

Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, District 8 Council

Meeting Minutes, Spring 2015

April 18, 2015

Wawonowin Golf Course, Ishpeming, Michigan

Submitted by Walt Milligan, MAHA District 8 Secretary, October 12, 2015. Revised October 17, 2015.

Attendance:

MAHA	Perry Wooden, D8 Chair/Director
	Frank Sliva, D8 Director
	Scott Carter, D8 Director
	Walt Milligan, D8 Secretary
	Bob Yohe, MAHA Registrar
	Jeff Cornock, D8 Coaching Director
	Tim McIntosh, D8 Registrar
	Michele LaCourt, D8 Registrar
	Judy Niemi, MAHA VP of Officiating
	Bill Peterson, MAHA Director-at-Large

Calumet	Dan Zubiena
Copper Country	Al Wakeham
Dickinson	Ken Wood
Escanaba	Kim Milligan
Iron Range	Mark Menhennick
Iron River	Chris Thompson
Ironwood	Brian Anderson
Keweenaw Bay	Rich Wickstrom
Manistique	Eric Oas, Phil Berger
Marquette	Jeff Nemacheck
Munising	Tina Hakkola
Ontonagon	Jason Clinesmith, Stacey Somero
Tahquamenon	Bill Jordan

Chair Perry Wooden called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Introductions were made.

Motion (Wakeham/Oas): Approve minutes from the Fall 2014 meeting. Approved unanimously.

Wooden presented the Chairperson's report:

- There were some problems with coaches this year, with more hearings than usual. There have been low turnouts to ACE meetings, which may be part of the problem. Jeff Cornock needs the names and contact information for coaching directors.

- Wooden noted that District teams did extremely well at State tournaments this spring, including the following State Champions:
 - Marquette 19U Tier 2 Girls
 - Iron River Bantam B
 - Iron River Midget B
 - Copper Country Squirt B
 - Calumet Midget BB

Treasurer Starrett was absent. Chair Wooden distributed a P&L statement. Concerning District grants, the training aids that were ordered will be delivered shortly. Ideas are requested for next year's grant money. DAL Peterson suggested intermediate-sized nets.

Secretary Milligan had no report. A sign-up sheet was circulated for attendance.

Yohe presented the Registrar's Report.

- The new registration software worked extremely well. It is being enhanced, with new features including the ability to make mailing lists and easier access to records.
- D8 is up 36 players, Michigan numbers are down slightly.
- MAHA approved split seasons midgets, who can play in the State Tournaments. Teams must have 10 games in by November. Players can compete on a MAHA midget team and also a high school team.
- Reminder that team volunteers need to complete SafeSport training and background checks. They also have to register with USA Hockey but do not need to pay a fee.
- District Council members must also complete SafeSport training.

Niemi presented the MAHA report:

- Russ Eidenburger is the new Referee in Chief.
- Yohe reported that only 10 players are allowed from out of state for each AAA program, and a new 15U AAA program was approved.

Cornock presented the Coaching Report:

- We could not get the Level 4 coaching clinic in Marquette this year. We are hoping to get one every other year, with May 2016 being the next opportunity.
- Level 1, 2 and 3 clinics are being held in Houghton and Marquette as usual.
- He needs the names and e-mails of coaching directors to cornyhockey@aol.com
- Eric Oas requested that all the referee clinics not be held on the same day.

There was no Referee Report:

District Directors presented their reports:

- Sliva attended the Girls meeting at the Winter MAHA meeting, and the Coaches meeting. He asked for better attendance at ACE meetings. He stated that MAHA wants more body contact at the squirt and pee wee levels because players are not ready for checking at the

bantam level. Need cooperation between officials and coaches about body contact penalties and training.

- Carter worked the Bantam States with Director Starrett.
- Wooden stated that Districts and States went well.

Tim McIntosh initiated a discussion about having parents on the ice for team pictures after tournaments. Parents get upset when told they can't come on, but USA Hockey policy is that no parents are allowed on the ice at any time.

District Representatives gave their reports. Two items of interest were:

- Manistique and Iron Mountain tried to have 2 6U seasons, and this approach was very successful and popular.
- Many associations are losing players to basketball and other sports.

McIntosh reported on the Bantam and Midget Festival that was held the 3rd weekend in March. It was over-full with 132 participants and was deemed a success.

There was no Women's Report.

Sliva presented the Rules Report on behalf of Starrett. Very few changes affect us. A rule was passed that makes it easier for Associations to remove coaches. MAHA is considering removing the rule requiring exemptions for less than 3 teams in a division, which would benefit D8 substantially.

Wooden presented the STAR report on behalf of Starrett. There were a lot of STAR violation reports this year, with 2 in our district.

New Business:

- There was a discussion about having coaches sign a form committing to play in the States should they qualify. An example from District 7 was circulated.

Motion (Anderson/Wood): Establish a form for coaches to sign committing to play in the States, with an opt-out option. Approved unanimously.

- Regional and District Tournament sites were selected via the approved procedures, and are attached to the end of this document, along with the bidding priorities for next year.
- The blind draw to establish Team Numbers for regional and district tournaments was held, and the results are attached to the end of this document.

The Fall District 8 Meeting time and location was agreed upon:

- Saturday, October 17, 2015
- 10:00 am
- Wawanowin Country Club, Ishpeming, MI

Meeting adjourned at 12:56 pm.

Tentative MAHA District 8 tournament sites and dates.

East Region Playdowns (Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam B)	Manistique	January 15-17, 2016
West Region Playdowns (Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam B)	Ironwood	January 15-17, 2016
Squirt B Districts	Iron Range	February 5-7, 2016
Squirt AA Districts	Calumet	February 5-7, 2016
Pee Wee B Districts	Munising	February 12-14, 2016
Pee Wee AA Districts	Marquette	February 5-7, 2016
Bantam B Districts	Manistique (hosted by TAYHA)	February 12-14, 2016
Bantam AA Districts	Marquette	February 5-7, 2016
Midget BB Districts	DAHA	February 19-21, 2016

Regional and district tournament dates will be finalized at the Fall District 8 Council Meeting on October 17, 2015.

Bidding for B District Tournaments, April 18, 2015

Association	Decision
Copper Country	Pass
Tahquamenon	Bantam B
Munising	Pee Wee B
Ontonagon	Pass
Keweenaw Bay	Pass
Iron Range	Squirt B
Ironwood	Pass
DAHA	Midgets
Manistique	
Marquette	
Escanaba	
Iron River	
Calumet	

Priority List for 2015-2016 District Tournaments

Association	Decision
Copper Country	
Ontonagon	
Keweenaw Bay	
Ironwood	
Manistique	
Marquette	
Escanaba	
Iron River	
Calumet	
DAHA	
Iron Range	
Munising	
Tahquamenon	

Blind Draw for 2015-2016 Regional and District Seeding

Held at MAHA District 8 Spring Meeting, April 18, 2015

Manistique

DAHA

Munising

Iron River

Iron Range

Calumet

Ontonagon

Marquette

Copper Country

Ironwood

Escanaba

Tahquamenon

Keweenaw Bay