

February 12, 2013  
MSWHL Meeting

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 pm by VP Kerri Kelly.

1. Start time for next month will be 6:30 pm pending Pres. Birdie Ball's schedule.
2. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Current balance of \$4,097.50
  - b. One withdrawal in last 30 days for Yagerevolution for \$76.
  - c. Filesanywhere was cancelled, saving \$17.95/mth.
  - d. Payment for Yagerevolution bill of \$60 for Jan/Feb was approved.
  - e. Checks have begun coming in for Ruicci Cup. These will be deposited and included in next month's budget report.
3. **Suggestion** for an Over-30 league was presented by Michelle Monson.
  - a. It's a great idea for women's hockey.
  - b. It would be the first Over-30 league for women in the world.
  - c. Initially the league could start out by being flexible about the age limit on who can play, allowing for a certain number of under 30 players per team. This would allow whole teams to join who have only a few players under the age of 30.
  - d. MSWHL could allow players to play both on the Over-30 league AND in the regular league.
  - e. The Over-30 league would be more about the fun of play and camaraderie than about tough competition.
  - f. Michelle Monson has been running an Over-30 tournament for three years. It began with 4 teams, and by this year had grown to 12. Even with 12 teams playing she had to turn away 8 others. She believes there is great interest in Over-30 play, and that having an Over-30 league could grow women's hockey.
  - g. In response to this suggestion the board has decided to:
    - i. Compile a breakdown on ages of our current players.
    - ii. Conduct a survey among our players to gauge interest.
      1. Beth Silvis will create this survey, which will be reviewed by the board and administered at Ruicci Cup.
      2. This survey will also be emailed to teams who do not plan on playing in RC.
4. Missed games due to weather-Clarification needed.
  - a. According to the handbook, the cancelling team, including the ice fee, referees and timekeeper, pays for a forfeit.
  - b. Cancellation and postponements are allowed if teams can give 72-hour notice. If teams can communicate and work it out, great. If not, the default is to follow procedure according to the handbook.
5. Ruicci Cup
  - a. Referees

- i. Kerri has researched and received bids on a number of referee packages. She reported on the estimates and names of the referee teams who would like to ref the tournament.
  - 1. Jim Kreklau's bid was \$27/game and listed 15 officials who are prepared to commit to working that weekend.
  - 2. Steve Bassette's bid was \$28/game and listed eight officials who are prepared to commit to working that weekend.
  - 3. Jim Astalo's bid was \$29/game and listed 20 officials who are prepared to commit to working that weekend.
- ii. After some discussion the board narrowed in on using Jim Kreklau. His team refereed the tournament last year and did a good job. Discussion included:
  - a. The only complaint last year was that the same two referees worked all 4 final games and were visibly tired.
  - b. The Board voted unanimously to approve Jim Kreklau to coordinate the refereeing for Ruicci Cup.
  - c. There was extended discussion about allowing a referee to work Ruicci Cup who plays in the league. The referee in question is Janine Martinez. Her team, and all of her division, will not be participating this year.
    - i. Due to Ann McMannon's absence (due to illness), the board will vote regarding this referee issue via email this week.
- b. Kerri has informally scheduled timekeepers Kyle Nagy and Patrick McHugh for the tournament. They have done the scorekeeping the last three years and have done a fine job.
- c. Kerri is still working on acquiring staff for the courtesy room. This will include maintaining the courtesy room, overseeing the raffle prizes, and updating the brackets on the web site.
- d. Snacks and supplies for the courtesy room will be acquired by Kerri Kelly at Costco.
- e. Kerri will have teams fill out and email in their **current** and **updated** roster labels to be affixed here during the tournament. *She asks that all of the labels have the players in numerical ascending order according to their jersey numbers. As well, have Captain, Assistant Captains and goalie must be designated on the label.*
- f. Kerri is looking into having various vendors at the tournament. Michelle Monson has the contact for one of the vendors that Kerri was looking for. Kerri is open to any other vendors who may be interested contacting her.
- g. Teams that have signed up:
  - i. No D2 teams

