MAHA District 6 Minutes

November 9, 2022/Chelsea

Meeting called to order at 7:08PM

Attendance:

Absent: EGR Blades, Grand Valley, Dexter, Lakeshore Chiefs, Jr. Jacks, Berrien, Ann Arbor

There were no guests in attendance.

October minutes were reviewed and approved.

Association reports: Berrien MAHA rep and president resigned. D6 directors to schedule a time to meet with the board and assist them with their concerns. Jr. Jacks and Lakeshore Chiefs continue to work together with a possible merger and new association name for next season. Big Rapids reported a concern with student coach who turned 18 and cannot be rostered as a student coach without completing the CEP and other requirements. Student coaches are 13-17 years of age.

Financial report: everything is in order and all good currently. Money is being collected for districts.

Registrar: Frank reported things are going well. Associations are sending birth certificates for verification and due to high school tryouts releases are being granted and approved for roster changes. JV teams can roster up to 30 players but can only dress 18 and 2.

Officials: Frank reported 1 adult and 1 youth match penalty pending hearings. D6 will hold the match penalty hearing on a D5 coach due to a conflict of interest within D5. This will be a zoom hearing and will be scheduled soon. There is a Level 1 and 2 seminar in Grand Rapids at Patterson Ice Center Sunday, November 14th starting at 8AM. There are 35 level 1 registered and 1 level 2. General discussion on officials for Frank to relay back. Some lack of effort or being in position for calls while on the ice as well as some perceived home ice bias and inconsistency in the calls being made.

 Tom reviewed game reporting and advised associations it is up to them to make sure any coaches or players receiving game misconduct are sitting out and recording that on the scoresheets. Match penalties are to be reported to Tom and the online reporting of GM and match penalties goes to Tom and Tom forwards to the associations.

STAR and Safesport: Safesport is not for general complaints about coaches or parents. This is specific to safesport concerns IE: bullying, hazing, harassment etc. Some are using this as a forum for general complaints.

USA Hockey Try hockey for free 11/6: Associations reported good attendance, and all went well. Hope to have players transition into the local programs. BIGGBY is helping MAHA with the mite One Goal bags and stick storage and distributing to associations who want to have another try hockey event and need gear. MAHA will have a THFF registration link on the web site for programs to register for their MAHA event. Peggy to send out survey for associations to fill out about their experience hosting a THFF event. This will be on the D6 web site soon.

MAHA states host sites: Lakeshore will host 12U B states. Kory to let them know they will need a trainer on site for this tournament. MAHA to reimburse up to $500 if an association needs help paying for this. 14U need host site for states March 11-13, 2022. Anyone interested should submit bid to Tom. Mite states will be in Grand Rapids March 11-13 at Patterson Ice Center and Griff’s. All teams must play in at least one MAHA jamboree to be seen by MAHA staff for purposes of balancing divisions. MAHA added the ADRAY league as well as the Van Andel arena jamboree events to the list.

District tournament: Need host site for 16U A districts. Jackson and Fox offered to host. A vote was taken and Jackson was awarded the districts for 16U A. Play in games. Refer to chart for team counts and play in games. House teams will be seeded based on W/L percentage. Discussion on travel seeding of teams since not all teams may be playing in LCAHL or a league. Rules that are on file are to be used. Changes to these can be submitted through the district tournament committee for consideration.

Task Force update: Tom reported from the task force Zoom calls and discussed the items being considered. Second teams with a percentage of players needing to be from the home association had some support. Removing out of district boundaries would have a great impact on those border associations who are not in favor of removing this rule.

New business: Play in weekend concerns were discussed. Having to keep a weekend open for so long makes it hard to schedule league games and not knowing if they will have to play for several weeks makes it difficult to schedule. The 11/1 date for intent to enter some thought was early because teams are not sure they want to commit yet know they are not able to withdraw after they submit. These concerns will be reviewed later.

Next Meeting: dinner meeting location TBD December 7th at 6:30PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:34PM.

Respectfully,

Jean Laxton (for Peggy Costello)