

# **Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

### **Tuesday, January 14, 2014**

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Attendees: Sarah Jacobsen (President; Freeze); Beth Silvis (Secretary; Spittin Chicklets); Kerri Kelly (Ruicci Cup Coordinator; Bombshells); Jenn Czajkowski (D6 Division Director; Cranks, Ice Picks); Michelle Reeve (D2 Division Director; Hammerheads; TOT5); Kathy Moser (Ice Pack)

President Sarah Jacobsen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

I. Review and approval of 12/10/13 minutes

- A. December minutes correction: December's minutes read "D5: Swarm filed an appeal for Kathy Gearn, who is moving down two divisions. Board approved her to play in D5, under a 30-day review." In reality, Kathy has never played in our league. The Swarm had filed an appeal only because she is 21 years old, has 7.5 years experience (including 4 years youth), and per our handbook must play D4 or higher. The appeal had been approved at the November meeting by a vote of 5-2
- B. December minutes were approved with the above correction.

II. Treasurer's report

No changes in the past 30 days. The balance remains the same as last month at \$6,360.36.

III. Division Updates

A. D2

- i. UM Flint filed a division assignment appeal on December 15 to move down to D3 based on their 1-10-0 record and only seven goals total scored. Via email and phone correspondence, the board reviewed, discussed, and voted 5-2 in favor of them moving down to D3.
- ii. No concerns reported about penalties.

B. D3

- i. Score sheets are up to date
- ii. The schedule is quickly coming together to include UM Flint, the new team in that division. Judging by games they have played in D3 so far, this appears to be a better fit for them, though they continue to struggle to be competitive and are 0-3 in D3 with 2 goals scored, and 8 goals against them.

C. D4

- i. Score sheets are up to date
- ii. No concerns reported about penalties.

D. D5

- i. Flames score sheets are consistently coming in late. A warning will be issued to their managers about potential consequences.

E. D6

- i. TOT6 still needs to schedule another game with the GP Chill.
- ii. Score sheets are mostly up to date, with the exception of TOT, whose managers will be issued a warning about potential consequences. There were a number of rescheduled games due to the recent snowstorm.

F. Game cancellation issues

Almost all divisions had cancellations due to the recent weather, but there have been few if any difficulties reported so far in rescheduling them.

- G. Expectations for referee notification. A referee in D2 was notified several hours before game time that a game would be cancelled because of the weather, and he still charged the team for refereeing because he was already at the rink refereeing several other games. The team he

charged was questioning if this was a valid procedure. Technically, this issue falls under the jurisdiction of the Referee in Chief, not the MSWHL league. President Jacobsen will contact the District Referee in Chief to verify what their cancellation time period notification policy is.

#### IV. Travel Permits

- A. Some teams are attending the Windsor tournament and have questions regarding Travel Permits. Teams traveling anywhere (I believe anywhere out of their home state, though it may be only out of the country) are required by USA hockey to complete a travel permit for insurance purposes. If USA hockey is not aware of the team traveling they may not cover any insurance. In order to get a travel permit, teams will need to get a roster generated by their MAHA district registrar. Teams will need to send the USA confirmation barcodes/numbers of all team players and coaches to the registrar to obtain their roster. (For the 2012-2013 season teams within the MSWHL were not required to get a roster as we are recreational teams, and this was a new rule this season.) When contacting the registrar, teams need to only provide an explanation of needing it for travel and the registrar will complete a roster. Once the roster is generated the team number will be created which can be used for the travel permit. The travel permit cost is \$10. The permit application can be found on the MAHA website. Michelle Reeve will be emailing all of the managers of the teams traveling to Windsor to remind them that they will need the travel permit, and how to go about getting it. This is a reminder that any team travelling out of state will need this done. MAHA and USA hockey are working on something that will eliminate this
- B. For any Canadian tournament, our USA hockey insurance will not cover any injuries if the tournament is not "Canadian amateur sanctioned hockey tournament." When in Canada, it is wise to ask the tournament director if they are Canadian amateur sanctioned. Windsor IS!!

#### V. Senior Olympics

- A. Currently scheduled to occur February 8-13 at Troy. Only players 50 and over are eligible to participate, with the exception of goalies, who can be younger but would have to pay extra.
- B. The tournament directors are willing to move the Olympics to a later date if the board thinks more people would participate. Another time they suggested is April or May. The board thought mid to late April would be best as it is after the season and Ruicci Cup. S. Jacobsen agreed to inform Judy Smouter about the suggestion.

#### VI. Ruicci Cup Planning

- A. Ruicci Cup games will begin on Thursday, March 20 and end on Sunday March 23, 2014.
- B. Kathy Mosher from Ice Picks pitched custom glassware on behalf of her son, Michael, for possible Ruicci Cup trophies or team/individual purchase. The glassware consisted of beer mugs, pint glasses and stemware, laser etched with logos. Her son will get back to the board regarding price estimates.
- C. K. Kerri will send a letter of intent to play in Ruicci Cup to all of the managers next week.
- D. Two scorekeepers (Kyle Nagy and Patrick McHugh) have been contacted about potential interest in working.
- E. Arrangements are being made to have people supervising the hospitality room.
- F. Board member visibility- Michelle Reeve agreed to create a "work" schedule for each board member to act as supervisor at the rink during specific time periods.
- G. Snacks and supplies will be purchased from Costco.
- H. K. Kelly needs score sheet stickers from the teams by March 1
- I. Outside vendors
  - i. Action Photography will take team and action photos, as they did last year.
  - ii. Beer League Sports (t-shirt vendor) has committed to having a sales booth.
  - iii. Teresa Brown will be selling small zip canvas bags for hockey supplies
  - iv. Yvonne Solace will be selling ICES Apparel
  - v. Girl scout cookies will also be sold
  - vi. Massage chair options are also being explored.

vii. Michael Mosher's custom glassware is also being explored.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Silvis  
Secretary