

Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, District 8 Council

Meeting Minutes, Fall 2010

October 16, 2010

Wawonowin Golf Course, Ishpeming, Michigan

Submitted by Walt Milligan, MAHA District 8 Secretary, March 23, 2011

Attendance:

MAHA	Perry Wooden, D8 Chair/Director
	Cathy Starrett, D8 Treasurer/Director
	Larry Carey, D8 Director
	Dan Zubiena, D8 Director
	Walt Milligan, D8 Secretary
	George Niemi, D8 Referee-in-Chief
	Jeff Cornock, D8 ACE Director
	Tim McIntosh, D8 Registrar
	Bill Peterson, D8 Director-at-Large
	Judy Niemi, MAHA VP of Officials
	Bob Yohe, Michigan Registrar

Calumet	Dan Zubiena
Copper Country	Walt Milligan, JoLeen Jenkins
Dickinson	Jeff Harvey
Escanaba	Jim Eastin, Frank Sliva
Iron Range	Ken Farley
Iron River	Michelle Dominici, Melissa Weston
Ironwood	Bob Heil
Keweenaw Bay	Dorie Miller
Manistique	Craig Savage
Marquette	Linda Winslow
Munising	Joe McInnis
Newberry	Ben Rahilly
Ontonagon	Jeff Rule

Chair Perry Wooden called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Motion (Zubiena/Miller): Approve minutes from the Spring 2010 meeting. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer Cathy Starrett presented her report. The District ended up \$137 in the black and the budgets look good. She will be using the same budget as last year (and the year before.)

Motion (Winslow, Zubiena): Approve Treasurer's report. Approved unanimously.

Starrett reported that there was going to be \$300-500 of grant money left. She was directed to spend all of it buying scoresheets.

Wooden thanked Cathy Starrett and Linda Winslow for updating forms, sign-up sheets, credential books, etc.

Motion (Zubiena, Rule): Allow District to pay for today's lunch. Approved unanimously.

Bob Yohe presented the USA Hockey report: Registration is up around 6,000 compared to last year, with significant growth at the 6U level; In the UP, the 8U numbers are up; Associations running learn-to-skate sessions must contact Yohe to get it sanctioned and insured – they also need a waiver of liability; USA Hockey's presentation "things to remember 2010/2011" was presented and discussed; exceptions need to be received by District Council by November 15.

Larry Carey asked Yohe if there would be a Tier 2/House girls state tournament. Yohe replied that Tier 2/House is not a real category in the books yet. Girls' national-bound teams must contact Patty Madden. Carey was advocating for a Tier 2/House state tournament in Marquette, and he encouraged people to contact MAHA to push for a girls' house/recreational level state tournament. He thought that there might be a decision at the November MAHA meeting.

ACE Director Jeff Cornock presented the timing and locations of the remaining coaching clinics and reported that Tom Kerr would present an ADM on-ice clinic on October 23 in Marquette. Director-at-Large Bill Peterson reported that MAHA was outlawing 6U full-ice games this year, and probably 8U games next year. Associations that ignore this directive will have all their teams at every level declared ineligible for the state playoffs.

VP Judy Niemi and Referee-in-Chief George Niemi discussed officiating. Referee rates in each association were compiled and discussed. The three-person ref system was discussed.

Motion (Zubiena/McInnis): 3-person rates should be forwarded to District Council prior to District playoffs. Approved unanimously.

Director-at-Large Bill Peterson reported that the new locker room policy requires at least one adult in the locker room at all times, and recommends two. Yohe commented that officially, brothers and sisters are not allowed in locker rooms, but you should use your judgment at younger ages. Peterson reminded Council that any problems that come up in the District should be brought to Chair Wooden or himself first, and no one should go directly to MAHA without starting locally at District Council. Finally, MAHA is concerned about cell phones and cameras in locker rooms, and associations should be proactive on this issue.

Linda Winslow reported on girls' hockey issues. Page 21 of the guidebook lists girls' roster exceptions, which were discussed in detail. Another discussion occurred concerning the lack of a state playoff system for girls.

There was no report concerning risk management.

Chair/Director Wooden presented his report: Affiliate agreements are due August 1; November 1 is the deadline for declarations for state playoffs; Exemptions are due November 15, but sooner is better than later.

Treasurer/Director Starrett presented her report: she attended the Rules Committee, STAR, and 1-goal committee meetings at the summer MAHA meeting; people should apply for 1-goal grants, because funds are available; Starrett is the MAHA Chairperson for the STAR program; a new STAR video is almost finished and will be online soon.

