

**Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League**  
**Board Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, May 10, 2017**

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Attendees: Sarah Jacobsen (Freeze, President, D6 rep), Sally Krug-Shaffer (Black Ice, Asst. Secretary, D3 rep), Tammy Callahan (Black Ice, Treasurer, D1 rep), Shellie Martin (Swarm, Asst. Treasurer, D2 rep), Angie Brayman (Black Ice, Secretary, D5 rep), Mica Reardon, Absent (Epcot Ducks, Vice President, D4 rep), Sarah Parker, Absent (Freeze D1 Rep, Ruicci Cup Coordinator), Dave & Mary Kay Sontag (D6 - Spittin' Chicklets), Melissa Vest (D6 - Spittin' Chicklets)

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President S. Jacobsen

- I. Approval of 4/12/17 minutes (Motion to approve by S. Krug-Shaffer. Seconded by A. Brayman)
  
- II. Treasurer's report (T. Callahan)
  - A. Account balance \$7,941.39
    1. Receipts for office supplies: \$38.15 & \$21.87.
    2. Re-sent \$50 check to the Ann Arbor Rockets, as it was claimed to never have been received when initially sent..
  - B. T. Callahan had difficulty with using the board's credit card online to make the Ted Lindsay foundation donation, so will send a check instead. The amount of \$150 will likely be reflected in next month's account balance
  
- III. Old Business
  - A. Update on USA Hockey Transgender policy - S. Krug-Shaffer identified and contacted Jean Laxton (MAHA girls/women's rep) in addition to USA Hockey's Katie Holmgren in hopes of getting a response and some information. S. Martin suggested we contact MAHA legal department too. S. Jacobsen will draft that letter. NWHL has a "hormone" clause, which may be a consideration to add verbatim to the handbook next season.
  
- IV. New Business
  - A. Division updates - Suggestions received about D6 options for 2017-18 Season
    1. The board would like to continue having a Division 6 and hope that more teams will be created by having new managers have a "coaching mentor" to help them learn the managerial ropes. M. Sontag and S. Jacobsen agreed to combine efforts during summer league at Royal Oak to help recruit more beginner players for a possible D6 team.
    2. Spittin' Chicklets expressed their disappointment with only having 8 sheets of ice this past season and would like to have more teams added to D6 for next season or if not, they'd be interested in playing lower ranked D5 teams.
  - B. National Players playing in the league  
Clarification from last month's minutes stating National bound teams can only play in D1 or higher. Further discussion will be had, but the board is leaning toward National levels A, B, and C will be required to play in D1 and higher, not the more "recreational" (e.g. over-50, etc) type teams.
  - C. Update on applications for board candidates (A. Brayman)  
Current board members T. Callahan and S. Parker have submitted forms to be re-elected. Board members will also continue to spread the word to managers and others who might be willing to run.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. by S. Jacobsen.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Angie Brayman, Secretary*

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Engineering Society of Detroit (Suite 450), Oakland Commons, 20700 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI