

Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League

Board Meeting Minutes – Thursday, July 13, 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, Webmaster, D5 rep), Sarah Parker (Freeze D1 rep, Ruicci Cup Coordinator), Lara Goodes (New board member, Top Shelf), Vera Bozinovski (New board member (totFlying Unicorns), Anna Valk (Hammerheads), Christine Slesak (Polar Bears)

Absent: Mica Reardon (Epcot Ducks, Vice President, D4 rep)

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President S. Jacobsen

- I. Approval of 6/14/17 minutes (Motion to approve by S. Krug-Shaffer, Seconded by A. Brayman)
- II. Treasurer's report (T. Callahan)
Account balance \$7,791.39 (no transactions in past month)
- III. Old Business
 - A. Board member run-off election results: Lara Goodes received most votes (69 votes) to become newest member of the board
 - B. Appeals
 1. Karin Pearson's appeal to move from Mission (D1) to Polar Bears (D3) was reviewed, discussed, and voted on (Approved 7-1).
 - C. Transgender players policy update. No update from USA Hockey at this time. Until then, board will default to National Women's Hockey league rules, which state that if a player is currently undergoing hormone therapy or gender reassignment surgery, that (s)he is to play in a co-ed league or in a league specific to the gender to which (s)he is transitioning.
 - D. 2017 Handbook updates- S. Jacobsen is currently updating for August.
- IV. New Business
 - A. 2017-18 MSWHL Board of Directors
 1. Board discussed and assigned the following officers:
 - a) President, Webmaster: Angie Brayman
 - b) Vice President: Sarah Jacobsen
 - c) Treasurer: Tammy Callahan
 - d) Asst. Treasurer, Ruicci Cup Co-Coordinator: Shellie Martin
 - e) Secretary: Vera Bozinovski
 - f) Assistant Secretary: Lara Goodes
 - g) Ruicci Cup Co-Coordinator: Sally Krug-Shaffer
 - B. Team applications update – To date, A. Brayman has received applications from Troy Sting, Ice Gators, Polar Bears, and Storm.
 - C. Division updates – Nothing to report at present time.
 - D. Player eligibility appeals: Anna Valk's appeal to move from D2 to D3. A. Valk was present and was given time to argue her case for appeal. Board reviewed, discussed, and voted on her appeal (Approved 6-1).
 - E. Possible website updates and changes (A. Brayman)
Discussed moving MSWHL website from "SportsNGIN" to "Manage Your League" for easier use and user integration. Cost is comparable and within league's budget. A. Brayman will contact sales team to see if this can be done prior to contract renewal with SportsNGIN. If not, it will be tabled until next season and A. Brayman will work with SportsNGIN contacts to improve platform for this upcoming season. Motion to approve costs of switching (S. Martin) and seconded (S. Krug-Shaffer).

- F. Ruicci Cup inquiries (S. Parker)
 - 1. [BeerLeagueSports](#) looking to sell jerseys to teams in the league. Will include link on MSWHL site.
 - 2. Need to decide date and contract for Ruicci Cup. Possibility of moving from Livonia/Eddie Edgar. Tentatively scheduled for March 22-25, 2018.
- G. MAHA Summer conference July 14-16 update
- H. IIHF Women's World Championship support
- I. Set dates for August meetings
 - 1. August 4 at 7:00 p.m. - (Closed) determine team division assignments
 - 2. August 10 at 7:00 p.m.- mandatory for new teams and/or new managers

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vera Bozinovski - Secretary

****Next monthly board meeting to be held on August 10 meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Royal Oak Senior Center, 3500 Marais Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48073, and is MANDATORY for NEW TEAMS and/or NEW MANAGERS.**