

DISTRICT 8 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2007

HOUGHTON

1. Call to order @ 10:00AM-Niemi, D8 Chair

2. Attending:

USA Hockey Registrar-Ralph Bammert

Associate Registrars-Ken Leivdal and Tim MacIntosh

USA Hockey/MAHA Officiating Director- Sean Jacques

MAHA CEP- Ward Johnsen

MAHA D8 Ace Director- Ed Kattelus

MAHA Exec. Board - Bob Yohe

MAHA D8 Director- Judy Niemi (chair)

MAHA D8 Director- Cathy Starrett

MAHA D8 Director- Perry Wooden

MAHA D8 Director- Dan Zubierna

Manistique- Craig Savage

Dickinson-Jeff Harvey

Munising- Joe McInnes

Munising- Kim Steinhoff

Munising- Tom Steinhoff

Ironwood- Ted Stevens

Ontonagon- Jeff Rule

Ontonagon- Dan Farley

Escanaba- John Keepers

Escanaba- Tony Millette

Iron Range- Ken Farley

Iron River-Rod Kangas

Calumet- Jason Wickstrom

CCJHA- Walt Milligan

Keweenaw Bay- Paul Stark

3. Minutes from the fall meeting were discussed: Motion to approve, seconded-all in favor.

4. Treasurer's report: Ward reviewed his report-he's working on medal bills, and resolving problems with Wilson Trophy-complete summary will be ready for the Fall Meeting. (Ward has electronic report if any one needs it)-motion to accept report, seconded-all in favor. After much disussion-motion to continue ordering district medals and trophies from Wilson Trophy company-seconded-all in favor. D8 lunch-motion made to provide, seconded-all in favor! Sean's request for District 8 to help defray a designee of RIC's cost to attend the MAHA summer meeting-\$400 request, motion to approve-seconded-all in favor.

5. USA Hockey report:-Ralph handed out registration number sheets-reminder that there

will be an additional \$5 fee per registrant for the fall season-\$35 now for players and coaches! The \$5 increase will go to MAHA, each district will receive \$1/per registrant for their operating budget to be distributed by MAHA to us. Ralph encouraged all associations to have on-line registration-much discussion, this will not be happening in our district this coming season.

6. MAHA report: Bob Yohe...reminder that there are changes probably coming for the playing surface-goal lines will be moved back, and the blue lines moved to create a smaller neutral zone-this will be voted on at the USA Hockey meeting this summer. MAHA has a new logo, everyone is encouraged to use and promote this. Bob recognized Sean Jacques for doing a great job with his new state RIC position. The new Standards of Play is moving forward, there are some inconsistencies, but time will aid with the growing pains.

7. CEP report: Ward Johnsen reported he's looking at the fall schedule -dates will be about the same as usual. Waiver requests are dropping, finally...thanks to the Ace directors/associations. There may be changes coming regarding the requirements for attending classes/waivers over the summer. Every association should remind their coaches to register on-line so that the presenters have enough information with them-this has been a problem!

8. Officiating Program report: Reminder to keep the referee pool in mind as we schedule the district and state tournaments. Sean will have a report for the Fall Meeting.

9. Director-at-large report: Bill Peterson was unable to attend

10. Ace Director report: Ed Kattelus reported that he had a great year, he's looking at scheduling clinic dates with each association representative. He continues to promote the cross-ice programs. Reminded all to use the USA website for practice/skill development drills. He will also be available to conduct more parent meetings with the associations.

11. District 8 report: Another reminder that changes will be coming for the Coaching Program in regards to waivers.... **A TEMPORARY COACHING CARD THRU USA HOCKEY HAS A \$50 PRICE TAG AND IS ISSUED ONLY ONCE!** Credential checks for district/state bound teams was addressed, this is not a TOTAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR responsibility-COUNCIL MEMBERS NEED TO STEP UP TO ASSIST WITH THIS PROCESS. Important note, COACHES SHOULD BE SIGNING THE SCORESHEET BEFORE EACH GAME, THIS VERIFIES THE ROSTER AND MAKES SURE THAT ANY PLAYER/COACH SITTING A SUSPENSION IS PROPERLY DOCUMENTED.

CREDENTIALS: Much discussion about the proper credentials that need to be presented for district/state play. This is to be the coach's responsibility...the requirements are in the MAHA guidebook, the CEP instructors will again go over this in the clinics. Ace directors MUST educate the coaches.

SCORESHEETS: Referees names must be signed legibly...RIC's will address. The

score sheets that were supplied thru the grant money are now depleted-associations can go to local vendors to have them made-or order thru USA Hockey. Original score sheets should be retained by the association through-out the season.

HEARINGS: The amount was down this year...good news for all.

INTERNAL ASSOCIATION PROBLEMS: Please remember that association problems should be addressed at the local level before they are brought to the district directors. By-laws must be followed. Draft rules must be followed, and per the MAHA guidebook-a district council member should be monitoring the draft, a director may be requested at any time.

HOST SITES/GIRLS STATE TOURNAMENT: A big thank-you to all for the great work that was done-all sites were well hosted, and well staffed!

ASSOCIATION REPORTS: Every one participated-overall, girl's numbers continue to grow.

BANTAM/MIDGET FESTIVAL: Everything went well-126 participants.

NIHL: Everything went well-August 27th is the tentative scheduling meeting.

CUPL: Everything went well-spring meeting will be immediately following this one.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing else

NEW BUSINESS: Ward has concerns about the new MAHA fee structure-we'll know more after the MAHA Summer meeting. As of right now, District 8 is on target to receive \$7,500.

NEXT MEETING: Bob Yohe will try to schedule the Fall Meeting @ the Wawonowin Golf Club-October 20, 2007.

CREDENTIAL MEETING: Discussion as to when/how to conduct this meeting-we could possibly do regional meetings.

RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS: Cathy Starrett outlined the rules that could possibly affect our district that will be voted on at the MAHA Summer Mtg.

No other new business-a big thank-you to everyone for attending the meeting and for all of the time and effort they have put into the season.

Submitted by:

Judy Niemi
District 8 Chair

WE NEED A DISTRICT SECRETARY !!!!!