

Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Attendees: Sarah Jacobsen (Freeze, President; D5 Rep), Sarah Parker (Freeze, D3 Rep), Michelle Reeve (Hammerheads, VP, D0 Rep), Tammy Callahan (Treasurer, D1 Rep), Renée LeBlanc (by phone; TOT2, D6 Rep), Sally Krug-Shaffer (by phone; Secretary, D4 Rep), Jennifer Symans (Swarm), Shelly Stiles (Swarm), Meg Foley (Swarm), Shellie Martin (Swarm), Elaine Aschenbrenner (Swarm), Melissa Heinig (Swarm), Tanya Heinig (Swarm), Kim Gearns (Swarm), Ann McManamon (Swarm), Susan Fenton (Swarm), Kathy England (Swarm), Angie Nagy (Swarm)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by S. Jacobsen

- I. Approval of 5/11/16 minutes (motion by M. Reeve, seconded by T. Callahan)
- II. Treasurer's report (T. Callahan)
 - A. Current balance is \$9,186.25 (no transactions this past month)
 - B. Ordering of checks and stamper will be tabled until next month.
- III. Old Business
 - A. USA Hockey Patches – M. Reeve has received the patches and passed them along to various board members for distribution to the respective players.
 - B. Election Results – 160 of 764 members voted (21% response rate). The following candidates were elected by the following vote margins:
 1. Sarah Jacobsen – 116 votes (72.5%)
 2. Angie Brayman – 87 votes (54.4%)
 3. Shellie Martin – 71 votes (44.4%)
 4. Micaela Reardon – 61 votes (38.1%)
 - C. Player movement for 2016-17 season: Shelly Stiles
Twelve Swarm players were present to show their support and solidarity about why they believe S. Stiles should remain in D4 with them next season. Meg Foley, Jennifer Symans, and Shelly Stiles all read prepared statements, including supporting statements from various other D4 opponents. The Board listened to their input, however, they also shared opinions they have heard from other D4 players who feel the exact opposite from the Swarm team. There was some discussion and consideration proposed about the Swarm team's willingness to play in Division D3 or higher. Due to the decision made by the board and no formal appeal being submitted, the decision will stand requiring S. Stiles to play in D3 or higher. The board's decision as to where to place the Swarm team as a whole will not be made until August, after all preliminary team rosters have been submitted for determining divisions.
 - D. Update on recruitment of new D6 teams - S. Jacobsen contacted Suburban Ice Farmington, but the request to advertise and recruit a new D6 team for the MSWHL was denied. Suburban manager claimed that it would compete with and pull players from their house league. The Board will continue to try to spread the word of the MSWHL by word-of-mouth and hopefully two or more new D6 teams will submit applications for the 2016-17 season.
 - E. Ruicci Cup date for 2017 - S. Jacobsen contacted Lori Yarnell from Livonia Hockey Association regarding available dates for Ruicci Cup 2017. Eddie Edgar Arena proposed the weekend of March 23-26 and penciled in this date, as it does not appear to conflict with most school spring breaks nor religious holidays.

IV. New Business

A. Division Updates

1. D0 – M. Reeve – no issues to report
2. D1 – T. Callahan – April Yager fixed the glitch in the website and Renegades statistics are able to be uploaded and saved.
3. D2 – K. Kelly – no issues to report
4. D3 – S. Parker – no issues to report
5. D4 – S. Krug-Shaffer – except for Swarm discussion, no issues to report
6. D5 – S. Jacobsen – no issues to report
7. D6 – R. LeBlanc – no issues to report

B. Announcements/News

Mike Hinsperger from the Cambridge Ontario Roadrunners Senior A women's team contacted S. Jacobsen about doing some "cross border friendship games" (3 in Canada, 3 in Detroit area). It was discussed that the level of competition for this division is likely around the level of D0 or above (e.g. Victory Honda, Little Caesars, D-Rev, etc.). S. Jacobsen will pass along the information to the appropriate teams to set up games with the Roadrunners next season.

C. Other

1. Consideration of donations in memory of Terry Anderson and Rhonda Carveth, two MSWHL players who died prematurely last month. Motions were put forth and passed to donate \$100 on behalf of each player toward their preferred charity or designee. A donation in memory of Terry will be given to Our Lady of Good Counsel School, and a donation in memory of Rhonda will be given to Habitat for Humanity.
2. Clarification on eligibility of board member candidates. Article IV, Section 1, Sub-section B of the By-Laws states *"Each Member must be on a team which has joined the Corporation, or be a referee, coach or other participant as established by the Board."* The confusion is with "other participant." After the mother of two MSWHL players submitted a candidate application for the board last month, the board consulted with each other and declined her application based on their interpretation to include only existing players, managers, or coaches. This wording will be amended in the By-Laws this summer to avoid future confusion.
3. Concern expressed by M. Reeve that the new Board should prepare the website earlier this year so registration can be ready at the beginning of August. S. Jacobsen suggested incoming board member Angie Brayman might be interested in helping with this due to her computer skills, so M. Reeve agreed to contact her.
4. MAHA Summer Meeting is July 7-10 at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, MI. The MSWHL will likely send a rep or two to this meeting. Representative TBD.
5. Idea by M. Reeve to include girl's (youth) hockey information on the MSWHL website for players who may have a daughter interested in the sport. This was agreed upon by the Board and with the hopes that the program websites for the girls may also be able to cross-advertise for MSWHL for moms of the girls if they also would like to join the sport.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée LeBlanc
Assistant Secretary

Next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 14 at the Engineering Society of Detroit, pending the availability of a majority of board members in representation.