

Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 14, 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)

Called In: 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)

Absent: Tammy Callahan (Black Ice; Treasurer; D0 Division Director) Angie Brayman (Black Ice, President, Webmaster),

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Vice President, Sarah Jacobsen.

- I. Approval of 02/13/18 minutes (motion to approve by M. Reardon, seconded by L. Goodes)
- II. Treasurer's Report:
 - A. Account Balance: \$7,622.45
 - B. 990N Postcard: T. Callahan needs to verify 2017 e-card filing.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Outstanding Player registrations: Players that participate in games but are not registered with MSWHL will result in forfeit of games participated, and face possible 1-year league suspension.
 - B. Penalty discussion updates: S. Jacobsen talked to Polar Bears and Ice Gators teams and managers regarding their excessive penalties and asked them to "manage their aggression." Board members/division reps need to be more communicative to teams and players regarding penalty minutes and conduct in general.
 - C. Referee discussion: Tabled until future meeting. Would like to get district reps together to discuss options for 2018-19 season.
 - D. Ruicci Cup (March 22-25, 2018)
 1. S. Martin reported that 24 payments have been received and she is waiting on two more (Lady Blues & Wildcats).
 2. Team Managers are responsible for ensuring their players meet the 33% participation game requirement to play in Ruicci Cup. Division directors will check website stats and inform managers of any players found below the 33% requirement. Officiated scrimmages may count towards games played, but appeals must be submitted for players that do not meet the 33% requirement. Concerns were raised by some managers NOT crossing off players on scoresheet rosters throughout the season, thus inflating certain players' games played percentage. Managers of opposing teams need to be more diligent about checking scoresheet rosters before or after games to keep their opponents honest.
 3. Master schedule: S. Callahan will confirm final schedule with Lori Yarnell at Eddie Edgar Arena.
 4. Scorekeepers and hospitality room workers: S. Callahan will provide list of scorekeepers for each game, as well board member work shifts. Scorekeepers and hospitality room workers will be paid \$10/hour, referees \$30/hour. She will also email all scorekeepers about excessive use of phone distractions (e.g. watching videos or excessive texting) during games due to complaints received last year. L. Goodes agreed to "police" them while at the rink if necessary.

5. Rules regarding use of goalie subs: Refer to Page 32 of Handbook for general criteria, but for Ruicci Cup, the use of an upper division goalie must be approved by board. Managers are requested to first use goalies that are in the same division before requesting upper division goalies from sub-list, then to use eliminated goalies for semi and/or championship games if necessary.
6. Preparation tasks: Discussion and assignments given for tasks of setting up signage, raffle baskets and tickets, score sheets/stickers, snacks, trophy, and prizes for Ruicci, as well as updating of scores on website.
7. Special presentation set to honor Gil Ruicci and Ted Lindsay at 1:00 p.m. between the D3 and D2 Championship games on Sunday to commemorate the league's 30th Anniversary. (A. Brayman and T. Callahan)

IV. New Business

A. Division Updates

1. D0 – Tammy Callahan: no issues to report.
2. D1 – Mica Reardon: some concerns about ongoing outstanding non-registered players.
3. D2 – Shellie Martin: received informal complaint regarding Epcot Ducks being “too skilled” for D2.
4. D3 – Sally Krug-Shaffer:
 - a) Attended the 3/8/18 Polar Bears v. Ice Gators game. Both teams played a physical game, but nothing out of the ordinary to report.
 - b) Polar Bears appealed the 33% Ruicci participation rule for Patti Vargo, which was reviewed, voted on, and approved
5. D4 – Lara Goodes - no issues to report
6. D5 – Vera Bozinovski / Sarah Parker -
 - a) Icebreakers appealed the 33% Ruicci participation rule for Caroline Morgan, which was reviewed, voted on, and approved

B. Other:

1. Girl scout troop will be selling cookies at Ruicci Cup
2. Board will also design and bring a basket for the raffle
3. Reminder to all MSWHL participants of USA Hockey's policy regarding alcohol consumption and safety.

Next board meeting: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 10 @ Royal Oak Senior Community Center, 3500 Marais Ave, Royal Oak, MI

Meeting adjourned by Sarah Jacobsen at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vera Bozinovski - Secretary