

Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 15, 2018

Attendees: Angie Brayman (Black Ice, President, Webmaster), Sarah Jacobsen (Freeze, Vice President), Shellie Martin (Swarm, Asst. Treasurer, Ruicci Cup Co-coordinator, D2 Director), Lara Goodes (Top Shelf, Asst. Secretary, D4 Director), Sarah Parker (Freeze, D5 Co-Director), Mica Reardon (Epcot Ducks, D1 Director),

Called In: Sally Krug-Shaffer (Black Ice, Ruicci Cup Co-coordinator, D3 Director),

Absent: Tammy Callahan (Black Ice; Treasurer; D0 Division Director)

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by President, Angie Brayman

- I. Approval of 01/09/17 minutes (motion to approve by Mica Reardon, seconded by Shellie Martin)
- II. Treasurer's Report (A. Brayman)
 - A. Account Balance: \$7,642.45
 - B. S. Jacobsen filed IRS 990-N postcard report and mailed 2016 card. Will check to be sure 2017 was filed.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Ruicci Cup (March 22-25)
 1. Trophy Plates: Will have completed by the following week (Feb 23). Estimated cost will be provided at time of drop off. (Sally)
 2. Prizes: Prizes for champions and runners-up to be discussed and voted on by the board by first week of March. (Sally)
 3. Vendors: All Star Photography will be back. Will have window decals available for teams to purchase as well.
 4. Referee Bids: Jim Kreklau approved for tournament.
 5. Scheduling: Seeding deadline is March 4. Schedule should be available by March 11. (Lara & Vera)
 - a) 26 Teams confirmed
 - b) Division 5 to be split into two divisions
 - B. Outstanding MSWHL Player Registrations
 1. Players that participate in games but are not registered with MSWHL will result in forfeit of games participated. (Aces, Polar Bears may still have unregistered players: S. Michalak, A. Guilbault, A. Novak, J. Schrad)
 2. Proposed handbook change to encourage people to register on time. Considering implementing 1-year league suspensions for players in addition to team game forfeiture to be added to the handbook for next and future seasons.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Proposed Handbook change
 1. Complaint Process: Current process requires that managers communicate within 7 days of incident to discuss and work towards resolving the issue. If managers are unsatisfied with discussion, then they file a formal complaint to the board. Proposing bypassing first step which required managers to communicate before involving the board, and move directly to complaint submission, followed by board mediated face-to-face discussion with team representatives.
 2. Referee Evaluations & Complaints: There is no official complaint process for referees through MAHA. We need to obtain referee scheduler information from team managers, and find out if they have been satisfied with their performance. Board would like to facilitate meeting with

referee division directors to discuss issues regarding aggressive play, respecting the women's games, etc. Would like to do something before 2018-19 season begins.

3. As of 2/10 the following teams have alarmingly high penalty minutes: Polar bears (80 minutes), Ice Gators (52 minutes), Mags (44 minutes), Epcot Ducks (42 minutes), Detroit Blades (38 minutes), Goody2Shoes (38 minutes), Rampage (36 minutes), Swarm (36 minutes), Lady Blues (34 minutes), MC Crush (32 minutes), Storm (32 minutes), as well as individual players with many penalty minutes.
 - a) Division directors are to communicate with the teams and individuals and express the need to tone down aggressive play. Please ask teams to police themselves as well, and ask one another what they can do to improve safety on the ice.

B. Division Updates

1. D0 (Tammy Callahan not present, Mica Reardon)
 - a) Bulldogs complaint regarding board responsiveness when attempting to cancel a game. Records show emails back and forth between board member and teams coordinating a game reschedule. Teams could not agree on date for reschedule.
2. D1 (Mica Reardon) - No new issues to report
3. D2 (Shellie Martin)
 - a) Board members attended Epcot Ducks game on 3/4 to watch game regarding complaints about a player. Player in question switched jerseys with another player prior to start of the game making it difficult for board members to recognize the player in question. Jersey numbers did not coincide with scoresheet. Team claims it was done as a joke. Considering amendment to handbook to address jersey numbers and scoresheets in the future. Possible disciplinary action may be added to the handbook for future seasons to prevent events like this from happening again.
4. D3 (Sally Krug-Shaffer) – No issues to report
5. D4 (Lara Goodes)
 - a) Referee complaint from Ice Ninjas.
6. D5 Update - Vera Bozinovski
 - a) Cleavers submitted appeals for players that may not satisfied the 30% (7 games) participation requirement. Cleavers also have provided multiple scoresheets for officiated scrimmages, which satisfy the necessary participation requirements for all players in question according to handbook. All players approved: Lisa Balnius, Lynn Brown, Monica Steakley, and Danielle Stevens.
 - b) Cleavers submitted appeal to have Maria Farris, who regularly skates out, approved to play as goalie as needed. Approved unanimously.
 - c) Ruicci Cup: Division 5 will be split into 5a and 5b for Ruicci Cup; Sub goalies must be approved prior to game. For semi and final games, only D5 goalies that have already been eliminated will be allowed to sub (if needed).

C. Next board meeting: 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, March 14th at Royal Oak Community Center

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m. by A. Brayman

Respectfully Submitted,
Vera Bozinovski - Secretary