

Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Attendees: Sarah Jacobsen (Freeze, President, D6 Dir.), Sarah Parker (Freeze, Ruicci Cup Coordinator, D1 Co-Dir.), Angie Brayman (Black Ice, Secretary, D5 Dir.), Tammy Callahan (Black Ice, Treasurer, D1 Co-Dir.), Shellie Martin (Swarm, Asst. Treasurer, D2 Dir.), Kim Gallagher (Ice Ninjas - Coach), Bianca Bartolomei (Ice Ninjas - Coach).

Absent: Mica Reardon (Epcot Ducks, VP, D4 Dir.), Sally Krug-Shaffer (Black Ice, Asst. Secretary, D3 Dir.)

Meeting called to order by S. Jacobsen at 7:03 pm

- I. Approval of 12/14/16 minutes with corrections to misprint of balance from last month. Motioned by A. Brayman motioned, seconded by T. Callahan. Motion carried.
- II. Treasurer's report (T. Callahan)
 - A. Current balance \$9,307.29 - No change from last month.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Letter to USA Hockey re: women's/girls rule change was sent out by S. Jacobsen to the women's and adult's USA Hockey representative, and cc'ed to MAHA Women's/Girl's Coordinator Jean Laxton.
 - B. Results of NTDP survey re: honoring military, police officer, firefighters were discussed and will be submitted to Jean Laxton with MAHA for recognition. The league members who responded and were open to being recognized for their service were Heather Morrison (Bombshells - former military & police), Chelsea Slater (Epcot Ducks - former military), Jillian Wallace-Hall (Predators - former military), Jennifer Symons (Swarm - former police officer), Fran Brady (Rampage - former military).
- IV. New Business
 - A. Division 1 updates (T. Callahan/S. Parker)
 1. No complaints have been formally filed, but the Board is concerned with the lopsided scores that have been submitted by the Outlaws since the split of the teams into upper D1a and lower D1b.
 - B. Division 2 updates (S. Martin): No issues to report.
 - C. Division 3 updates (S. Krug-Shaffer - absent)
 1. S. Krug-Shaffer is working on entering a backlog of scoresheets. Several outstanding/missing scoresheets are still needed from Polar Bears and TOT FU. S. Jacobsen and S. Krug-Shaffer will stay on top of acquiring these.
 2. Epcot Ducks team division assignment appeal to move from D4 to D3 received on 12/21/16 (deadline extension given to them because of the recent denial of C. Barkovic's appeal). Reviewed and approved via email vote 5-0 (2 abstained).

D. Division 4 updates

1. Kelliey Unsworth-Gamicchia was released from D5 Cleavers to D4 Ice Ninjas.
2. Discussion re: Referee exclusion of Bianca Bartolomei, Kim Gallagher in D4. The idea of creating an exclusionary list of referees to give to the referee scheduling manager (in the interest of avoiding conflicts of interest) was brought up. The purpose would be to avoid any further instances of referees working games in a division with which they are affiliated. Bianca and Kim attended the meeting in order to shed some light on how/why they were scheduled in D4 (a division in which they are coaches). Currently, there is no system in place that allows the referee scheduler to know in what division he/she is placing the referees. S. Jacobsen will send an email to all the D4 managers explaining the rule in question and let them know that the Board has decided that it will not allow Bianca and Kim referee in D4 the remainder of this season in order to avoid any perceived bias. If necessary, this officiating exclusion rule in the handbook (p.24) will be open to discussion and/or change over the summer.

E. Division 5 updates (A. Brayman)

1. Brenda Adams' player appeal to move from D4 Storm to D5 Cleavers was submitted on 12/19/16. Appeal was reviewed and approved via email 6-0 (1 abstained).

F. Division 6 updates (S. Jacobsen): No issues to report.

G. Ruicci Cup preparation (S. Parker)

1. Ice has been reserved at Eddie Edgar Arena for weekend of 3/23-3/26.
2. Referee bids: S. Parker will send an email to the referee schedulers about price quotes. Kerri Kelly has offered to assist if necessary.
3. Prizes discussed and decided upon.
4. Vendors: Photographer has been reserved.
5. Deadline for team declarations to play in Ruicci Cup is 2/8/17.

V. Other

- A. The passing of Jim Sullivan, skate sharpener, will be added to the "In Memoriam" section on the website. A Brayman will contact his grandson to get a picture and more information on Jim for the website.
- B. January MAHA meeting 1/20/17 (Holiday Inn, Southgate) – S. Parker agreed to attend on behalf of the MSWHL.

Meeting adjourned by S. Jacobsen at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Brayman

Secretary

Next monthly board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 2/15/17 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Engineering Society of Detroit (Suite 450), Oakland Commons, 20700 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI