

Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Attendees : Sarah Jacobsen (Freeze, Vice President), Vera Bozinovski (Flying Unicorns, Secretary, D5 Co-Director), Shellie Martin (Swarm, Asst. Treasurer, Ruicci Cup Co-coordinator, D2 Director), Lara Goodes (Top Shelf, Asst. Secretary, D4 Director), Sally Krug-Shaffer (Black Ice, Ruicci Cup Co-coordinator, D3 Director), Mica Reardon (Epcot Ducks, D1 Director), Bianca Bartolomei, Jim Seidel

Called In: Angie Brayman (Black Ice, President, Webmaster)

Absent: Sarah Parker (Freeze, D5 Co-Director), Tammy Callahan (Black Ice; Treasurer; D0 Division Director)

Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM by President, A. Brayman

- I. Approval of 5/8/18 Minutes (Motion to approve by S. Martin and V. Bozinovski)
- II. Financial Information
 - A. Treasurer's Report (T. Callahan)
 - a. Account balance: \$6,359.00
- III. Old Business
 - A. Meet with referee representatives to discuss best way to address concerns/complaints throughout upcoming season. Referee representatives, Bianca Bartolomei and Jim Seidel (Metro Detroit Referee Association MDRA District 3 Supervisor) in attendance.
 - a. J. Seidel and B. Bartolomei explained the chain of command when dealing with referee issues
Recommendations: legibly print names on score sheets in addition to signatures, request scheduler information from each team at the beginning of the season, ensure all referees have current crest on their uniform (otherwise it's a USA Hockey suspension)
 - b. J. Seidel and B. Bartolomei will try to attend the MSWHL September scheduling meeting for any questions managers may have. In addition, they would like to recruit league members to try officiating. There is a women's only referee seminar in August. All interested should contact Bianca Bartolomei for more information (bbartolomei3@aol.com).
 - B. Handbook revisions to be distributed/discussed at September scheduling meeting.
 - a. Possible changes including but not limited to:
 - i) Streamlining complaint process.
 - ii) Penalty "cap" structure for individuals and/or teams, which may include suspensions, forfeits, or dismissal from the league.
 - a. Different penalties may carry harsher consequences (e.g. tripping vs. roughing).
 - b. S. Jacobsen agreed to analyze penalty stats of past seasons to for board to review appropriate limits.
 - iii) Goalie substitute rules – both in-season and at Ruicci Cup.
 - iv) Indemnity agreement – S. Krug-Shaffer agreed to investigate pros and cons of including verbiage regarding not holding the league liable for injury. Players participating in the

league, despite being placed in a division they may not agree with, assume liability if continued participation.

- v) Stricter penalties for late MSWHL registration. Accurate game stats are impossible to record when players are not registered. Managers should encourage their players to register as soon as registration opens on MSWHL.com
- b. Decide on best document sharing app for handbook revision as well as document management between board members (Dropbox, Google drive, etc.)

IV. New Business

- A. Welcome New Board Members! MSWHL 2018-19 Board Members Election Results:
 - a. Amanda Nemeth (Rampage) 71.6% of vote
 - b. Mary Bonicci (Icepack) 67.6% of vote
 - c. Lauren Murphy (Goody 2 Shoes) 66.2% of vote
 - d. Sharon Lehr (Mags) 59.5% of vote
 - e. Discussed moving board elections closer to Ruicci Cup (end of March) to increase voter participation.
- B. No division updates at this time.
- C. Next board meeting: Thursday, July 12 at 7pm in Room #2 at the Royal Oak Community Center.
- D. New Board will determine dates, times, and venue for future meetings at next board meeting.
- E. Other: Sarah Jacobsen to host MSWHL board party in July TBD.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37pm by S. Jacobsen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vera Bozinovski