

Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Attendees: Sarah Jacobsen (President, Freeze), Michelle Reeve (D2 Director, Treasurer, Hammerheads), Renee LeBlanc (D6 Director, TOT²), Carol Schwanger (D1 Director, Registrar), Laurie Golden-Birchler (Secretary, D3 Director, Flames), Darleen Darvill (Metro Blades), Christine Sowinski (Metro Blades), Birdie Ball (Metro Blades), Tiffany Smith (Metro Blades), Maggie Miller (Metro Blades), Renee Wright (Cougars), Rachel Wright (Cougars), Deidra Taylor (Cougars) Absent: Kerri Kelly (D5 Director)

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM by President Sarah Jacobsen

- I. Review and approval of 11/11/14 minutes
- II. Treasurer's report
 - A. Current balance of \$7,885.84.
 - B. No monies in or out this month
 - C. S. Jacobsen received communication from former MSWHL President Sarah Mason, who received a notice from IRS about the 2013 990-N form not being filed. S. Jacobsen advised M. Reeve to consult with Tracy Cosenza about the status of this.
- III. Division Updates (Standings, penalties, new players, injuries, issues, etc.)
 - A. D1 Update (M. Reeve)
 1. Four players on the Cougars team have brought a complaint to the board regarding a refusal by their manager to disclose a financial report and their concerns about monies not being accounted for. Renee Wright, manager of Cougars, disputes the complaint and reported that she would have provide financial reports if asked but claimed that she has never been asked. The board has encouraged the resolution of this matter and manager. Wright agreed to provide a comprehensive financial statement (with line items of expenses and revenue) of the 2013-14 season so far to her players by December 21, 2014. M. Reeve will continue to monitor this situation.
 2. Metro Blades Team Division Assignment Appeal
The board reviewed and discussed with some of the Metro Blades players present several aspects of their appeal to move down a division. A vote was taken (5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent) and their appeal to move to Division 2 passes, effective after their December 19th game. Division 1 director M. Reeve will inform the D1 teams, and Division 2 director C. Schwanger will work to get Metro Blades worked in the D2 schedule.

3. Discussion about possible receipt of Cranks' appeal considering they are comparable to Metro Blades in the standings and also struggling to win games and score goals this season. M. Reeve will follow up with Cranks' managers to remind them of the Dec. 15 deadline to file an appeal if they choose to do so.

B. D2 Update (C. Schwanger)

1. Another injury was reported from the 11/9/14 game between Goody 2 Shoes and Black Ice. In addition to Black Ice's Sally Callaghan's dislocated shoulder that game, Tamra Lacey (Goody2 Shoes) also broke her rib. Get well cards had been sent to three other D2 players who also sustained injuries in games this season, and the board also signed and will send one to Tamra.

2. Rhonda Carvath (Fusion) player eligibility appeal was received, reviewed, and voted on. Her appeal was approved by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent)

C. D3 Update (L Golden-Birchler)

No injuries nor issues/concerns to report

D. D4 Update (J. Czajkowski)

1. No major injuries, 1 unsportsmanlike penalty received by Melanie Dunbeck from Iron Maidens v. Ice Pack game on 11/23/14.

2. Update re: Iron Maidens complaint vs Flames game from 10/26/14 game. Referee statement was provided and corroborated statements from both teams. Referee confirmed that there would be no change to the final score of the game, thus the 2-1 Flames victory will stand.

E. D5 Update (S. Jacobsen for K. Kelly)

Informal concerns about TOT² and Griffins jerseys being "too similar" in color, thus TOT² captain has offered to provide a set of yellow jerseys to wear when they play. Managers should coordinate this in advance of their next game.

F. D6 Update (R. LeBlanc)

Teresa Welc (Grosse Pointe Chill) player eligibility appeal was filed, reviewed, and voted on via email by 11/18/14 (prior to this board meeting). Appeal passed with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 absent.

G. General issues: Many illegible referee names are appearing on scoresheets. Teams may ask scorekeepers to remind referees to sign legibly, but there is not much else that can be done, other than contacting the ref scheduler for clarification on who was assigned to a particular game.

IV. Other

A. Tournaments

S. Jacobsen has received three or four tournament flyers in the past couple weeks. A listing of current tournaments can be found on website and will be updated as they come in.

B. Ruicci Cup planning

Photographer options were presented in light of some information received about alternative companies who were at recent tournaments. Discussion surrounding the bidding of photographers. League is open to accepting bids and

- vetting them to make the best decision for the teams. S. Jacobsen passed along the photographer's information to K. Kelly.
- C. Discussion about locating a possible alternative rink for Ruicci Cup given the increase in participation and difficulty scheduling all games at Eddie Edgar. Last year the league scheduled approximately 56 games over the four-day weekend, so the preference is to work with a rink that has at least 3 sheets of ice. M. Reeve will talk to Troy Sport Center. C. Schwanger will talk to Fraser Hockeyland. Also in consideration is Kensington Valley Ice House.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM

Next meeting: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at Mahany-Meiningner Senior Center, 3500 Marais, Royal Oak

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Golden-Birchler