

## ***Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, District 8 Council***

Meeting Minutes, Spring 2012

April 14, 2012

Wawonowin Golf Course, Ishpeming, Michigan

Submitted by Walt Milligan, MAHA District 8 Secretary, October 3, 2012

### ***Attendance:***

MAHA	Perry Wooden, D8 Chair/Director Larry Carey, D8 Director Dan Giachino, D8 Director Cathy Starrett, D8 Treasurer/Director, MAHA STAR Chair Walt Milligan, D8 Secretary Tim McIntosh, D8 Registrar Jeff Cornock, D8 Director of Coaching Eric Froberg, D8 Referee Supervisor Judy Niemi, MAHA VP of Officials Bob Yohe, MAHA Registrar Sean Jacques, MAHA Referee in Chief
Calumet	Dan Zubiena
Copper Country	Walt Milligan
Dickinson	Tina Martinson, Lori Jacobson
Escanaba	Frank Sliva
Iron Range	Scott Carter
Iron River	Michelle Dominici
Ironwood	Mark Johnson
Keweenaw Bay	Amy Lake
Manistique	Beth McLaren
Marquette	Linda Winslow
Munising	Joe McInnis
Newberry	<b><i>No Representative</i></b>
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Chair Perry Wooden called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Introductions were made.

**Motion (Jacobson/Carey): Approve minutes from the Fall 2011 meeting. Approved unanimously.**

Wooden presented the Chairperson's report:

- District 8 was well represented with state champions: Iron River (Squirt B), Iron Mountain (Pee Wee B **and** Bantam B), Marquette (Girls 19U House/Rec) and Keweenaw Storm (19U Tier II).

- Dates to remember: Affiliate agreements and by-laws need to be submitted by August 1. Draft rules need to be submitted by August 15. Financial reports need to be submitted by October 15. Intent to enter must be submitted by November 1. Exception requests must be submitted by November 15. Final rosters are due December 31.
- Wooden reminded all representatives that the meeting is scheduled for the entire day. Please don't leave early; it is rude to external guests and you will miss valuable information.
- Proposals will be voted on concerning contentious ADM issues at the MAHA summer meeting.

Starrett presented the Treasurer's Report:

- The district spent \$1,200 in Grant Funds to purchase a portable computer projector, and \$1,000 to purchase scoresheets. Starrett encouraged directors to consider worthy items for next year's grant funds.
- The District had a budget surplus due to reduced travel expenses.
- The annual proposed budget is due to MAHA on May 1. Starrett proposed submitting a budget very similar to last year.
- **Motion (Zubiena/Winslow): Approve budget proposal. Approved unanimously.**

Milligan presented the Secretary's Report: He reported that the CUP League has discontinued publicizing a District invitational tournament listing on the CUP League website. The listing was not necessary since most associations now have robust web pages with tournaments listed, and the CUP League page was having difficulty staying up to date and consistent with changes.

Yohe presented the Registrar's Report:

- Michigan was down 2,800 players this year. The UP was down 196, but that included 46 Iron Range adults and 22 Ojibwa Eagles Midget AAA (disbanded). Marquette was down 46 but most other associations were relatively stable.
- It has been reported that most mites playing AAU are also playing in USA Hockey.
- MAHA Girls Divisions have been reclassified. The new classifications are as follows:
  - 14U-19U AAA Tier I Girls
  - 10U-19U AA Tier II Girls
  - All ages B House/Rec
- Coaches should contact USA Hockey immediately if they have a foreign-born player.
- District Council personnel must fill out background checks. Send receipts for the background checks to Walt Milligan.

Cornock presented the Coaching Report:

- Last year was a huge year for changes in requirements.
- Associations should forward their new CEP Directors names and contact information to Cornock as soon as possible.

- A Level 4 Clinic will be held May 18-20 in Marquette.

