

## MAHA District 8

October 17, 2009

### Wawonowin Golf Club

Chairperson Perry Wooden called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

1. Introductions were made. All associations were present and all four directors were present.
2. MAHA President George Atkinson was present to report on ADM and the Future Visions Committee.
  - A. Atkinson reports all associations received an ADM package from USA Hockey recently. The website is [www.admkids.com](http://www.admkids.com). Bob Mancini from Saginaw is the regional director and is a good resource. The program is just evolving and will develop over the next 3-5 years.
  - B. MAHA has a Visions of the Future Committee. The committee was created because of a drop in the number of players with the hopes of reversing that trend. The following are issues considered by the committee.
    - i. One Goal Program
    - ii. Model registration program
    - iii. Cross ice program
    - iv. Regional jamborees
    - v. The perception that house hockey isn't as 'good' as travel hockey.
3. Selina McLean, the MAHA STAR committee, gave an overview of the program. She stressed that coach behavior is not a STAR issue and that the program involves parent behavior. She explained the complaint process.
4. The minutes from the spring 2009 meeting were emailed to the council members. Motion by Linda Winslow to accept the minutes as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Walt Milligan. Motion carries.
5. The treasurer's report was submitted to the MAHA treasurer and copies were emailed to the district council. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Dan Farley. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dan Zubiena. Motion carries.
6. There was a motion to approve the lunch expenses by Zubiena. 2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Farley. Motion carries.
7. The District block grant has bought team credentials books for all of the teams in the district. There was a motion by Winslow to order score sheets and distribute them to each association with the balance of the grant funds. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Zubiena. Motion carries. Treasurer Cathy Starrett will order four copy game sheets.

8. Michigan Registrar Bob Yohe passed out a report detailing the registration numbers from throughout the state.
  - A. The player numbers are hard to compare with previous years because the registration date changed to April 1.
  - B. Anyone looking for an insurance form should have their local association registrar print a form from Cybersport.
  - C. Teams attending non-sanctioned tournaments are NOT covered by insurance.
  - D. All coaches were required to register online this season. They are required to complete a background check and agree to the coaching ethics online.
  - E. Any rule change proposals are due by December 15 in electronic form to MAHA VP Sal Giacalone.
  - F. The MAHA Rulebook Committee has been meeting to rearrange the MAHA Annual Guide.
  - G. Two MAHA awards are nominated by the membership of MAHA. One is the Coach of the Year and the other is the Wes Danielson Award that recognizes an individual that has overcome a hardship and participates in the game of hockey.
  - H. Please be sure that any player signing a release form to change teams waits 72 hours before playing in any games.
  - I. Invitational Tournaments can NOT ask to see birth certificates.
  - J. Those applying to host tournaments should be sure to include the classification in the tournament application.
  - K. A special sanction is all that is needed to hold three on three tournament or cross ice jamboree as long as there are no winners. There is no fee involved and everyone is covered by insurance. Three on three tournaments that have a winner must pay a fee.
  - L. Teams traveling to Canada must have a travel permit. Teams playing exhibition games can contact a registrar to obtain a permit. Teams playing in a tournament must contact Sal Giacalone for the permit and pay a \$10 fee.
9. Ron Hayes, the MAHA Skills Development Director will be in Houghton for a Skills Development Clinic next weekend.
10. Ed Kattelus sent out a coaching report to the associations and was not at the meeting.
11. George Niemi reports that about 250 referees attended the two referee seminars held in District 8 this fall. There may be a make-up seminar in November.
12. Director at Large Bill Peterson explained that if someone has an issue for the MAHA Exec Board that it should go to the District Chairperson, Perry Wooden, first. Peterson serves on the Appeals Committee and the State Playoff Committee.