- ii. D3- All teams but Frozen Asset's
  - iii. D4- Freeze, Hammerheads, Iron Maidens, Motor City Crush, & Wildcats.
  - iv. D5- Bombshells, Ice Picks, Ice Pack, Flames, Swarm & TOT5.
  - v. D6- All teams.
- h. Prizes for first and second place were discussed. Kerri will look into getting glasses again, both Pilsner and Pints.
- i. **Reminders to all teams to submit baskets for raffles.**
- 6. There was discussion regarding sub goalies who also skate out, how to correctly enter their stats on the website.
- 7. Brittini Adams from Mission was present and responded to an accusation from Crank's regarding racist remarks.
  - a. She feels awful that anyone misheard her remark, and stated that she has never used the term "chink". At the suggestion of the board Brittini will email the player to apologize for the misunderstanding and any bad feelings that resulted from it.
  - b. Birdie was at the game in question, January 31, and is happy with the progress that Mission has made this season, regarding far fewer penalties and incidents.
- 8. The option to add Shut Out into goalie's stats is now available.
- 9. NGIN computer generated game highlights.
  - a. This is a new feature that just recently appeared on our website. The "Game Highlights" is computer-generated directly by the Linguastat program directly from the statistics entered on the web site. Those few players, who have noticed it, like it. It may spark further input from team players and fans on the website.
- 10. Helmet expiration date compliance.
  - a. There is currently discussion within USA hockey/ MAHA for referees to begin enforcing the expiration date on the helmets. Just something for us to be aware of.
- 11. Angel Duhaime from the Motor City Crush would like the teams to have fewer practices and more games next season.
  - i. This item will be discussed at the next board meeting, due to lack of time.
- 12. Division updates.
  - a. Renee LeBlanc, D6
    - i. Informal complaint regarding an injury during a game. Teams were gracious and apologized.
  - b. Sarah Jacobsen, D5
    - i. Flames added *Stephanie Fowler* to their roster.
    - ii. TOT5 added *Stacey Klein* to their roster.
    - iii. Bombshells added *Val Edgington* and *Jennifer Siehl* to their roster. *All of the above players were rostered before the January 31 deadline, and will be able to play in Ruicci Cup.*

- iv. Storm moved to D5, are doing well, but the games are close and appear to be competitive. Maxine Kennebrew has returned to play and her injury seems to have healed.
- v. A scheduling mix up on January 10 caused the Ice Pack to show up at Lady Wing's rink for a game and the Lady Wings had no ice time or referees scheduled. These teams are still trying to work out a reschedule.
- c. Beth Silvis, D4
  - i. The Freeze has a new sub goalie, Tiffany Blaine. Tiffany was rostered before the January 31 deadline and will be able to play in Ruicci Cup.
  - ii. Several players are still being added onto the web site.
  - iii. Rampage player Tammy Rogers was given a Game Misconduct on the score sheet. It was for comments only, not an action during play. Tammy did not need to sit any subsequent games.
- d. Ann McManamon, D3
  - i. Ann was absent from the meeting due to illness, but emailed the board that she has no issues to report at the present time.
- e. Michelle Reeve, D2
  - i. Michelle has no issues to report at the present time.
- 13. President Ball suggested having a one page history of the MSWHL written up to hand out at Ruicci Cup, in order that our current players may better appreciate our great and unique league.
  - a. Metro Skaters is the second largest women's league in the world.
  - b. Most leagues fold in the first 5 years due to money or personnel problems.
  - c. Michelle Monson, one of the founding members, was told by MAHA "we don't care about f#ing women's hockey."
- 14. Lisa Dusseau, from Cyclones, was there to represent her team, who has had some pretty huge wins against a couple of teams. They try to exercise good sportsmanship and the league agrees that they do.
- 15. The meeting was adjourned by President Birdie Ball at 8:30 pm.
- 16. The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30, if it is possible for President Ball.

#### Attendance:

Birdie Ball, Pres. (arrived late)	Hammerheads
Sarah Jacobsen, Treas. D5	Freeze
Beth Silvis, Sec. D4	Spittin' Chickletts
Michelle Reeve, D2	Hammerheads
Renee LeBlanc, D6	TOT 5
Kerry Kelly, RC	Bombshells
Michelle Monson	Polar Bears
Lisa Dusseau	Cyclones
Britny Adams	Mission

Val Murray

Ice Pack