

Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Attendees: Jen Bescoe (Goody 2 Shoes), Tara Perry (Goody 2 Shoes), Diane Taylor (Goody 2 Shoes), Michelle Engelhart (Goody 2 Shoes), Ginny Widger (Goody 2 Shoes), Val Murray (Ice Pack), Cathie Coulter (Ice Pack), Matthew Sanborn (Ladywings), Kaitlyn Sanborn (Ladywings), Kristin Dickinson (Ladywings), Randy Sanborn (proxy for Ladywings manager Tammi Sanborn), Tammy Callahan (Stingrays; Treasurer; D1 Rep), Kerri Kelly (Bombshells, Ruicci Cup Coordinator; D2 Rep), Sarah Parker (Freeze, D3 Rep), Sarah Jacobsen (Freeze; President; D5 Rep), Renée LeBlanc (TOT2, Asst. Secretary; D6 Rep)

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Approval of 11/11/15 minutes – Motion by K. Kelly, Seconded by T. Callahan

- I. Treasurer's Report (T. Callahan)
 - A. Current balance \$9373.91 (no transactions)
 - B. IRS 990 form needs to be filed by January 31st 2016. T. Callahan will consult with M. Reeve to ensure this occurs.
- II. Old Business
 - A. MAHA Rosters – issues are being solved, no issues to report at this time
 - B. USA Hockey patches – S. Jacobsen contacted MAHA women/girls rep Jean Laxton, who reported that these will be available after Jan. 1, 2016 and will be given to the division directors to hand out to teams who would like these patches achieving hat tricks (3 goals), playmaker (3 assists), and shut outs.
- III. New Business
 - A. Sub goalie additions approved
 - A. Rose Brown is available for D6-D4 to sub
 - B. Danielle Young is available for D5-D1
 - C. Melissa Connor is available for D4-D2
 - B. Division Assignment Appeal – Renegades' request to move from D0 to D1; Appeal was reviewed and approved by a vote of 4 yes, 1 no, 2 absent
 - C. Player Eligibility Appeal – A. Elliott (Ice Picks)'s appeal was reviewed and approved to move from D2 to D4 by a vote of 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.
 - D. Complaints
 - A. Griffins v. Ice Pack – after two attempts by Griffins managers to contact Ice Pack managers yielded no response, Griffins submitted a formal complaint about the roughness of the their 11/10/15 game against Ice Pack at the DISC, expressing concerns about “rough and unsportsmanlike” play. D5 Rep S. Jacobsen attended the 12/05/15 game in their rematch and spoke to both sets of managers after the game. Recommendation was made for both managers to speak together with their refs before subsequent games to request a tighter game be called and vigilance for unsportsmanlike conduct. A Board rep will attempt to be at the next two games, scheduled for 1/26/16 @7:00 p.m. and 3/5/16 @6:30 both at Livonia Devonaire rink.
 - B. Goody 2 Shoes v. Audrey Kobe (Ladywings #14) – Reps from both teams were present and were given the opportunity to voice their opinion about the complaint. G2S felt that A. Kobe's hit in the last few seconds of the game was an

intentional retaliation from the play just before it, even though the player hit was not involved in the first altercation. The hit was coded by the referee and scorekeeper as Checking (i.e., not Boarding nor Game Misconduct), so no action by the board was taken. However, this hit reportedly led to a player injury, which involved a hospital visit and a diagnosed concussion. A. Kobe was not present, but two reps from the team spoke on her behalf, acknowledging the hit was likely a retaliation, but claimed that A. Kobe felt it was a clean hit and did not intend for any injuries. She offered her apologies for the incident via her proxies. The Board spoke to all team reps, who came to a conciliatory resolution. All reps present agreed that they have no issue playing each other in the future. A Board member will attempt to attend these teams next match-ups (12/20; 1/3; 2/14) to keep an eye on the physical nature of the game; A. Kobe will be given a warning about her conduct by D2 Rep K. Kelly.

E. Division Updates:

- A. Other than the above mentioned complaints, no major issues were reported by Division Reps at this time.
- B. General: Slap shot rule- Concern has been expressed by at least one goalie about the use of slap shots from inside the hash marks because it increases the potential risk of injury to a goalie. Although there is no formal rule about this practice in many leagues, it was discussed as a generally agreed upon “unwritten” understanding of which most hockey players are aware. Some summer programs formally ban it. After discussion, it was decided that no new rules will be added to the handbook in regards to this issue, but a general reminder about good sportsmanship will be sent to all team managers as a reminder of good sportsmanship. The board would like to remind all members of the purpose of league as outlined on page 6 of the Handbook is “to develop and encourage sportsmanship among all players for the betterment of their physical and social well-being; and to conduct an organized league wherein women may learn and enjoy recreational and competitive ice hockey.”

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée LeBlanc
Assistant Secretary

Next meeting:

Wednesday January 13, 2016 7:00 p.m. at the Engineering Society of Detroit, Oakland Commons, 20700 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, Suite 450