13. Patty Madden, the MAHA Women's Director, is now a member of the MAHA Executive Committee. Girls playing on youth teams may play in two tournaments (not states or nationals) with a girls team. They must receive approval from the girls committee.
14. Director's Reports
  - A. Larry Carey has nothing to report.
  - B. Dan Zubiena thanked those involved with the team credentials books and says using them will make things better at the district tournaments.
  - C. Dan Farley attended the summer rules meeting.
  - D. Perry wooden has nothing at this time.
15. Association Reports
  - A. DAHA- Their numbers are down about 40 players. The mill closed in Niagara. They waived registration for first year players under ten years old.
  - B. Calumet-They are on the ice. Soccer is just getting over. The football team is still playing and will back up the start of the midget program.
  - C. MAHA President Atkinson reports there is a rule change being proposed to have a midget split season. The first season would run from mid-August through October. The winter season would begin when football is over.
  - D. Marquette- Their Skill Development numbers are way up. They received a \$2500 One Goal Grant to support that program. They brought a tournament schedule handout.
  - E. Ironwood- Their numbers are down about 30 players.
  - F. TAYHA- They have about 16 players in Skill Development. They are receiving synthetic ice.
  - G. Iron Range- Their numbers are down. They received a one goal grant. There are new boards in the arena that require the use of Mylar pucks. They will supply pucks to teams playing in Negaunee. Their tournament schedule is on their website.
  - H. Escanaba- They took a bit hit in numbers. The girls took the biggest hit and they will have only one team. They may not open the second rink this year. The association is exploring purchasing the rink.
  - I. CCJHA- The numbers are steady.
  - J. Ontonagon- The mill is down. Their numbers are lower than usual. They will combine their bantam team with Keweenaw Bay. They will flood the rink next week.
  - K. Keweenaw Bay- Their numbers are down. They will have a mite, squirt and peewee team. There are hardly any skill development players.
  - L. Munising- They received a One Goal Grant. They will have teams from mite-midget. The ice is in and there is a new roof on the arena.
  - M. Manistique- Their numbers are down. The skill development program has 16 players but they will not have a bantam or midget team.

N. Iron River- They just completed their registration process. There should be teams but no numbers are available.

16. Playoff Location Recap

- A. Region 1 playdowns will be in Iron Mountain on January 15-17
  - B. Region 2 Squirt playdowns will be in Ontonagon on January 15-17.
  - C. Region 2 Pee wee playdowns will be in Keweenaw Bay on January 15-17.
  - D. Region 2 Bantam playdowns will be in Iron River on January 15-17.
  - E. The Squirt B District tournament will be in Manistique on February 12-14.
  - F. The Pee wee B District tournament will be in Keweenaw Bay on February 19-21.
  - G. The Bantam B District tournament will be in Ironwood on February 19-21.
  - H. The Midget BB District tournament will be in Negaunee on February 26-28.
  - I. The Squirt A and Midget A/AA District tournament will be in Calumet February 12-14.
  - J. The Pee wee AA, Bantam A and Bantam AA District tournament will be in Marquette February 5-7.
  - K. The Pee wee B State Championship will be in Escanaba March 13-15.
  - L. The Pee wee A tournament will be turned back to the State Playoff Committee due to a lack of a host team.
  - M. The Pee wee AA State Championship will be in Marquette March 5-7.
17. There were 114 players that participated in the Bantam – Midget Festival in March. Those numbers are down because players from Traverse City were sent to another location. The 2010 festival will be held in Marquette March 19-21. The state 16-17 year old festival will be in Taylor May 6-8. We sent three 17 year old players and one 15 year old player to the national festival.
18. The NIHL League teams have scheduled and are playing.
19. The CUP League scheduling meeting is tomorrow.
20. Team Declarations were held. All associations need to turn in the written form by the deadline. All exceptions need to be submitted to Perry Wooden by November 15. The regions are balanced and no teams need to switch over for regional playoffs.
21. There are no by-laws at the district level. A Policies and Procedures document needs to be created. The committee will be Perry Wooden, Judy Niemi and Cathy Starrett.
22. The district received over \$11,000 in One Goal grants this season. Six D-8 associations received this money.
23. There is a pilot program this season for goalies. At the pee wee level and above, in the house level youth division, in associations where there is a shortage of goalies, a goalie may play on more on more than one team. Details are on the MAHA website.
24. Dan Farley went over the new rule changes from the summer meeting.

25. There is confusion on whether district or regional games count toward a team's game count. Motion by D. Farley to have Perry Wooden submit a rule change proposal to add five games to a team's possible game count with a provision that all games a team plays count. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe McInnis. Motion carries.
26. The Spring District 8 meeting will be held on April 17 at 10:00 AM at the Wawonowin Golf Club.
27. Walt Milligan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ken Farley. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.