

Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Attendees: Sarah Jacobsen (Freeze, Vice President), Shellie Martin (Swarm, Asst. Treasurer, Ruicci Cup Co-Coordinator, D2 Director), Sarah Parker (Freeze, D5 Co-Director), Vera Bozinovski (Flying Unicorns, Secretary, D5 Co-Director), Lara Goodes (Top Shelf, Asst. Secretary, D4 Director), Mica Reardon (Epcot Ducks, D1 Director), Sally Krug-Shaffer (Black Ice, Ruicci Cup Co-Coordinator, D3 Director), Tammy Callahan (Black Ice; Treasurer; D0 Division Director) Angie Brayman (Black Ice, President, Webmaster), Meg Foley (Swarm)

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM by President, Angie Brayman.

- I. Approval of 03/14/18 minutes (motion to approve by L. Goodes, seconded by V. Bozinovski)
- II. Treasurer's Report:
 - A. Account Balance \$6,493.00
 - B. Ruicci Cup Invoices & Receipts
 - a. \$15,132.00 - total Ruicci Cup expenses
 - b. \$ 16181.70 - total revenue, resulting in \$1,049.00 loss.
 - i) Would consider raising entry fee in the future, but not at this time due to carrying over \$6k bank balance.
 - c. Appendix will include detailed breakdown (T. Callahan)
- III. Old Business
 - A. Referee district reps meeting for 2018-19 season. Will try to schedule for June/July meetings. S. Jacobsen will touch base with Bianca Bartolomei.
 - B. Jersey switching – During the regular season, there was an issue in one game where players swapped jerseys in an effort to confuse board members. They claimed it was a joke, however it is USA Hockey violation and should have resulted in a 1 game suspension. This will be one of a handful of more specific rules added to the handbook for the 2018-19 season. (See item D below)
- IV. New Business
 - A. Ruicci Cup administration success and items that need improvement for next season:
 - a. Hospitality room - Better anticipation of refreshment needs to limit re-stocking trips.
 - b. Scorekeepers – They were made aware of duties, and told to limit mobile device usage and other distractions during games. Only had an issue with one scorekeeper.
 - c. Game scheduling – No team complaints regarding schedule. In the future, we will try to make a skeletal schedule available sooner for referees and rink management. Game schedulers can communicate directly with rinks and referees regarding schedule so Ruicci coordinators can focus on vendors, prizes, etc.
 - d. Format – Look into possible alternatives to current round-robin play, if possible.
 - e. Prizes – Try to order sooner to avoid possible shipping/order delays.
 - f. Player eligibility – During regular season, managers are responsible to cross off players that are not playing in that game. In addition, managers from opposing teams should also look over scoresheet and make sure opposing team has crossed off players that are not participating. This will greatly improve player eligibility tracking. This is already stated in the handbook, but will continue to be mentioned, and possibly team managers penalized, if not followed in upcoming seasons.
 - g. Clarify handbook rules regarding use of sub goalie in Ruicci.
 - h. Other areas for possible improvement: Playing the National Anthem before championship games, reinstating MVP awards for championship games, possible integration of technology and digitized brackets, and seeking out local sponsors for food/refreshments both on-site and off-site.
 - B. Ruicci Cup play issues:
 - a. Polar Bears Karin Pearson received 3 penalties, against Ice Gators. She did not agree with the 10-minute penalty issued. She submitted a written statement to the

board but was unable to attend and discuss in person. Ice Gators were considering sending a formal complaint, but nothing was received at the time of the meeting. This issue will be tabled until the May meeting.

- i) Meg Foley (Swarm) assesses that Polar Bears players look to harm opposing players when referees are not looking.
 - ii) Board may need to consider setting additional personal penalty limits that would result in possible suspensions or expulsions once exceeding set limits and/or possible ramifications against the team as a whole that could include possible removal from the league.
- C. Dealing with dangerous play.
- i) Need to document instances to bring to referees attention at referee meeting.
 - a. Example: Ice Pack player (Melissa Wiley) received an unsportsmanlike penalty after slashing an opponent after they scored an open-net goal in the final seconds of the game. Need to document instances like this, obtain quotes from parties involved etc.
- D. Handbook addendums 2018-19
- a. How to handle unregistered players: Unregistered players will possibly be listed on the MSWHL site for easy access. Consequences of not registering may result in suspension from league. This issue will be discussed further at the May meeting.
 - b. Discussion of implementing a penalty “cap” based on league averages will be tabled until May meeting.
 - c. Discussion of consequences that could affect late scoresheet submissions.
 - d. Division directors will contact team managers and obtain referee scheduler information (Name, Email, Phone number).
- E. New Board Members - 4 board member positions will need to be filled by July. Please consider volunteering your time and sharing your voice. Stay tuned to the league website, Facebook page and your email for information on how to get your name on a ballot for a league-wide vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm (motion by S. Jacobsen, second by V. Bozinovski)

Respectfully submitted,
Vera Bozinovski, Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday May 8 @ Royal Oak Community Center
Will contact ESD (Mary Sheridan no longer works there) regarding future meeting location.