

Soo Michigan Hockey Association
Monday November 27, 2023 @ 5:30 pm
Big Bear Hospitality Room

1. Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by president, Mark Kavanaugh
2. **Roll Call – Present:** Shaun Schummer, Dennis Eby, Tim Labadie, Renee Labadie, Heather Klever, Cheyenne Holappa, Mark Kavanaugh
Absent: Chris Lane sent an email to the board and Joe Esson sent a message to the secretary letting them know of their absence tonight. ***Motion made by Heather, seconded by Renee. Motion approved.***

Dan Crimin had an unexcused absence tonight.

3. **Approval of agenda:** ***Motion made by Chris, seconded by Heather. Motion approved.***
4. **Approval of meeting minutes from September 25, 2023:** ***Motion made by Tim, seconded by Chris. Motion approved.***
5. **Director Reports**
 - a. **President** – Mark reported that the trophy case is in the process of being built and the glass has been ordered.
 - b. **Vice President** – Renee had nothing to report. She did comment that she will contact S & S Graphic about ordering 32 back tags for UP State Credit Union and 32 back tags for CC Hall for the U8 program.
 - c. **Treasurer** – Cheyenne handed out the SMHA income statement as of November 27, 2023, and the Register Report 10/31/23 through 11/27/23.
Cheyenne did mention that the Peewee Travel team manager reached out to her and said that they have not yet received their team pucks. The head coach for the Peewee team did go and pick up the socks from Denny at the Pro Shop.
 - d. **Secretary** – Heather mentioned that a parent approached her with regards to the HIP program. Family members were questioning why there were no coaches on the ice with the kids, seemed like it was very disorganized.
Heather did suggest after Dennis made his comment about backtags, that when coaches and/or managers turn their jerseys in at the end of the season that the sponsor back tags stay on. It's an added expense every season to keep having to have them made and resewn back on the jerseys. Each team has twenty jerseys assigned to them, coaches, parents, managers should not have to exchange jerseys from other teams just to have their hockey # or a particular size. Each team has a variety of sizes to choose from and if the player doesn't end up with the number they want, then choose another number. The only time the sponsor back tag should be removed is if that business doesn't sponsor the following season. Team sponsor back tags are located across the back shoulders and last name tags or other sponsor tags are located across the bottom of the jersey.
 - e. **Coaching Director** – Dan was absent.
 - f. **Travel Director** – Dennis said he had nothing to report, but he did want to make some comments. He started off by talking about how one of the Squirt House teams

was stacked and how one team is winning games 13-0. He also commented on how the Board should be there to guide people and help them instead of dictating who has access to rooms, and who doesn't. He also wanted to know how come back tags weren't ordered, and the season is almost halfway over?

Dennis left the meeting and Tim Labadie suggested he be removed from the board. No further discussion was made about it.

- g. **Bantam/Midget Director** – Joe was absent.
 - h. **Squirt/Peewee Director** – Tim had nothing to report.
 - i. **HIP/Mite Director** – Shaun suggested for next season reaching to Hiawatha Skating Club to see if they would be interested in maybe partnering up to help the HIP kids that aren't able to stand up on skates learn how to stand up. Shaun said it is getting difficult to try and teach kids basic skills, when there are kids laying on the ice crying because they can't stand up or wanting to use the "learn to skate" bars. He suggested maybe letting parents know via the website before signing up that it's not "learn to skate" that HIP stands for (Hockey Initiation Program).
 - j. **Ice Scheduler** - Cheyenne had nothing to report.
6. **Old Business** – Nothing to report.
7. **New Business** – Nothing to report.

Public Comment:

Elizabeth Suggitt spoke on behalf of her two children that play Peewee House and how they only have 28 games scheduled out of the allowed 40 games. She paid \$750/player and was under the impression that the money went for ice time. In addition to paying \$300 in back tag money and \$100 in gift cards.

Cheyenne did clarify that \$750 registration was money that went to cover 16 home games. Any additional money that is brought in by the team usually is money spent on team apparel (wind suits, hats, sweatshirts, etc.), if the team decides to play in tournaments it will go towards those fees, etc. Cheyenne also recommended she reach out to the coach for better clarification.

Jason Payment asked if we knew where the location of the Midget State tournament was being held?

Mark commented that he would be talking with Matt Hawkins this evening and would check with him and get back to Jason.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Monday December 18, 2023 @ 5:30 pm at the Big Bear.

Minutes taken, typed, and submitted by:



Heather Klever, SMHA Secretary