

2024 Summer Retreat Agenda
5/28/2024 5pm

Meeting called to order: 5:01 pm

Present: Doug Schrock, Steven Martian, Shaun Seedhouse, Melissa Kittelmann, Charlie Olinger

Absent: None

Guests: Travis Himmelpach, David Udy, Jeremy Williams

- 1) Approve May meeting minutes-All approved, no opposed. Note: May Financials will be emailed when month closes. Vote will take place then.
- 2) Update on new ice activities -No new info to report
- 3) Member Survey Results- input from active members. Results discussed and thank you to those that responded. Some of these members would like to be volunteers for subcommittees. They will be contacted as needed
- 4) Slap shots in Rec and Advanced League
 - a) Survey results & go-forward decision- 72% voted to not change the rules for slapshots, so no changes will be made for 24-25 season.
- 5) Forfeits-GSpot in the Elite League had about 40% forfeits. A letter has been drafted prohibiting the current Captain from being a captain of an Elite team for 2 years. He will have the opportunity after the 2 years to apply to be a captain again. Doug will send it out. This is for Winter League season only. It does not apply to the Fall League.
 - a) Options to discourage forfeits/encourage substitutes: We will continue to work with the Elite League captains on obtaining legal subs for games. The captains need to be more proactive in attendance for games, getting subs, etc.. Rec and Advanced did not have any forfeits.
 - b) Consequences for Captains-This was discussed: VP will communicate with the offender and get info from the scorekeepers. This does need further discussion/input and will be tabled to the July meeting.
 - c) Update to Players Guide and/or Captains Guide- Updates will be made and posted after July meeting.
- 6) Winter League 2024-2025

Shaun made a motion to accept the submitted ratings changes for the 24-25 season with the proposed player changes from last meeting. Discussion held. All approved, no opposed. Motion passes. Steven will update.

 - a) Recommendations for next season- Changes have been made for Rec and Advanced. Changes are as follows:

Rec League: A minimum of four E level skates per team. An option to have one C level player IF the team takes on an additional two E level skaters (needing a total of six E players if you have a C player).

Advanced League: No D player minimum. An option for up to two B level players per team if the team is willing to add two D level players per B player (a total of four D players needed if you choose to have two B players).

Elite League: Potential changes to Elite are to be determined at a future meeting. Shaun made this motion for the above changes and Charlie seconded. Further discussion held. Vote is Melissa, Shaun, Charlie and Doug in favor, Steven opposed. Motion passes.

Timing of the release of league changes – Shaun will send out immediately to the membership to allow teams ample time to adjust and begin forming their Winter teams.

- b) Bring Your Roster or draft format -Nothing at this time
- c) League for E rated players-This was discussed. We need more ice inventory to be able to expand leagues. This was tabled to the July meeting
- d) Adjustment to season length-Fall League will expand to 12 games and 10 teams. There will still be an upper and lower division, but there will be 5 teams in each division and each team will play the other teams 3 times with no playoffs. Expected registration will run from July 1-Aug 15 unless it sells out sooner.

7) Substitute Player Rules

- a) Evaluate Effectiveness/Complications of Sub Rule-10 skaters plus a goalie are need. Ex. A team has nine players and a goalie. They are eligible to pick up one sub and must stay within the team rating guidelines (listed above).
- b) Clarify Language Goalies vs Players- Substitutes must stay within the League they are registered. No subbing in a League up or down if you are not registered to play in that League. Captains must bring to the Referees, scorekeeper and other team captain immediately if there is a question.

8) Outsourcing of certain tasks required to run MCAHA (BAHL or Other)

- a) List of tasks-Discussion held in regard to ideas of the BAHL taking over Greenhorn, referee scheduling, uploading rosters/schedules. No decisions have been made. We will continue this conversation for 24-25. They do currently run the adult tournaments.
- b) Proposed compensation and method of payment - direct from MCAHA or through BAHL-discussion held and no decision has been made. We will work with them once the Hockey Director gets hired and see if it is something beneficial for MCAHA.

9) Requests from BAHL

- a) Season start times and Ice times/needs for Fall and Winter-Fall will be Labor Day to Halloween. Shaun, Jeremy and Travis will work on getting this info to the BAHL.
- b) Ice rental/facility usage contract - new for 2024-2025-we are waiting for BAHL to submit for our review. We are anticipating this contract to lay out ice rates and expectations, but will see details when we get the contract.

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- 10) Referee fees for 2024-2025-Discussion held on these two following topic. FYI

- a) BIHO Fee will increase \$1 per scheduled official for a total of \$2 per scheduled official (and scorekeeper?). Other fees stand to be adjusted as needed
- b) \$25/Game Fri-Sun (Assuming multiple games), \$30/Game Mon-Thu

11) League Fees for 2024-2025

- a) Proposed fees for Fall and Winter-Fees will stay the same as 23-24 season
- b) Cash reserve options -all options discussed and we will hold onto the funds to see how they can be best used in the interest of our membership and MCAHA group.
 - i) Reduce fees for all leagues or just Elite to entice registration
 - ii) Discount for consistent rostered members
 - iii) Save reserve and donate to new rink

12) Update player guide to reflect verbiage for registered players only on/by the bench- No unregistered MCAHA person may be on the bench or in the ice/game playing/scoring area. This includes adults and children. A registered player may be on the bench with their team only. Doug will update all handbooks. This is a USA Hockey rule.

13) Next meeting will be July 10, 2024 at 5pm. Location TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Minutes submitted by Melissa Kittelmann, Treasurer/Secretary