

Soo Michigan Hockey Association Board Minutes
February 25, 2013
Hospitality Room @ Big Bear Arena

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Jim Price at 5:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Stan Shunk, Tim Andrews, Kevin Goetz, Diane Maleport, Nancy Robinson, Jim Price, Cheyenne Holappa, Deb MacInnis, Shannon Bosley, Carolyn MacArthur, Kevin Robinson, Doug Goudreau

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Diane Maleport second by Tim Andrews. All approved.

BOD AVAILABLE POSITIONS

Diane's husband is making a ballot box for the association to have. Nancy will run off list of hockey players. There will be 2 parental votes per player. Parent has to be in attendance of banquet to vote. Diane will make and print up the ballots. Kevin G. along with Tim will attend all banquets to hand out the ballots and bring the ballot box with them. Voting is done only at the banquets. Votes will be counted at the next board meeting by the President and Treasurer.

- a. Vice President has 2 opponents, Travel Director has 2 opponents, and Bantam/Midget Director has 2 opponents.
- b. Secretary, Squirt/Pee Wee Director, HIP/Mite Director, and Ice Scheduler are all unopposed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND OLD BUSINESS

1. LSSU closed Norris Center for weather conditions and cancelled a hockey game. The referees and timekeepers still want to be paid since it was less than 24 hour notice.
 - a. Motion was made by Carolyn MacArthur that SMHA will cover the cost instead of the team. Second by Diane Maleport. All approved.
 - b. A policy needs to be written to state that SMHA will not pay for the referees and timekeeper if the facility closes.
2. Coach for Bantam AA still has not done background check. Pay him for coaching? 8 No votes, Kevin Goetz and Shannon Bosley voting yes.
3. Banquets. List was handed out with dates, times and locations. Budget is \$100 per team. Voted to have certificates and medals only for the younger levels.
4. Mike Kaunisto came to talk to the Board about the Soo Indians AAA hockey team. He has heard rumors they may be denied being in the district. If so, wondered if they could come under the SMHA umbrella. It's in the early stages, but board expressed they didn't see any problems if it needs to happen. He is attending MAHAfest in May so will have more information after that.

BOARD REPORTS

1. President: If any Canadian bills are outstanding they are to be paid as soon as possible.

2. Vice President: Wants to replace jerseys now instead of the fall so they'll be ready to go. Replace Bantam travel jerseys. Also have one good jersey for the house teams and a cheaper one for the player's to keep. By-Law Committee met and biggest problem is the procedure for amending the by-laws. March is the only time to request and get a change made. The committee will be submitting a new proposal on being able to change through out the year.
****The Vice President would like it added that the jersey decision was voted on at a previous board meeting****
3. Secretary: Email minutes to board members before the meeting so they can read through them and submit any corrections beforehand. Put an ad in the Evening News for coaching application for the 2013-14 hockey season. Kevin G. will send info of what he wants it to state.
4. Treasurer: Handed out the financial statement for the month.
5. Registrar: Will have an early registration option. Pay \$100 deposit by April 1, 2013 and guarantee the lowest rate for the player's division. Board will be required to approve any refund requests. Will make up letter to hand out at the banquets. Will have a payment plan from June 1st until October 1st. Will have it in writing this year as last year didn't have a specific ending date. Wants evaluation skates in September so she can do rosters before practice starts. She also will need a list of all the first games teams are playing to turn into District 7. Diane will get those for her.
6. Ice Scheduler: Gave report on how many games each division/team has played and amount of ice used. The teams that are under ice time can continue to have practices until March 20. One team is over in games and needs to reimburse the association for referee and timekeepers.
7. HIP/Mite Director: Full ice games possible after March 1st until beginning of new season. Would like to utilize Kaines more next year for the U-8 division. Try to get a roster for the Hospice tournament for next weekend but may interfere with their Jamboree rosters.
8. Squirt/Pee Wee Director: Will be attending her division banquets.
9. Bantam/Midget Director: Will be attending her division banquets.
10. ACE Director: Some coach applications are in. The selection committee will consist of himself, vice president, division director, and travel director. Voted on division teams for next year based on projected numbers. Goalie rule in effect for all divisions with travel teams. Plan on having tryouts week before Mother's Day in May if coaches are selected.
 - a. Squirts projected to have 51 players so voted to have one travel team with 14-16 players and 2 house teams. Motion by Diane, second by Doug. All approved.
 - b. Pee Wees projected to have 50 players so voted to have one travel team with 15-17 players and 2 house teams. Motion by Diane, second by Deb. Approved 9-1 with Tim Andrews voting no.
 - c. Bantams projected to have 40 players so voted to have one travel team with 16-18 players and 2 house teams. Motion by Kevin G., second by Debbie. Approved 6-3, Kevin R., Tim Andrews and Carolyn voting no.
 - d. Midgets projected to have 61 players so voted to have a JV, BB, and B team. All players have to be in high school **and** meet the age requirement. Motion made by Diane, second by Shannon. All approved.
5. Travel Director: Nothing

6. Tournament Director: Chuck is missing payment from one team. Need to get with him to see which team. Also need to send roster list & money to MAHA.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter made by Carolyn MacArthur second by Doug Goudreau. . Motion to adjourn made by Tim Andrews, second by Doug Goudreau. Board voted to have a letter sent to three SHMA hockey players.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roger Parr asked if coaching applications were to be done each year. The answer was no that they will be kept on file. He commended the board on doing the application process. He is going to be attending the ADM High Performance and wants every association board member to sit through a USA Hockey training session. The board fully supports him in this recommendation.

A coach mentioned he and other coaches have not been paid for coaching clinic they attended. Tim Andrews will look into it.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Tim Andrews and second by Shannon Bosley at 9:10 p.m.
All approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheyenne Holappa
Secretary