

**Soo Michigan Hockey Association
Special Board Meeting
Wednesday February 15, 2024 @ 5:30 pm
Big Bear Hospitality Room**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm
2. **Roll Call – Present:** Tim Labadie, Renee Labadie, Dennis Eby, Heather Klever, Diane Maleport, Joe Esson, Matt Parker, Damon Whitten, Shaun Schummer
Absent: Cheyenne Holappa – called Heather with reason of absence for tonight’s meeting. **Motion made by Tim, seconded by Renee. Motion approved.**
3. **Approval of agenda**
Motion made by Matt, seconded by Renee. Motion approved.
4. Dan Crimin submitted his resignation to the board via email.
Motion made by Renee, seconded by Tim. Motion approved.
5. **Damon Whitten – Coaching Director**
Motion made by Matt, seconded by Dennis. Motion approved.

6. **Closed session:**
This meeting was called to order because of the violation made by Chris Lane, Tournament Director. MAHA District 7 Representative went to speak with Diane in person on Friday February 9, 2024, with some issues he had with the recent Cabin Fever tournament.

According to an email that Matt Hawkins sent to Chris Lane on January 16, 2024, he was to make sure that all Cabin Fever Games were 4 hours between games and 12 hours overnight between games. Also, no teams were to play more than 2 games per day. The district could not allow waivers for tournaments.

Chris was aware of the rules prior to the tournament and scheduled games within 4 hours of playing and scheduled 3 games on one day.

Failure to comply with this rule may result in a two-year suspension of the tournament director.

The board has made the decision to have Chris Lane suspended as the Tournament Director of the Soo Michigan Hockey Association effective immediately. Chris will have no affiliation with the association.
Motion made by Renee, seconded by Matt. Motion approved.

Cheyenne will post Tournament Director position.
Motion made by Heather, seconded by Tim. Motion approved.

7. Meeting returned to open session with public comments.
Motion made by Renee, seconded by Shaun. Motion approved.

Jason Payment as if anyone on the board could help him obtain a temporary coaching card for his assistant coach that completed the wrong coaching modules. Diane commented that she would email Jason tomorrow with the contact information of who he needs to contact. Diane commented that his assistant coach was reminded of what modules need to be done. She also commented that next season she will be setting a date for the end of November for the modules to be completed. Coaches cannot wait until the last minute to get things done, causes too many problems.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Monday February 26, 2024 @ 5:30 pm at the Big Bear Hospitality Room.

Minutes taken, typed and submitted by:



Heather Klever, SMHA Secretary