

MAHA District 6 Meeting

Tuesday February 11, 2014

7pm

Jackson Optimist Arena

In Attendance:

Directors: Tobin Boyd, Kevin Wood, Jeff Jewell, Joe Spedowski, Jim Klinesmith

Associations: Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Big Rapids, Chelsea, GRAHA, Grand Valley, Holland, Jackson, Kalamazoo, MI Nationals, MMYHA, Muskegon, Muskegon Jr. Jacks, Rockford, West Kent

Guests: Amanda Gobert, Frank Layman (filling in for Art Kale, RIC), Jeremy Blodgett (JAHA), Amy Fedor (JAHA), Jean Laxton (GRAHA), Karen Hodson (Adrian)

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

The minutes and attendance from January were reviewed and passed with no additions or deletions.

Treasurer's Report:

Money had been received from districts, so balance is currently cash heavy. There were a few district refunds that had been owed and had already been paid out. At the meeting tonight, payment will be issued to any association that hosted districts that has returned their banner and has brought along their copy of the invoice to be paid from.

RIC Report:

Three match penalties were currently being dealt with. One was from a game the previous Saturday, The one that was coming out of Berrian was going to be handled by having the referee call in due to distance.

District tournaments appear to have all gone well. There was only one protest, and that was due to a coach having been kicked out of a game.

JV States will be hosted by Rockford, at Cedar Springs. This tournament has been covered from a referee perspective. Men's States will be held in Chelsea, and the scheduling for that is in the works.

Randy Brandt is NOT a registered official. If anyone sees him try to take the ice, they are to contact Art Kale (RIC) IMMEDIATELY. Do not try to take matters into your own hands, call Art.

Girls team out of GRAHA had a player issued a penalty for a check from behind during the first period in Canada. Per the rules, she had to sit out the remainder of the game, but was eligible to participate in her next game.

State play-in tournament for AAA teams will be held at the Summit in Lansing the last weekend of February. They will be working with Art and Frank so that referees can be scheduled.

Coaching Director:

Will send an email out to coaching directors in regards to repeated coach behavioral issues. If you become aware of an issue, attempt to reach out to the other association, and/or get Brian involved. He is here to help. He is looking into a system like the STAR for reporting coaches, but it is a ways away. As a district we will be willing to support a set of rules to keep coaches in check, if someone is willing to work on that.

Old Business:

State play-ins are going to be happening. The teams that are involved are aware and have already been paying their fee. Credential materials also got sent out to all teams who will be going to the state tournament.

Thirteen rule changes passed at the winter meeting. There is a handout available to tell what passed and what didn't. There will be additional discussion and questions at the March meeting.

The issue of the midget split season has again been proposed. Please go back to your associations and your local high school teams and discuss this. Come back to the March meeting with feedback. MAHA is trying to find a way for kids to play high school and midget hockey.

JV State tournament is going to be held at the Cedar Rock Sports Complex, and is being hosted by Rockford. Joe is working with them and has brought a schedule with him tonight. For this tournament, there are teams that are requesting exception to allow 8th graders to participate on teams. The numbers on teams and of teams are low, so this will allow teams to keep their numbers and qualify for the tournament. Kevin motions for this exception, Brian seconds. This motion passes.

District tournaments went fairly well. There were still some comments that tournament tables were not staffed, and there was no one present at check-in. This was seemingly an issue with one association, and that has been addressed.

House District Committee:

There are four proposals on revamping the house district tournament. Brian and his committee have put together a handout explaining each of these proposals. There are three new formats and a proposal to keep things the way they are currently set up. Discussion on each proposal is held, and a motion is made by Brian and seconded by Kevin to decide if the district even wants a change. All vote yes on this motion. The proposals will be voted on in March, to decide the new format for the house teams in the district six tournament. There will be an additional conference call scheduled. The call will be set and information will be emailed out.

Meeting next month will be at Lawson Ice Arena in Kalamazoo on March 11th at 7pm. Meeting is adjourned.