

Soo Michigan Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2020
Big Bear Arena

1. **Call to order at 5:30 pm.**
2. **ROLL CALL-** Cheyenne, Diane, Tim, Renee, Brenda, Jeremy, Mark, Joe, Travis all present. Excused absence for Stan.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA-** Motion by Renee to approve agenda and add Alan Cogan as item 3a. 2nd by Brenda, all approved, none opposed, motion passes.

a. Motion to approve a one time refund of 75% for his house league fees after the November 1st deadline. Additional 25% is possible after we revise the refund policy that reads "½ refund after November 1st." Motion by Mark, 2nd by Tim, all in favor, none opposed motion passed.

4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES-** Motion to approve January 6, 2020 meeting minutes by Travis, 2nd by Renee, all approved, motion passes.

5. DIRECTORS REPORTS-

A. President According to USA hockey rules the hearing will be this Thursday for the Midget player that received the "match penalty."

B. Vice President-

1) One goal funding update- he wants a copy of the cashed check for \$1650.

2) Per Cheyenne there is \$1800 left in equipment prior to the end of the fiscal year (April 30th.) Motion by Mark to spend up to \$1,800 on practice jerseys for U6-U8 and one set of left handed goalie equipment for Squirts. Motion By Mark, ,2nd by Travis, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

3) Mark reports we do not have Eagles as a sponsor next year so he suggests we get letters out early to sponsors CSB, Credit Union, ect. We will need a plan to offset the costs. Suggestion to have "SMHA" in uniform on all jerseys for next year.

C. Treasurer-

- 1) Cheyenne recommends purchasing a new SMHA banner for 2020-2021. Reports the last updated banner is from 2015-2016.
- 2) District checks will be ready tomorrow.
- 3) Add bylaws to house and travel directors. Even/odd years. Official bylaws on the website.

4) Monetary or Non-monetary. Register for now and collect money day of tryouts.

5) Angela emailed about using Bantam AA allotted funds for 2 more games in Kalkaska to be home games. Motion by Jeremy to use up to \$440.00, 2nd by Renee, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

D. Secretary- Contact teams, house and travel 10 and up as to date, time, location of Banquets. Allowed \$12.00 per player on the USA roster and 4 coaches. Email receipts to Cheyenne or Dianne.

E. Coaching Director- 3 candidates submitted letters. Dan Crimin, Jason Payment and Matt Parker. This will go to the election process. Scheduled for February 17th and 18th from 6-8 pm at the Big bear.

F. Travel Director- Nothing at this time.

G. Tournament Director-

- 1) Cabin fever went well, just finishing it up.
- 2) Districts in 2 weeks. Jocelyn made a request for music to be played at every game.

H. Bantam/Midget Director- Nothing at this time.

I. Squirt/PeeWee Director-

- a) Adray Schedule - Squirt and PeeWee coaches notified. Bantams on team snap as far as times of games. Price for districts including rink, refs and score keeper was \$351.00 divided by teams. As of January 19th it went up to \$549.00. This is a 9 game double elimination between 5 teams. Send a check directly to the Adray League.
- b) Tim suggests that someone has a meeting with upcoming squirt parents before next year starts to explain the draft process, whose permitted into the locker rooms, ect. As this is a moving up in age and rule process.

J. HIP/Mite- Stan excused absence.

K. Ice scheduler- Diane will total up all team practices and game counts. She will let each team know when their end date will be.

6. OLD BUSINESS-

- a) Fair playing time policy- In progress.
- b) Reimburse new refs for classes and provide equipment-
- c) Spring AA tryouts- Spring AA coaching applications are due by March 30th for travel teams. Committee will meet on March 30th. Committee consists of one board member and 3 other chosen volunteers (Doug Laprade, Damon Witman, and one other.)

Suggestion to hold out tryouts the same weekend as canadian tryouts to prevent losing members.

- d) Refund Policy- needs developed.

7. NEW BUSINESS-

A.1) Open board seats/elections- Treasurer, Tournament Director and Coaching Director positions are all open for a 2 year term.

2) Motion by Mark to keep Cheyenne as treasurer and Renee as tournament director for another 2 year term. 2nd by Travis, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

3) Two letters of interest submitted for President and 3 letters of interest for coaching Director. Motion by Travis for these candidates to go to an election process scheduled at the Big Bear on February 17th &18th from 6-8pm. Motion 2nd by Joe, all approved, none opposed, motion carries.

4) Diane will print off voting ballots according to SMHA rules.

B. SMHA lock box- Joe made motion for “cash only accepted upon board approval in the lock box.” Motion 2nd by Travis, all in favor, motion carries.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT-

- a) Conner Dufrain expressed his interest in running for SMHA President.
- b) Matt Parker expressed his interest in running for SMHA Coaching Director .He inquired about becoming level IV and reimbursement. 1 week in Duluth. We will look into the price.
- c) Jason Payment expressed his dislike with his Adray League schedule. We will re-evaluate the Adray League for next year.
- d) Jeff Killips recommends paying extra next year to size the players and purchase jerseys of their own. The players will then keep their jersey at the end of the year.

9. ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn at 6:43pm by Brenda, 2nd by Renee, all in favor, none opposed, motion passes.