

Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Attendees: Sarah Jacobsen (President, Freeze), Michelle Reeve (D2 Rep., Hammerheads), Jenn Czajkowski (D6 Rep., Ice Picks, Cranks), Tracy Cosenza (D5 Rep., Detroit Revolution), Debbie Newman (Icebreakers), Maggie Erskine (Icebreakers), Traci Stewart (Predators)

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Sarah Jacobsen

I. Review and approval of 4/8/14 minutes with the following corrections:

- A. Section II B. Comerica did not charge the league's account a \$20 overdraft fee for Spittin' Chicklet's bounced check.
- B. Section III. A. 2. Natalia Ledesma was not taken off the ice by emergency personnel but was driven to a nearby hospital after the game by teammates.

II. Treasurer's report (T. Cosenza)

- A. Current Balance: \$4596.33
- B. All checks from Ruicci Cup have cleared
 - 1. Commission check for \$349.50 from the photography company (All Star Productions) has been received by K. Kelly and mailed to T. Cosenza for deposit.
 - 2. S. Jacobsen was reimbursed for \$14.37 for get-well cards and stamps for recently injured players.
 - 3. A \$12 fee was assessed to the league's Comerica account in April without any notation of the transaction. T. Cosenza will inquire with the bank about this fee.

III. Division Updates (final stats and penalties)

- A. Division 2
 - 1. 116 games were played during the regular season by 181 players on 11 teams.
 - 2. 586 penalty minutes were accrued yielding an average of 5.05 penalty minutes per game.
 - 3. The highest number of penalty minutes accrued by any one player was 22, which was lower than the top penalty getters in D3 and in D4, who each had 28 minutes.
- B. Division 3
 - 1. 115 games were played during the regular season by 160 players on 9 teams.
 - 2. 459 penalty minutes were accrued yielding an average of 3.99 penalty minutes per game.
 - 3. The highest number of penalty minutes accrued by a single player was 28 minutes.
- C. Division 4
 - 1. 84 games were played during the regular season by 104 players on 7 teams.
 - 2. 330 penalty minutes were accrued yielding an average of 3.92 penalty minutes per game.
 - 3. The highest number of penalty minutes accrued by a single player was 28 minutes.
- D. Division 5
 - 1. 74 games were played during the regular season by 106 players on 7 teams.
 - 2. 100 penalty minutes were accrued yielding an average of 1.35 penalty minutes per game.
 - 3. The highest number of penalty minutes accrued by a single player was 6 minutes.
- E. Division 6
 - 1. 72 games were played during the regular season by 107 players on 7 teams.
 - 2. 162 penalty minutes were accrued yielding an average of 2.25 penalty minutes per game.
 - 3. The highest number of penalty minutes accrued by a single player was 12 minutes.

4. Complaint update re: Icebreakers.
 - a. Icebreakers managers D. Newman and M. Miller requested that the complaint and the board's decision not to issue consequences to H. Prain and M. LeBlanc be revisited.
 - b. D. Newman and M. Erskine expressed disappointment and dissatisfaction with the board's decision and response, believing that it sent the "wrong message" to H. Prain and M. LeBlanc, namely that they, in their words were give the impression that they had "done nothing wrong." They also expressed frustration about having received mis-information from the board about the legitimacy of pursuing the complaint.
 - c. The board clarified that the idea of "wrong-doing" has multiple meanings and interpretations, including interpretations from both a moral/ethical standpoint (e.g., harm to someone), as well as from a rule-breaking standpoint (e.g., violation of handbook rules). The board again acknowledged that although that do not condone the actions of H. Prain and M. LeBlanc, who likely contributed to or perpetuated team dissent, disruptiveness, and/or disrespect toward their managers, they did not *violate* a handbook rule. Several board members shared their own personal experiences of past-team dissention or dissolution and the bitter feelings or broken friendships which resulted from these incidents.
 - d. The board agreed to revisit the handbook for possible addition or amendment of how "in-season recruiting" may be interpreted and/or curtailed. The board agreed to underscore at the September managers' meeting the importance of relaying this overall message and "lessons learned" scenario to their players.

IV. Senior Olympics update

- A. Correspondence received from Judy Smouter indicated that the May 2-4 Michigan Senior Olympics (MSO) went very well with four teams participating at Rochester Onyx rink.
- B. The MSO office would like to determine a weekend in February that would be good for the 2015 MSO tourney. The preference is for February 6-8 but they are open to considering dates from end of January to mid-February. They asked for feedback from our league.
- C. The board was aware of the Windsor tournament as being around that time as well, but indicated they have little to no control over the scheduling of outside tournaments, and can only direct the MSO office to websites like hockeytournaments.com when seeking information about potential scheduling conflicts.

V. Ruicci Cup Survey – discussion and survey tabled until June 10 meeting due to B. Silvis' absence, as she was spearheading this project.

VI. Website

- A. S. Jacobsen received email correspondence from GoDaddy.com about "Unused InstantPage® Credits" being retired on June 25, 2014. The board was unaware if this feature is being used. S. Jacobsen agreed to inquire with GoDaddy.com about what effect, if any it will have on the MSWHL website platform.
- B. T. Cosenza confirmed that the board paid \$60 in September, 2013 to GoDaddy.com for a 5-year web host license.

VII. MAHA Summer Meeting (Traverse City; weekend of July 11-13, 2014)

- A. S. Jacobsen requested that at least one board member attend the summer MAHA meeting. M. Reeve expressed willingness to attend this meeting due to some cross-over involvement in coaching youth hockey and the fact that she was planning on attending anyway. Jenn Czajkowski also expressed willingness to attend.

- B. Relevant updates and clarification at this meeting is needed with regard to:
 - 1. Referee complaint process and issues several league teams have had with lack of respect and/or lackadaisical attitude regarding calling penalties.
 - 2. Reinitiating the official roster/registrar process.
- C. T. Cosenza confirmed that the league has sufficient funds in the budget to pay for the two-night stay hotel, travel reimbursement, and standard government per diem rates.

VIII. Board of Directors Election

- A. S. Jacobsen and M. Reeve will finalize the list of job duties for all positions.
- B. Candidate forms will be emailed to all league members within the next 10 days.
- C. Voting shall commence by the end of May and be completed by early June in time to announce new/returning board members by the June 10 board meeting.

IX. By-laws/Handbook revisions

- A. 18 vs. 19 year-old eligibility discrepancy in league by-laws and handbook
Tabled until June or July board meeting need to be looked at and reconciled. Look at it over the summer
- B. Complaint process and forms
 - 1. Suggestion received from MCCrush to ensure that team official(s) is aware of and supportive of any complaint filed on behalf of a player team.
 - 2. The board agreed that it needed an official board response form vs. the more casual email response that has been used in the past. S. Jacobsen will draft up form for board's review and approval for use.
- C. Rule compatibility with MAHA/USA Hockey
 - 1. J. Czajkowski has received from Carrie Sirola many prior versions of MSWHL handbooks to compare with what the board may need to add back in
 - 2. Consideration is being given to aligning Ruicci Cup shoot out rules with MAHA rules, which stipulate that in cases of imbalanced rosters, not all players on one team need to shoot once before another teammate may shoot a second time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 7:00 p.m. at Thurston High School, Redford.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Reeve