

**Soo Michigan Hockey Association  
Monday April 29, 2024 @ 7:30 pm  
Big Bear Hospitality Room**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by president, Joe Esson
2. **Roll Call – Present:** Ken Talsma, Cheyenne Holappa, Diane Maleport, Heather Klever, Joe Esson, Renee Labadie, Tim Labadie, Matt Parker, Rob Horn  
***Motion made by Tim, seconded by Heather. Motion approved.***  
  
Damon Whitten and Shaun Schummer emailed the board about their absences tonight.  
  
Dennis Eby emailed the board about his absence tonight. His absence was unexcused.
3. **Approval of agenda: *Motion made by Matt, seconded by Renee. Motion approved.***
4. **Approval of meeting minutes from March 18, 2024:  
*Motion made by Matt, seconded by Heather. Motion approved.***
5. **Director Reports**
  - a. **President** – Joe mentioned that he got some quotes from two different companies for jerseys, socks, and shells.  
Pure Hockey \$4140 (home/away jerseys, home/away socks, shells) without logo.  
Jog Athletic \$4080 (home/away jerseys, home/away socks, shells) with logo.  
Also, by going with Jog Athletic you can get set up with their team store and our association can earn money by ordering merchandise through them.  
  
***Midget/JV Team – Matt made a motion for \$1,000 to be used from the Matheson Fund for the JV hockey team, to be put towards the cost of jerseys, socks, and shells, seconded by Heather. Motion approved.***  
  
***Motion made by Renee that Joe goes ahead and purchases the JV jerseys, socks, shells and submit the receipts to Cheyenne for reimbursement, seconded by Matt. Motion approved.***
  - b. **Vice President** – Renee mentioned that she has been collaborating with Joe with looking over new jerseys.
  - c. **Treasurer** – Cheyenne mentioned that our fiscal year ends May 31, 2024, if Joe orders new jerseys to make sure that have an order date for after May 31.  
HR Block is considering taking over the account responsibilities for SMHA.  
Cheyenne also spoke with Chuck Leonhardt (accountant), and he is going to give her the Quick end reports on a flash drive.  
Cheyenne also let the board know that our budget meeting is scheduled for May.
  - d. **Secretary** – Heather did mention the bylaw again for attendance and suggested that there be a time set for when a board member calls in absent for a meeting.

***Matt made a motion to make a change in the bylaws that an excused absence will have to be notified 24 hours in advance of the meeting by contacting the secretary, seconded by Heather. Motion approved.***

**SMHA bylaws:**

Excused Absence – An absence is considered excused when the Director contacts the Secretary in advance of the absence. The Secretary shall contact the Treasurer in advance of his/her absence.

A Board member with three [3] unexcused absences may be dismissed from the Board of Directors by a majority vote.

**e. Coaching Director** – Damon was absent.

**f. Travel Director** – Dennis was absent.

**g. Tournament Director** – Ken had nothing to report.

**h. Bantam/Midget Director** – Matt wanted to know when the JV tryouts were? Joe told him June 2-3-4.

Matt would also like to organize having some hockey sessions/clinics a couple times a month for goalies. He will collaborate with Cheyenne and organize some ice times. It was suggested that even alternate doing it through scheduled (team) ice time.

**i. Squirt/Peewee Director** – Tim wanted to make sure Ken (tournament director) knew that all levels put in for hosting states. Ken did mention that he spoke to Diane prior to the meeting regarding that.

It was also mentioned that try hockey for free being that we currently have held at LSSU on September 14, 2024 hockey be relocated to the Big Bear. The reason for wanting to have is moved to the Big Bear is due to the hockey equipment being there and the skate rentals. The board thought it would be more convenient for those children coming without the proper equipment and/or skates.

**j. HIP/Mite Director** – Shaun was absent.

**k. Ice Scheduler** - Cheyenne brought up “what do we want for 2024-2025 practice schedules to help with the budget preparations?” The Board decided on the following:

1. HIP/6U will be combined and try to be scheduled before Midget JV so Joe and some players can help them out.
2. 8U will be 60 minutes next season instead of 90 minutes.
3. 10U House - 1 team with 2 practices 1 for 90 minutes and 1 for 60 minutes.
4. 10U AA - 2 practices at 90 minutes
5. 12U House - 1 team with 2 practices for 90 minutes.
6. 14U House - 1 team with 2 practices for 90 minutes
7. 14U A - 2 practices at 90 minutes
8. Midget JV - 2 practices for 90 minutes

**k. Registrar** – Diane did mention that for the 2024-25 season she is going to be strict with volunteers having background checks.

Diane also spoke about having a grant written for funding available from the city to get 2%. She will contact the Community Foundation to see if they can assist her or direct her to the proper person who is in charge.

**6. Old Business –**

- a. Trophy Case** – The trophy case was paid in full this month. The total amount paid was \$2,676.95.

**7. New Business –** Nothing to report.

**Public Comment:**

**Mike Metrish** wanted to know what he could do or if the board knew what to do about getting Canadians to be able to play in the states?

**JJ Schmitt** made the comment that he would like to see some clinics to help with goalies. Matt Parker mentioned that he spoke with the board about that topic.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Monday May 20, 2024 @ 7:30 pm at the Big Bear.

Minutes taken, typed, and submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Klever', written in a cursive style.

Heather Klever, SMHA Secretary