Always start with the Association Registrar first. The Association Registrar is the only person that should be contacting the District Registrar. If there is a problem getting a response from your Association Registrar, contact your Association or your assigned Director.*

F. Referee-in-Chief update

- *All seminars are on-line*
- *Seminars begin this weekend in Lansing*
- *All Women Clinic, participation and facilitated by, September 16th at Fraser*
- *Just under 50% increase of abuse of officials in the past season. Increasing and improving communication with the coaches to help bring that number down.*
- *Going to 9 face-off locations*
- *Can't ice the puck, short-handed at 14u (Bantam) and below*

G. Match / S.T.A.R. update

- *No Match or STAR*
- *One Game Misconduct received from the Meijer State Games*

H. Coaching Director update

- *Coaching Director Meeting, **August 19th at Walker from 0900 to 1200***
- *All Associations must attend one of the meetings. Alternate Meetings at: Midland (8/12), Kalkaska (9/17) and Houghton (10/21)*
- *Modules must be completed prior to be active with any team.*
- *Clinics*
 - *Level 2 and 3 at Davenport on August 13th*
 - *Level 1 at Davenport on September 24th*
 - *Levels 1-4, Kalamazoo on September 15th and 16th*
 - *Tentative; Level 1, 2, and 3 at Little Caesars Arena on November 11th*

I. Webmaster Update

- *Updating some of our internal forms to electronic; Association Information Sheet and the Intent to Enter Districts are currently available. Payment structure will continue to thru the mail. Note that there is a new address on the form to mail the payment to.*
- *Out of District Form must be completed on-line, both districts get a copy to either approve or deny. Parents are notified via email. Should both districts agree, registrar should get an email as well.*
- *All team and player exceptions are planned to be on-line*
- *New Affiliate agreement has been approved, however it is not on-line at this time. There will be an email from MAHA who will approve them first before being forwarded to the districts.*



J. Girls and Women's

- *Girls Weekend and THFF October 7th and 8th*
- *November 4th THFF*
- *MAHA has approved the pilot program and it is included in our District 6 Summer booklet*

K. Adults

- *Nationwide Michigan has the highest number or registered teams*
- *Goal for District 6 is to push for any non-USA rostered adult leagues registered*
- *Insurance continues to be a huge benefit of rostering with USA Hockey*
- *Efforts to improve communication from USA Hockey to the leagues, to include States and Nationals, LaBatts Tournaments (Lansing and Kalamazoo hosts)*

- Arenas that don't have a portal or youth association, you can still get credit for USA Hockey and gain access to a portal, does NOT have to fall under the same as the youth
- Hearings and discipline continue to offer the benefit of protection to the rink when there is a challenge with specific players

L. One Goal

- 14 Associations applied, one was late, 13 approved
- Application time is open at this
- Please email Tom Berry with any questions

M. Rules

- All Associations must have 30% or more registered players must be 10u and under
- Forfeits are 0-1
- Substitute goalies are allowed for emergency purposes only, see District 6 "Kick-Off Meeting", August 9, 2017 or http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0129/8160/2017_RULES_ADOPTED_Combined.pdf

"F. Substitute Goalkeepers A team may pick up a substitute goalie from within its own association or District if it does not already have a spare goalie registered. For a non-national bond category, the substitute goalie Must be registered in the current season on a team of equal or lower age classification and equal or lower team classification. For the national bound category, the substitute goalie must be registered in the current season on a lower classification team. A substitute goalie, under such circumstances, may be used only in the case of an injury to the regular goalie. If a team elects this method for a substitute goalie, the team may have only 19 players registered at any time so as not to exceed the maximum number of players allowed."

Effective Date of Rule: 9/1/2017

Reason For Change: Allow for emergency goalies throughout the entire playing season

- Read the tryout rule for more discussion in September

N. Officials

- Zero tolerance will be pushed heavy
- Trying to get the abuse issue taken care of

O. Coaches

- *High Performance Clinic in Chelsea was maxed out*
- *MAHA Coach of the Year was out of Traverse City*
- *NCAA Talent, we need to continue working on focusing on development NOT wins*
- *Safety Star Awards Initiative, Coaching Section may want to begin pushing this at MAHA level for player safety*
- *Development opportunities with Ron Hayes, helps with developing learn to play*
- *New icing rule appears to be a challenge for coaches, encourages skill development*
- *Every year Bantam Camp Intern Camp, reach out to Jack Witt*
- *NDTP Intern Program, reach out to Jack Witt*
- *THFF thru MAHA*
- *New Coaching Registration process, new system (West Shore experiencing challenges)*
- *Suggestion to a Coach, Referee, and Volunteer of the year for District 6 to honor local. Brian would like to discuss a bit in September. Coach would be someone we would forward for a nomination for MAHA Coach of the Year.*

