

Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, District 8 Council

Meeting Minutes, Fall 2018

October 20, 2018

River Rock Lanes and Banquet Center, Ishpeming, Michigan

Submitted by Walt Milligan, MAHA District 8 Secretary, October 20 6, 2018.

Attendance:

MAHA	Cathy Starrett, D8 Chair
	Scott Cambensy, D8 Director
	Al Wakeham, D8 Director
	Perry Wooden, D8 Director
	Walt Milligan, D8 Secretary
	Dan Zubiena, D8 Treasurer
	Judy Niemi, MAHA VP of Officials
	Michele LaCourt, D8 Registrar
	Tim McIntosh, D8 Registrar
	Bob Yohe, MAHA/USA Hockey Registrar

Calumet	Dan Zubiena
Copper Country	Steve LaCourt
Dickinson	Nick Fornetti
Escanaba	Kim Milligan
Iron Range	Chris Roose
Iron River	Tina Brunswick
Ironwood	<i>No Representative</i>
Keweenaw Bay	<i>No Representative</i>
Manistique	Mike Evink
Marquette	Tim McIntosh
Munising	Vicki Gariepy
Ontonagon	Stacey Somero
Sled Hockey UP	Allen Beauchamp
Tahquamenon	Ben Rahilly

Chair Cathy Starrett called the meeting to order at 10:18 am. Introductions were made.

Motion (Wooden/McIntosh): Approve minutes from the Spring 2018 meeting. Approved unanimously.

Starrett presented the Chairperson's Report:

- MAHA rules committee only acts every 2 years now, so the number of rules changes voted on this year was higher than normal. MAHA got through the first year of mostly electronic, online processes. Things went reasonably well and are constantly being improved.
- The Intent to Enter form (for state playoffs) is online at the District 8 site, and the link was recently sent to association presidents. Due date is November 1.

Starrett presented the Treasurer's Report:

- Dan Zubiena is the new Treasurer.
- District is moving banks from Wells Fargo to Huntington. Due to the transition in Treasurer and bank, no report is currently available.

W. Milligan presented the Secretary's Report:

- No report. Attendance sheets were circulated.

Grant funds (\$2,500 available from MAHA) were discussed.

Motion (K. Milligan/Roose): Propose to MAHA Executive Committee that we buy stand-alone steel "shooter tutors" for each association. Approved unanimously.

Yohe presented the MAHA and USA Hockey reports:

- It's too early to know trends in registration numbers.
- All volunteers, including District Council members, must complete the following:
 - Register with USA Hockey as a volunteer (no cost).
 - Complete background check.
 - Complete SafeSport training. You will receive 4 certificates (3 modules, and certificate of completion.)
 - Complete Conflict of Interest form
- No 12 year olds are allowed on Tier 1 or Tier 2 teams.
- Travel permits are needed to play in Canada.
- A committee is working on updating and simplifying the MAHA Annual Guide. MAHA is also developing a state tournament guidebook that will be publicly available.

Motion (Zubiena/Roose): Add agenda item for Sled Hockey UP report. Approved unanimously.

Cambensy presented the Coaching Report on behalf of Mike Sands, who was unable to attend as he was leading a coaching clinic.

- Coaching requirements have not changed. December 31 deadline for CEP training, coaches must take the age-specific module before any team activities, and they must complete the same 4 tasks as volunteers (SafeSport, background check, conflict of interest form, and register with USA Hockey as a coach.)
- Coaches are responsible for making sure all their players adhere to the new USA Hockey helmet standards.
- College players who help out occasionally are required to complete the background check. SafeSport is optional, and no locker room access is permitted.
- There will be a body-checking clinic in Escanaba on Sunday, 10/27, 4-6 pm, with Bob Mancini of USA Hockey.
- 13-17 year olds are eligible to be student coaches, at least one level down from the level that they play at.

- USA Hockey has introduced a 3 level goalie coaching clinic series, along with some information about goalie coaching on the website.

Niemi presented the Officiating Report.

- District officials are doing very well.
- Emphasis on MAHA this year is to clean up language and abuse on the ice (and from the bench.)
- There was a discussion of the difficulties and costs incurred by young officials.
- There was a discussion of trying to get officials involved in sled hockey. McIntosh and Froberg will follow up with Beauchamp to make this happen.

Director-at-Large: No report.

Directors and Association District Representatives gave their reports.

State and District Tournament update:

- Intent to enter is online, and the link has been sent to presidents.
- Minimum game counts have been lowered, and because of this, it is expected that game count exceptions are going to be very rarely approved. New counts are as follows, which must occur by February 1 or the first day of the District Tournament, whichever is earlier: 14 games/team, and 7 games/player.
- Reminder that credentials check day is January 6 at the Dee in Houghton and Lakeview in Marquette. **No team will be allowed to participate in Regionals or Districts unless their credentials have been approved in advance.** If a team cannot make the credentials check day, they must contact a district director and have their books checked by an authorized District official.
- Final approved regional, district and state sites are attached to the end of this document.

McIntosh presented the Player Development Program report. The camp has been moved earlier, to the third weekend on March at Lakeview Arena. This year it is March 15-17, 2019. There have been no major changes. Micah Stipech is in charge of evaluators again.

Wakeham presented the Girls/Women report. We are down to 2 teams in District 8.

Beauchamp presented the Sled Hockey report.

- Numbers are similar to last year.
- Beauchamp wants to travel around the District and present “try sled hockey” events in different cities. Contact him to arrange an event. This idea was very well received.
- Beauchamp attended the national disabled hockey clinic in Las Vegas and learned a lot there.

W. Milligan presented the CUP League report. Scheduling meeting is tomorrow.

Wooden presented the Rules Report. Rules changes of interest to the District include:

- Changes in the minimum game counts, discussed above.
- Voting for district directors will be online from now on.
- Each coach on the bench must sign the scoresheet before the game starts.

- Tier 3 teams can use a spare goalie from another team in their own association in the playoffs.
- No one under any circumstances is allowed on the ice for any MAHA sanctioned event without a helmet.

Starrett presented the STAR/SafeSport Report.

- The STAR program is now optional. Disciplinary issues are being handled at the local level. Appeals will go to the District. Appeals to appeals will go to MAHA.
- SafeSport is being run by the Center for SafeSport (USOC).
- In the future, refresher training for SafeSport is likely to take about as long as the original training.

A trophy bid was received from American Nameplate.

W. Milligan and Wooden will finalize a guidance document for associations who are hosting regional, district or state tournaments. The document will discuss logistics and a checklist of things that need to be accomplished to host a successful tournament.

Spring meeting will be held on April 13, 2019 at River Rock Lanes and Banquet Center, Ishpeming.

Motion (Rahilly/Wooden): Adjourn. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Approved MAHA 2019 District 8 tournament sites and dates.

East Region Playdowns (10U, 12U, 14U B)	Manistique	January 11-13, 2019
West Region Playdowns (10U, 12U, 14U B)	Iron River	January 11-13, 2019
10U B Districts	Munising	February 8-10, 2019
10U AA Districts	Marquette	February 1-3, 2019
12U B Districts	Copper Country	February 1-3, 2019
12U AA Districts	Marquette	February 1-3, 2019
14U Districts	Ironwood	February 8-10, 2019
14U AA Districts	Marquette	February 1-3, 2019
18U B and BB Districts	Marquette	February 1-3, 2019
10U B States	Iron Range	March 1-3, 2019 (tentative)
10U AA States	Calumet	March 1-3, 2019 (tentative)

State tournament dates are set by MAHA. Check the MAHA website for updates. Final dates will probably be approved at November MAHA meeting.