Jacques presented the Officiating Report:

- The new online system for reporting game misconducts worked very well. There were 2,283 reports filed:
  - 819 in Senior Hockey
  - 628 midgets
  - 491 bantams
  - 149 pee wees
  - 148 squirts
  - 5 mites
  - 14 girls
- Wooden thanked Froberg for doing a fine job.
- Carey stated that officiating at the state tournaments was good.
- If a match penalty is called, the official must leave the rink in possession of the original scoresheet, and the coach must report the match penalty to the District Chairperson.

In the District Director reports:

- Wooden congratulated all for a good job in regionals, districts and states.
- Starrett reported that she helped Cornock with CEP events, attended several MAHA Executive Board meetings downstate, and helped with Pee Wee districts in Iron Range, AA districts in Marquette, and the girls states in Marquette. She stated that credential books seem to be getting better.
- Carey reported a “smooth year”, and helped at the AA districts in Marquette and the Squirt B districts, and helped with CEP events. He reported a low number of hearings and controversies.
- Giachino also reported a low number of hearings, and helped out at the Squirt AA districts in Calumet.

Association Representatives presented their reports to District Council. General trends included shrinking numbers, difficulty recruiting good coaches, and a general feeling that the ADM program is very popular. Winslow encouraged everyone to apply for 1-goal grants especially for the tall divider boards for cross ice play.

McIntosh reported that the Bantam/Midget Festival in Marquette March 16-18, 2012 was overly full. They maxed out at 120 and had 13 on the waiting list.

McIntosh reported that the NIHL is operating as usual, and Zubiena reported that the CUP League Scheduling meeting will be Sunday October 23, 2011.

Winslow reported on the One Goal program. There is money available, get information from the MAHA website. The intent is to grow the game. Attracting new players, and IP programs are usually viewed very favorably.

Starrett presented the Rules report. 19 potential rule changes were voted to move forward to the Summer meeting, where a 2/3 vote is needed for passage.

Starrett presented the STAR Report:

- It was an average year for STAR program violation reports.
- Parents had to verify that they watched the video.
- Cornock reported that we need guidelines on what association boards should do with STAR reports. "Suggested punishment for bad hockey moms." Dominici seconded that recommendation. Boards are lost on what they should do when the reports are received. Starrett will take an agenda item to MAHA seeking recommended punishments for STAR violations.

Old Business:

- ADM rule proposals are coming out of the MAHA Summer Meeting.
- **Motion (Milligan/Jacobson): D8 Council fully supports the current ADM practice philosophy and cross-ice programs, and opposes any rule changes that are inconsistent with this philosophy. Approved unanimously except 4 MAHA Directors abstained. Motion carries.**
- District Council wants to set up a credential weekend, tentatively scheduled for the Regionals weekend of January 12-13.

New Business:

- There will be a Treasurer's meeting on April 21, 2012 in Marquette, and on April 22, 2012 in Houghton. Treasurers and Presidents of all associations are expected to attend for training. There was a discussion that this is very short notice and people are very busy.
- Bids for trophies will be accepted if there are any new vendors.
- **Motion (Winslow/Zubiena): Give Jeff Cornock up to \$500 to help defray costs of attending national officials camp in Lake Placid. Approved unanimously.**
- **Motion (Zubiena/Winslow): Add \$500 to annual budget for officials, for training expenses. Approved unanimously.**
- **Motion (Starrett/Carey): Appoint a committee to study the elimination of regional playoffs. Bring proposal to District Fall meeting. Committee consists of Wooden, Zubiena, Milligan Winslow and Froberg. Approved unanimously.**

District playoff sites and dates:

- Squirt AA Marquette, Feb 1-2, 2013
- Pee Wee AA and Bantam AA Calumet, Feb 1-2, 2013
- Midget B states in Marquette, March 8-10, 2013
- Midget BB states, vote in Fall. Iron Range and Iron Mountain are interested.
- B and BB regionals and districts will be determined at Fall 2012 meeting after report of committee.

Fall meeting: October 13, 2012 10:00 am, Wawonowin Golf Course, Ishpeming.

**Motion to adjourn (Carey/McInnis). Approved unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.