P. Safesport/STAR

- *Will present in September*

Q. Review of Director Association contacts, Calendar, Association Checklist

R. New Business

- *Presentation of Affiliate request from Lakeshore: Group of an investors, Lakeshore community looked to having more ice. The investors are involved in the hockey community. Lakeshore hosted the Chiefs for many years which folded last year. Successful instructional program for u8, best year had 120 participants. Hosted both Mini-Mites and Mites. Started the program to roll the kids into the program. Lakeshore sponsorships offered free hockey to all 5 year olds Plans to build a program from the base up. Focus is from the ground up, making their developmental hockey programs as low cost as possible. When the Chiefs folded there were 90 developmental players without a home, two sheets of ice. Proposal would like to come back and re-build from the ground up. Currently Lakeshore Arena hosts two Varsity programs: Grand Haven and Mona Shores. They have started a Grand Haven JV team, split season midget team, and a Midget AA. Again, the focus will initially be upon Mites, Mini-Mites, LTS. Demographics Fruitport, Perrysville, Mona Shores and many other communities. Should they be approved the second year of building the base back up, should there be the numbers they may have enough numbers for a Squirt team. Third year, they would continue to grow. Lakeshore group has tested the market (in Fruitport and Mona Shores)*

beginning last year with a free skating class, 6 weeks, had to start a waiting list started with 244 kids. Goal to get them off the bar into some hockey skills. Norton Shores park and rec have seen kids. Varsity kids stayed after practice, which built up attendance at their games from the kids who they skated with Figure skaters followed suit with volunteering with free program. Should they be approved they will apply for non-profit 501c. To get all the kids back on the ice in Muskegon, they will need all sheets of ice. ByLaws previously submitted to the directors are in line with the MAHA rules.

➤ **Questions:**

- **When the Chiefs folded a year ago, did the Lumberjacks rent ice?** They had been renting ice, however there is one split season team is renting ice from them.
- **Where did the players go?** They scattered to different associations. Jr Jacks grew by about 44, but there were 155 players were available.
- **Statement by Jr Jacks guest:** Business standpoint from Jr. Jacks, community didn't support two associations. Junior team is a selling point.
- **From HAWK prospective;** the area doesn't seem to be supported by the Jr. Jacks.
- Jr Jacks had 70 LTP participants were skating at Lakeshore. Lakeshore would like to start the program back up.
- **GRAHA (Jean);** Lakeshore and Chiefs have been an institution in the area. They are coming back energized. We need rinks, rinks need youth hockey associations. Grand Rapids area has several associations and there is a belief that Muskegon can handle two associations.
- **Council:** Believes there is the 4th time an association wants to come and is faced with the same argument comes. We should do a better job. We don't want to lose a rink, bills will go up. Let's think about that we are here for the kids. We now have a rule to encourage us to grow the game. They are saying we are growing from the ground up. Small areas do grow, Big Rapids and Holland for example.
- We should all work on this together, not battle each other. Both programs could offer their own value. It would be a disservice to the community.
- **Since May 6, 2016, what has changed at Lakeshore that we make sure that we don't disservice our families?** Can't tell you what will happen in the future, they have hired a hockey director, Kathy volunteered to be registrar, she can only control what she does for the future. Muskegon Chiefs were thousands in the hole and Lakeshore continued to support thru the season so that the kids could continue play thru the season.
- Cross-Ice Program; what is the plan, how will it be different this year,
- There will be a rush to make things happen, should this be approved.
- Kevin Wood, D6 Chairman closes the discussion

- **Motion:** Kory Korlander to support the them starting a program, Jean Laxton
- **Voting:** 16 for, 1 against, 3 abstain, Lakeshore has been approved as a new association by District 6.

- If you are hosting a meeting, cap of \$200 for food
- Block Grant money; Shirts, **Motion** Brian and second Frank, motion passed.
- District Tournament Bids: Forms are on-line and must be sent to Amanda. They must include a mock schedule, should the schedule not meet the requirements, she will reject it and allow you the opportunity to correct it. 15 games
- State Finals, 16u A, 18u AA, interest in hosting get with Kevin Wood
- Bring names of any players who owed money from the last season for the September meeting.

S. **Motion** to adjourn; Tim Jones; second Tom

T. Q/A

- Has USA Hockey passed the rule that players who do not pay cannot be rostered?

U. Actions for September Meeting

- Clarification of the December 23, 2017 deadline for rostering of 8u players (A. Gobert)
- Bring names of any players who owed money from the last season for the September meeting (All Association Reps)

Next Meeting: Ann Arbor Ice Cube, September 12th at 6:45 p.m.

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