

Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Attendees: Sarah Jacobsen (Freeze, President, D6 rep), Sally Krug-Shaffer (Black Ice, Asst. Secretary, D3 rep), Tammy Callahan (Black Ice, Treasurer, D1 rep), Shellie Martin (Swarm, Asst. Treasurer, D2 rep), Angie Brayman (Black Ice, Secretary, D5 rep), Mica Reardon (Epcot Ducks, VP, D4 rep)

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President S. Jacobsen

I. Approval of 3/8/17 minutes (motion by A. Brayman, seconded by S. Krug-Shaffer)

II. Treasurer's report (T. Callahan)

- A. Current balance is \$8001.41
- B. Ruicci Cup invoices and receipts
 - a. \$16,308.98 - total Ruicci Cup expenses
 - b. \$14,369.00 - total revenue resulting in \$1,939.98 difference
- C. Ann Arbor Rockets check for Kyle Nagy was never cashed. It will be voided and another one sent as a replacement.
- D. A donation of \$100 will be made to the Ted Lindsay Foundation in memory of Joanne Lindsay. (Motion by S. Martin, seconded by M. Reardon)

III. Old Business

- A. USA Hockey policy re: transgendered athletes. S. Krug-Shaffer is continuing to follow up with USAH to gain clarity on the rule, though it has been met with frustration due to lack of response from USA Hockey. Until a response it received, further discussion and decisions will occur on a case by case basis.
- B. Ruicci Cup success and items that need improvement for next season:
 - a. Due to concerns noted about some scorekeepers' distractibility, they will be "coached/supervised" by board members or referees during game plan to ensure proper attention is being paid to timeclock and scoresheet.
 - b. S. Parker will develop a checklist for "Ruicci Cup to-do's" (e.g., printing of rules, hospitality signage, updating website, etc.) for future use.
 - c. Player eligibility appeal deadline will be put in place for next season. All appeals will need to be received by the March meeting prior to Ruicci Cup in order to be reviewed and voted on. Exceptions will be accepted in emergency situations. Teams will be reminded of this at the February meeting.
 - d. Discussion about how many games goalies will be required to have played (citing the G2S Kim Reinstra case as an example). It was determined that goalies will need to have played in 2 league games in order to be eligible to be a sub goalie for Ruicci Cup. Handbook will be updated next year to reflect that change.
 - e. Discussion and decision to remove "coin toss" as final tiebreaker. It will be changed to the longest time in any prior game before a penalty is issued to each team.
 - f. Based on the workload affiliated with Ruicci Cup, along with the rest of the season, the board agreed to add two more members for the 2017-18 season.
 - g. Discussion about a couple teams who did not contribute raffle baskets. Board agreed that if teams do not contribute a basket for the raffle, they will be asked to make a \$50 donation in its place.

IV. New Business

- A. Division 1 updates - S. Parker/T. Callahan
 - 1. No issues to report.
- B. Division 2 updates - S. Martin
 - 1. Player appeals made of Ruicci Cup 33% participation rule
 - a. Goody2Shoes - Appeal to use rostered sub goalie Kim Reinstra as last minute replacement - Approved 4-2 (1 abstained)
- C. Division 3 updates - S. Krug-Shaffer
 - 1. Player appeals made of Ruicci Cup 33% participation rule
 - a. Epcot Ducks - Kelly Dobberr - Denied 5-0 (2 abstained)
 - b. Rampage - Sarah Kaplan & Jamie Crawford - Approved 4-0 (3 abstained)
 - c. TOT Flying Unicorns - Chelsea Slater - Approved 4-1 (2 abstained)
 - d. TOT Flying Unicorns appeal to use Tiffany Smith as a substitute goalie in Ruicci Cup Approved 4-0 (3 abstained)
- D. Division 4 updates - M. Reardon
 - 1. No issues to report
- E. Division 5 updates - A. Brayman
 - a. Player appeals made of Ruicci Cup 33% participation rule
 - i. GP Chill - Michele Eickhorst - Approved via email 7-0
 - ii. Flames - Loretta O'Flynn - Approved 6-0 (1 abstained)
 - iii. GP Chill appeal to use a substitute goalie in 2 Ruicci Cup games - Approved 6-0 (1 abstained)
 - b. Top Shelf - Discussion of email received by manager Heather Prain re: player Desiree Messina. The email was sent as a proactive measure to make sure the board was aware of Desiree's goal scoring. The board agreed that a letter will still be sent out to Desiree informing her of how her season's stats will require she be moved up a level.
- F. Division 6 updates - S. Jacobsen
 - 1. No issues to report.

V. Other

- A. 2017 Tri-Sport information will be posted on the website for those interested in participating.
- B. The board discussed and voted to add to the handbook that "National" team bound players will not be eligible to play in the league at any level lower than D1.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. (motion by S. Martin, second by S. Krug-Shaffer)

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Brayman, Secretary

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Engineering Society of Detroit (Suite 450), Oakland Commons, 20700 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI