

## ***Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, District 8 Council***

Meeting Minutes, Spring 2017

April 22, 2017

Wawonowin Golf Course, Ishpeming, Michigan

Submitted by Walt Milligan, MAHA District 8 Secretary, April 30, 2017. Revised May 1, 2017.  
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### ***Attendance:***

MAHA	Cathy Starrett, D8 Chair Brian Anderson, D8 Director Al Wakeham, D8 Director Perry Wooden, D8 Director Walt Milligan, D8 Secretary Judy Niemi, D8 Treasurer and MAHA VP of Officials Bob Yohe, MAHA Registrar Eric Froberg, D8 Referee Supervisor Michele LaCourt, D8 Registrar Bob Yohe, MAHA/USA Hockey Registrar Bill Peterson, D8 Director-at-Large
Calumet	Dan Zubiena
Copper Country	Steve LaCourt
Dickinson	Ben Ryan
Escanaba	Kim Milligan
Iron Range	Mark Menhennick
Iron River	<b><i>No Representative</i></b>
Ironwood	Jason White
Keweenaw Bay	Rich Wickstrom
Manistique	Chris Frazer, Michael Evink
Marquette	Scott Cambensy, Amanda Beerman, George Belkowski
Munising	John Maki
Ontonagon	Stacey Somero
Tahquamenon	Veronica Edwards
Sled Hockey UP	Allen Beauchamp

Chair Cathy Starrett called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. Introductions were made.

**Motion (Belkowski/Zubiena): Approve minutes from the Fall 2016 meeting. Approved unanimously.**

Starrett presented the Chairperson's Report:

- The District hosted the 12U State Tournaments, A and AA in Marquette and B in Iron Mountain. We heard many compliments. The only problems were credentials, especially for coaches.
- With a very full agenda, the rest of her items were presented during the remainder of the meeting.

Starrett presented the Treasurer's Report.

- A profit and loss statement was distributed that needs to be verified before the end of the fiscal year.
- **Motion (Evink/Zubiena): Add Judy Niemi to the District banking accounts as the new Treasurer. Approved unanimously.**
- MAHA approved use of the Grant Funds to support the officiating program (\$2,500).
- Volunteers for the "grow the game" committee were asked to convene directly after the meeting.

Secretary Milligan had no report. A sign-up sheet was circulated for attendance.

Allen Beauchamp, General Manager of Sled Hockey UP gave a presentation on disabled hockey in the UP. The group has received outstanding grant funding support from USA Hockey and The Superior Alliance for Independent Living (SAIL). They have organized several demonstration skates in the UP in December and March, have a core group of committed participants, and are trying to grow the participation of the organization across the UP. Interested persons should contact Allen at [allenbeauchamp@charter.net](mailto:allenbeauchamp@charter.net) or visit the Facebook page @SledHockeyUP.

**Motion (Zubiena/Wickstrom): Accept Sled Hockey UP as a new association in District 8. Approved unanimously.**

Yohe presented the Registrar's Report.

- Registration numbers were down 54 across the District from last year, but 30 of those are adult-registered teams, so the changes were minimal in the Youth divisions.

Yohe presented the USA Hockey/MAHA Report.

- He worked the 18U National Championships in Lansing. 3 UP officials worked the tournament and did very well. Team Copper Country won the Tier 2 Division 3 Nationals Championship, which is the most competitive Tier/Division in Midget AA hockey.
- 8 Rules Change proposals were moved forward to vote at the Summer MAHA meeting. The proposed new rules are found on the MAHA website at the end of a News article entitled "Winter Meeting Concludes." The only possible change that would have a big effect on the District is that MAHA may change the rules such that *coaches must be certified before they can be added to the roster*. This means that all clinics and modules must be completed prior to the start of the season, instead of the current practice of completing them by December 31 while the season is in progress.
- The Summer MAHA Meeting is July 6-8 in Traverse City.

There were no CEP or ACE representatives present, as they were working at the Bantam/Midget Festival. Starrett reported that we hope to have a Level 4 clinic in the UP this year, as well as the usual slate of Levels 1-3. There is a Level 4 clinic scheduled in Kalamazoo in September.

Froberg and Niemi presented the Officiating Report:

- There were 4 officiating seminars in the UP this year. The numbers were down slightly at each location, but there was an additional location this year so it probably balanced out.

- 2 District officials participated in the USA Hockey Officiating Instructors' Camp in Lake Placid. **Motion (Wakeham/K. Milligan): Authorize up to \$250 per person for the two officials to help defray travel expenses to the Instructors' Camp. Approved unanimously.**
- For the most part, it was a good year.
- Associations need to consider officials' pay and make it worthwhile for the young officials, or we risk losing them.

Peterson presented the Director at Large Report.

- Districts 7 and 8 won every B level state championship this year.
- Peterson's role is to "watch out" for the interests of Districts 7 and 8 at MAHA. He is there to help, feel free to contact him.

District Directors presented their reports:

- Anderson worked the 10U Districts and 12U Districts. He was not able to attend the MAHA Winter meeting due to severe weather and canceled flights.
- Wooden worked the 10U Districts and 12U B States. Both tournaments were very well run. He also missed the Winter MAHA meeting due to weather.
- Wakeham attended the Winter MAHA meeting, the Fall Coaches meeting, worked the 12U A/AA States, and helped run the credentials check.
- Starrett also missed the MAHA Winter meeting due to weather, and worked the 10U AA, 14U B and 16U B district tournaments and supervised the 12U A & AA state tournaments in Marquette
  - For District Tournaments, host associations are required to get the entry fees approved before sending out invoices. This includes a breakdown of all costs. A budget worksheet will be introduced into the Tournament Handbook in time for next year's Districts.
  - The new overtime rules appeared to have worked well. The only complaint was that overtime in the Regionals sometimes really compressed the time between games when teams had to play twice in a day.

District Representatives gave their reports. Recruitment, retention, finances, lack of officials, and rinks are common issues.

Wakeham presented the Girls/Womens report. Numbers of players and teams are drastically down, and we need to address recruiting and retaining female players.

Milligan presented the CUP League report. The season was relatively smooth. The Spring Meeting will occur directly after this meeting.

The bantam/midget festival was being held this weekend. Attendance is down, and some players who were invited did not show up. Apparently, there were some conflicting events in some cases.

Starrett noted that SafeSport is transitioning away from USA Hockey and will be taken over by the US Olympic Committee. Coaches must take the SafeSport training before they can be added to the roster. Status can be verified on SportsNgin.

Starrett noted that a new rule was approved concerning “association status.” Associations no longer need 3 drafted B teams. Instead, they need to be “sustainable”, which MAHA defines as having 30% or more of players at the 10U and under levels.

Wooden circulated a document describing a list of “things to do” for associations hosting District Tournaments. Several suggestions were made. The document will be added to the District Tournament Handbook.

The Blind Draw for team numbers in district tournaments was held, and the results are attached to the end of this document.

Regional and District tournament sites were determined per established procedures, and the results are attached to the end of this document. It was agreed that the procedures need to be augmented to include A/AA tournament hosting, as well as regionals, and modifications of procedures to include state tournament hosting. Milligan will bring a proposal for discussion to the Fall meeting.

Trophy bids were received from American Nameplate, who has been our supplier for many years. No other bids were received.

Starrett proposed a new District Council summer meeting, tentatively scheduled for July 29.

The Fall 2017 District Council meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2017, at Wawonowin Golf Course in Ishpeming.

**Motion (Anderson/Wooden): Adjourn. Approved unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:48 pm.

**TENTATIVE MAHA 2018 District 8 tournament sites and dates.**

East Region Playdowns (10U, 12U, 14U B)	Escanaba	January 12-14, 2018
West Region Playdowns (10U, 12U, 14U B)	Keweenaw Bay	January 12-14, 2018
10U B Districts	Manistique	February 9-11, 2018
10U AA Districts	Copper Country	February 2-4, 2018
12U B Districts	Iron Range	February 9-11, 2018
12U AA Districts	Marquette	February 2-4, 2018
14U Districts	Escanaba	February 9-11, 2018
14U AA Districts	Marquette	February 2-4, 2018
18U B and BB Districts	Marquette	February 2-4, 2018

Dates and locations will be finalized at the Fall 2017 District Council meeting on October 7, 2017.

## Bidding for B/BB District Tournaments, April 22, 2017

Association	Tournament
Copper Country	
Ontonagon	
Manistique	10U
Calumet	
Iron Range	12U
Munising	
Tahquamenon	
Iron River	
Escanaba	14U
Marquette	18U
DAHA	
Ironwood	
Keweenaw Bay	

### Priority List for 2017-2018 District B/BB Tournaments

Association	Tournament
Copper Country	
Ontonagon	
Calumet	
Munising	
Tahquamenon	
Iron River	
DAHA	
Ironwood	
Keweenaw Bay	
Marquette	
Escanaba	
Iron Range	
Manistique	

## ***Blind Draw for 2017-2018 Regional and District Seeding***

Held at MAHA District 8 Spring Meeting, April 22, 2017

DAHA

Tahquamenon

Copper Country

Ontonagon

Marquette

Munising

Manistique

Iron River

Ironwood

Calumet

Iron Range

Escanaba

Keweenaw Bay