Director Carey had no report.

Director Zubiena had no report but asked if Excel spreadsheets were available for exceptions. Chair Wooden stated that they were, online at the MAHA site. Ken Farley asked if a separate form was needed for injuries, and Chair Wooden replied that a separate form was indeed required.

Association representatives reported on the state of their associations. Ice rental rates were discussed in detail. Rates vary from “we have a special deal with the city” to \$165/hour, with most rates in the \$110-\$145/hour range.

2011 Regional and District Tournament locations and dates were reviewed and given final approval:

Regional Play-Ins

<i>Region 1</i>		
Squirt B	Munising	Jan 14-16, 2011
Pee Wee B	Munising	Jan 14-16, 2011
Bantam B	Munising	Jan 14-16, 2011
<i>Region 2</i>		
Squirt B	Keweenaw Bay	Jan 14-16, 2011
Pee Wee B	Iron River	Jan 14-16, 2011
Bantam B	Keweenaw Bay	Jan 14-16, 2011

District Playoffs

Squirt B	Copper Country	Feb 18-20, 2011
Squirt A, Squirt AA	Marquette	Feb 4-6, 2011
Pee Wee B	Iron Mountain	Feb 18-20, 2011
Pee Wee A	Marquette	Feb 4-6, 2011
Pee Wee AA	Calumet	Feb 4-6, 2011
Bantam B	Marquette	Feb 4-6, 2011
Bantam A, Bantam AA	Calumet	Feb 4-6, 2011
Midget BB	Iron Range	Feb 18-20, 2011

Tim McIntosh reported that the NIHL schedule was completed and the league was up and running.

Jeff Harvey reported that the CUP League scheduling meeting would be Sunday, October 17 at 10 am at Lakeview Arena.

Each association declared teams and divisions for the state playoffs.

In the Midget BB division, 9 teams declared for states. Ontonagon and Marquette were chosen in a random drawing for a play-in game to enter the 8-team District Playoff.

Ontonagon and Marquette Midgets will be exempt from the random drawing in the future, until all other teams have rotated through the play-in game.

“Swing” teams were chosen for regional playdowns. The squirt division was the only one that met the imbalance criterion. DAHA squirts were moved to the West Regional by a coin flip.

In Old Business, it was noted that Manistique did not have a representative at the Spring 2010 District Council meeting. According to District policy, a vote of District Council could be taken to discipline the association, with the possibility of barring them from District playoffs. Walt Milligan pointed out that this policy was meant to punish repeat offenders, and that this was an honest mistake.

Motion (Milligan/Zubiena): Manistique shall not be disciplined for missing the Spring 2010 District Council meeting. Approved unanimously.

It was noted that all four MAHA D8 Director’s terms expire at the end of the Summer 2011 MAHA meeting. Based on the MAHA constitution, it was determined that Secretary Walt Milligan would solicit nominees for the four Director positions with a deadline of January 15.

A long discussion concerning team credential books occurred. It was agreed that every credential book for every team in every association must be pre-screened and approved by the Association District Council Representative prior to January 8.

A discussion about having a District Cell Phone and Camera Policy ensued. Some thought that each association should develop its own policies, while others felt that policies already exist from USA Hockey or MAHA.

Motion (Farley/Starrett): Cell phones shall not be used in any District 8 locker room. Approved on a 9-6 vote.

Issues and rules changes from MAHA meetings were discussed, including:

- Addition of a Girls’ Tier 2/Recreational Hockey Division
- Elimination of Squirt AAA Minor this year and Squirt AAA Major next year
- Mandated cross-ice for 6U players this year, with a maximum of 2 tournaments and 20 games combined per season
- Girls rostered on a girls’ team can be dual-rostered on a youth team for up to 20 games/year
- Youth players can practice with high school teams indefinitely
- Head coach will be suspended for 1 year if his or her team plays in an unsanctioned tournament

- MAHA instituted a mandatory 4-hour rest between games, with an exception for District 7 and District 8. If our teams play outside District 7 or 8, the 4-hour rule can be waived with the approval of the Directors of both districts
- All District Tournaments must be scheduled and completed by the third weekend in February
- Rule change proposals are due December 15

It was proposed and agreed that the District 8 Spring 2011 Meeting would occur at the Wawonowin Golf Course, Ishpeming, Michigan, on Saturday April 16, 2011, at 10:00 am.

Motion to adjourn (Farley/Carey). Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.