

Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Attendees: Attendees: Sarah Jacobsen (Freeze, President), Sarah Parker (Freeze, Ruicci Cup Coordinator), Angie Brayman (Black Ice, Secretary), Tammy Callahan (Treasurer), Shellie Martin (Swarm, Asst. Treasurer), Mica Reardon (Epcot Ducks, Vice President), Sally Krug-Shaffer (Black Ice, Asst. Secretary), April Elliott (Bombshells), Lisa Zufelt (Bombshells), Elizabeth Westerman (Bombshells), Leslie Ott (Bombshells), Laurie Birchler (Flames), Melissa Vest (Spittin' Chicklets), Mindy Cupples (Spittin' Chicklets), Shana Osler (Little Chiefs), Jen Fine (Little Chiefs), Michelle Dastagir (Ice Pack), Melanie Bidwell (Rampage)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by S. Jacobsen

- I. Approval of 7/7/16 minutes: Motion to approve by S. Krug-Shaffer; seconded by M. Reardon.

- II. Treasurer's report (T. Callahan)
 - A. Current balance is \$7,608.08 -
 - B. Transactions this month:
 1. Sport Ngin Bill: \$896.00
 2. Check Stamper: \$147.00
 - C. Tabled discussion on donation from league in memory of Kyle Nagy until a designmated charity is identified. S. Martin agreed to consult with Swarm teammate Angie Nagy and inform the board of the family's decision.

- III. Old Business
 - A. Handbook/By-laws update
 - Ruicci Cup bracket format changes were presented and reviewed by S. Krug-Shaffer. They were discussed and revised and will be added to the handbook and website.
 - Board of Directors candidate eligibility clarification section will be amended to the Bylaws. It was determined that future candidates need to either be registered players, managers, or coaches within the most previous season, with the exception of an injury peventing their ongoing participation in the league.
 - Tie-breaker rules to determine standings and seedings was made consistent on pg. 18 (season standings) and pg. 31 of Handbook (Ruicci Cup seedings).
 - Decision made to mandate that players must play in 33% of their regular season games in order to participate in Ruicci Cup.
 - Decision made to mandate a 4 on 4 five-minute overtime period prior to a shootout in all elimination Ruicci Cup games.

IV. New Business

A. Information for new managers: S. Jacobsen reviewed the handout checklist of information for new managers including registrar information, team finances, referees, scorekeepers and scoresheets. A copy of this checklist is also on the website under the forms tab.

B. Final rosters should be submitted by September 22nd.

C. Ruicci Cup is tentatively scheduled for March 23-26 2017.

D. Division updates:

1. D0 & D1- Little Chiefs reps (D1) discussed their wishes to not combine D0 & D1. T. Callahan reported the wishes of the other D1 managers as also not wanting to combine divisions. S. Parker reported that the D0 teams wanted to combine the divisions. After further discussion, the Board decided to keep the divisions separate and not to mandate cross over games with hopes that more of those teams will decide to play in the Ruicci Cup tournament. The board proposes a minimum of 2 home and 2 away games against opponents for each of the D0 and D1 teams, allowing them to fill in their remaining open ice slots with scrimmages or cross-games of their choosing (not to be counted in the standings).

2. Clarification of cross-over game expectations for D5 & D6

a. Spittin' Chicklets (D6) and Flames (D5) expressed their desire NOT to have mandated cross over games. The board recognized that they will not be policing this and cannot force them to play crossover games, but they will continue to encourage it among all teams in the name of good sportsmanship.

b. The Board will count the *most recent* 2 home and 2 away games between teams to determine Ruicci Cup standings.

E. Team Division Assignment appeals

a. Ice Pack appealed to move from D4 to D5 mainly because they don't have a permanent goalie in place and are an aging team. Board reviewed and discussed their appeal, voting to approve it 5-2. They were also encouraged to apply for a goalie waiver.

b. Bombshells appealed to move from D3 to D4 due to the team's loss of higher-skilled players and the stats of those players. Board reviewed and discussed this appeal, voting to approve it 4-3.

c. Outlaws appealing to move from D0 to D1 - Postponed until Board receives all new player information on several of their players.

F. Player Eligibility Appeals

a. D0 Outlaws: Hayley Ladi (approved 7-0), Hillary Thorin (approved 7-0), New paperwork received for Melissa Seedorf, Lane Fremd, Mariah Fredricks, Anna Salvaggio & Jessica Spaun

b. D2

i. Fusion - Ashley Junga (approved 7-0); Kim Godfrey (approved 7-0)

ii. Goody2Shoes - Lauren Murphy (awaiting new player history)

- c. D3
 - i. Detroit Blades - Tiffany Blaine was approved 6-1 as goalie only.
 - ii. TOT Flying Unicorns - Amanda Barc (approved 7-0), Vera Bozinovski (approved 7-0), Elizabeth Muenk (approved 4-3), Anna Valk (denied 5-2), Kim Eberly (goalie) appeal denied 7-0
 - iii. Polar Bears - Missy Hedgcock (approved 7-0); Katie Folk- (awaiting appeal paperwork)
 - iv. Rampage - Melinda MacDougall (appeal paperwork still needed)
 - v. TOT2 - Ann Fiorito & Tracey Winkler (awaiting appeal paperwork)
- d. D4
 - i. Bombshells (votes based on Bombshells new placement in D4 earlier in the meeting) - Nicole Wilson (a formal appeal is now needed); Heather Morrison (approved 7-0)
 - ii. D4 Ice Gators - Maria Rotondo (approved 6-0; 1 absent)
- e. D5
 - i. Cleavers: Toni Schwartz (appeal paperwork needed)
 - ii. Flames: PJ Bye as goalie (approved 7-0)
 - iii. Griffins: Aleta Demeester (appeal paperwork needed)
 - iv. Top Shelf: Debbie Moses - (approved 6-0; 1 absent);
- Jennifer
 - Papesh- appeal paperwork needed
 - v. Icebreakers: Cathy Clegg (appeal paperwork needed)
- f. D6 TOT Ms. Conducts: Jessica Bastien Mathis- (approved 7-0)

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Brayman
Secretary

Next monthly board meeting is the mandatory Scheduling Meeting for all managers, occurring on Wednesday 9/14/16 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Engineering Society of Detroit (Suite 450), Oakland Commons, 20700 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI