



2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS (Judy Niemi: D-8 Chair)**

The following guests were introduced and welcomed to D-8's meeting:

Grant Helms: MAHA Treasurer and Risk Manager

Russ Ballard: Chairman, MAHA District 7

3. **MINUTES/NOTES OF PAST MEETING - 4/24/04 (Judy Niemi: D-8 Chair & Membership)**

**MOTION: Martinson, SECONDED: Sim, VOTE: APPROVED** Secretary's Minutes/Notes of previous meeting held 4/24/04 at Lakeside Inn, Baraga, MI. (Reports previously mailed to membership and copies also available at this meeting.)

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT (Ward Johnsen: Treasurer)**

(a) Treasurer Johnsen reported on D-8's financial activity and status of its account which is also included in **ATTACHMENTS (A), (B) & (C)**. **MOTION: Zubiena, SECONDED: McIntoch, VOTE: Approved** the Treasurer's Report.

(b) In view of D-8's financial solvency, Treasurer Johnsen recommended continuation of the past season's membership dues rate for the 2004-05 season.

**MOTION: Zubiena, SECONDED: McIntosh, VOTE: Approved** D-8's member association dues for the 2004-05 season be continued at \$1.00 per registered player with maximum payment limited to \$348.00.

5. **REGISTRAR'S REPORT (Ralph Bamert: Michigan District Registrar)**

(a) Basic requirement for any legal team is possession of certified copies of their Team Roster Form (1-T) and their Team Registration Form (2-T).

(b) Official team game counts commence only on the certification dates on their 1-T and 2-T forms.

(c) At this time during 2003-04 season, 150 teams had registered. For this 2004-05 season, only 33 registrations have been recorded to date. Associations and their registrars should handle this requirement more efficiently.

(d) In an effort to promote better hockey, Minnesota's HEP (Hockey Education Program) is instituting the following:

WIN = 2 pts, TIE = 1 pt, LESS THAN 12 PENALTY MINUTES = 1 extra point.

6. **RISK MANAGER'S REPORT (Grant Helms: MAHA Treasurer & Risk Manager)**

(a) D & O Liability Insurance through MAHA is now available to all MAHA registered associations and independent teams. Rate is \$15.00 per registered team. Individual adults assisting with an associations hockey program may also enroll. D & O Liability Insurance is also available to hockey leagues at rate of \$15.00 per member association. The basic D & O Liability Insurance does not cover crimes - may be available later. Risk Manager Helms may be contacted for assistance in obtaining insurance and in filing injury claims:

Grant Helms Phone: 989-631-4507 (e) risk.manager@chartermi.net

(b) Associations which have written leases/rental contracts with arena/facility owners may forward such documents to Risk Manager Helms for review to ensure all parties are equitably covered. Model rental agreements are included in the 2004-2005 USAH Summary of Insurance Coverages For Members.

(c) Associate Risk Manager for the U.P. is:

Nick Gualazzi, 107 Pineview, Marquette, MI 49855

Phone: 906-486-4478 (e) nickgualazzi.bOri@statefarm.com

7. DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE REPORT (Bill Peterson: DAL 7 & 8)

DAL Peterson may be contacted if any D-8 problems cannot be resolved:

Bill Peterson, 2379 Lake Winyah, Alpena, MI 49707

(H) 989-356-6264 (F) 989-354-2005 (e) peterso@freeway.net

8. DISTRICT 8 REPORTS (Membership)

- (a) CALUMET - Council Member Zubiena: Registration numbers constant. Local millage passed resulting in Township ownership of Calumet Armory/hockey arena. MANG presently drilling in Baraga and CHA can utilize Armory's ice all weekends per month.
- (b) COPPER COUNTRY - Council Member Niemi: Registration numbers increased. Have a Girls 12U team this season.
- (c) DICKINSON COUNTY - Council Member Martinson: DAHA program running well. Will not have a Midget team this season.
- (d) ESCANABA - Council Member Holmio: Registration numbers down this season - 311 players to date. Unchanged ice rental rates enabled registration fees to remain unchanged from last season. IP X-ice program doing well.
- (e) IRON RANGE - Council Member Wooden: Registration numbers constant.
- (f) IRON RIVER - Council Member Fuller: Registration numbers increasing; competing with area basketball programs. Locker rooms are now heated and new Zamboni is on order.
- (g) IRONWOOD - Council Member Sim: Registration numbers constant. Passed millage will enable cost of new ice system to be paid off.
- (h) KEWEENAW BAY - Council Member C. Johnson: Former KBHA president Paul Stark has returned to serve as KBHA's president. Registration numbers remain constant.
- (i) MANISTIQUE - Council Member McClelland: Rebuilding of hockey program continuing. Little Bear West Arena has rental ice available; contact Judie Zerilli for information: (H) 906-341-6853 or (W) 906-341-3863.
- (j) MARQUETTE - Council Member McIntosh: Drop in local school enrollment numbers is reflected in hockey registration numbers. Marquette will host Midget A playoffs on 12-13 ~~Jan~~ <sup>Feb</sup> 2005.
- (k) MUNISING - Council Member Steinhoff: Registration numbers constant. However, IP numbers down from 25 to 10. May begin a Learn-to-Skate program in Jan 2005.
- (l) NEWBERRY - Council Member Hubbard: Work continuing on facility building program. No practice for Midgets yet since most are on Newberry's H.S. football team.
- (m) ONTONAGON - Council Member Rockis: Registration numbers down to approximately 50 players. Much competition between hockey and Ontonagon H.S. basketball program

9. COACHING EDUCATION PROGRAM REPORT (Ward Johnsen: CIC D-7 & 8)

- (a) ACE Director for D-8: Ed Kattelus, 602 W. Ewards Ave, Houghton, MI 49931  
Phone: 906-482-5441
- (b) ACE program information flow:- Jack Witt (MAHA CEP Director)
  - Ward Johnsen (MAHA CIC D-7 & 8)
  - Ed Kattelus (MAHA ACE Director D-8)
  - Association ACE Directors in D-8
  - Association Coaches: contact your association  
ACE Directors first.

9. COACHING EDUCATION PROGRAM REPORT continued

- (c) Last Coaching Clinic for 2004-05 season scheduled for 5 Dec 2004 at MTU, Houghton. Covers Levels II & III; Clinics commence 8:30 AM EST. Associations should notify CIC Johnsen of numbers scheduled to attend.
- (d) Coaching Waiver Requests must be submitted to D-8 Chair Niemi since said Waivers require D-8 Council approval.

10. INITIATION PROGRAM REPORT (Ed Kattelus:D-8 IP Director)

IP Director Kattelus absent. Send CIC Johnsen names of any coaches willing to participate in Coaching/IP Clinics.

11. OFFICIATING REPORT (Bob Yohe: MAHA VP Officiating & Sean Jacques: Officials Sup U.P.)

(a) VP YOHE:

- (1) MAHA working to solve problems re: unnecessary delays in paying referees for their services at state tournaments. May institute system of paying referees at conclusion of game.
- (2) Have been 3 cases of attacks on referees; probable will go to MAHA.
- (3) New STAR Program video developed ~~this past~~<sup>next</sup> summer. Associations should ensure all players/coaches/parents view same. See MAHA web site for ordering procedure (www.maha.org).
- (4) Referees may be mandated to clean up their acts and call penalties close since NHL may be idle for remainder of season.

Secretary's personal note: This is an opportunity for coaches and referees to stress the proper conduct of the game of hockey without the questionable influence of pro-style play and the relaxed playing rules allowed by that division's officials.

(b) Supvr. Jacques:

- (1) To date, 2 Officiating Seminars held in D-8:  
12 Sept 2004 - MTU Houghton: 102 participants  
19 Sept 2004 - Lakeview, Marquette: 125 participants  
Make-up Seminar scheduled for Copper Country. **SEE ATTACHMENT (D).**
- (2) New playoff pay proposal presented. **SEE ATTACHMENT (E). MOTION: Giachino, SECONDED: Steinhoff, VOTE: APPROVED** new district playoffs pay schedule.
- (3) **SEE ATTACHMENT (F):** USAH Officiating Program - U.P. Staff.

12. BLOCK GRANTS REPORT (Ward Johnsen: D-8 Treasurer)

- (a) Previous block grants used to complete two projects: Training materials based at Houghton Co. Arena in Hancock and D-8 handbook/procedures manual.
- (b) VP Yohe advised D-8 could set up it's own web site at no cost. Director Starrett will pursue this opportunity.
- (c) D-8's Block Grant Committee: Cathy Starrett- Chair, Judy Niemi, Tina Martinson and Ron Rockis members. Council Member Linda Winslow (Marquette) is working up a block grant proposal for D-8.

13. WOMEN'S HOCKEY (Judy Niemi: D-8 Chair & Membership)

Constant recruitment needed to maintain growth of this program. Current MAHA Women's Director Bob Steele leaving 1 Feb 2005. Interested and qualified applicants should submit applications and their qualifications to MAHA.

14. NIHL REPORT (Tim McIntosh: USAH D-8 Associate Registrar)

No representation by an NIHL official. Since NIHL functions under control of MAHA/USAH, an officer of that league should be available to report on it's activities or at least provide a written report of same.

15. CUPHL REPORT (Aarne A. Holmio: Secretary, CUPHL)

- (a) Central U.P. Hockey League founded 1989 and incorporated in a non-profit status in 2004. League D & O Liability Insurance has been applied for through MAHA's risk management services. Newberry accepted into CUPHL membership in 2004; now all of D-8's 13 recognized associations hold membership in CUPHL.
- (b) CUPHL's scheduling meeting held 10/17/04 at Lakeview Arena, Marquette. Composition of CUPHL for 2004-05 season is as follows: Squirt B teams:15; PeeWee B teams: 11; Bantam B teams: 15; Midget BB/B teams: 10. All divisions are divided into 2 sub-divisions, and each team plays a 4-game series against the other teams in it's sub-division (2 Home & 2 Away). Some member associations do not enter their Squirt and PeeWee level teams into CUPHL competition for various reasons (sufficient participation in local area play, parental objection to the travel necessary, etc.

16. OLD BUSINESS (Judy Niemi: D-8 Chair & Membership)

- (a) PLAYOFF SCHEDULE: REGIONAL & DISTRICT:  
Schedules were reviewed and revised as necessary. **SEE ATTACHMENT (G).**
- (b) SPECIAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS RE: MIDGET PLAYOFFS:  
Committee recommendations were reviewed and changes agreed upon. **MOTION: Zubiena, SECONDED: Rockis, VOTE: Approved** the following playoff procedures as applicable only to the Midget-BB classification:
  - (1) When an association has multiple Midget-BB teams, it is that association's sole right to determine which of it's multiple teams will be entered into District Playoffs. Usually, this is accomplished by in-house play, or comparison of such teams' league play records, etc.
  - (2) Midget-BB D-8 Playoffs are limited to a maximum of 8 teams.
  - (3) When 8 separate associations each have one declared Midget-BB team, all such eligible teams will be entered into D-8 Playoffs.
  - (4) When more than 8 separate associations have declared Midget-BB teams, the number of entries into D-8's Midget-BB Playoffs must be reduced to 8 teams. This will be accomplished as follows:
    - \* The names of each association with a declared Midget-BB team will be placed into a container.
    - \* If there are 9 teams involved, then 2 names will be drawn by a non-involved D-8 representative. These two association teams will play off, with loser being eliminated and winner entering Midget-BB D-8 Playoffs.
    - \* If there are 10 teams involved, then 3 names will be drawn. These 3 teams will play off with 2 losers being eliminated and winner entering Playoffs.
    - \* The same procedure will apply when 11, 12, etc. teams are involved : 4, 5, etc. names being drawn for elimination games.
    - \* Associations participating in such drawings will be exempt from further necessary yearly drawings until all D-8 associations with eligible Midget BB teams have participated. Then the cycle will recommence when necessary.
    - \* D-8 Secretary's Minutes of meetings will include records of such drawings and participant associations.

16. OLD BUSINESS continued

- (b) (5) **MOTION: Martinson, SECONDED: O'Neill, VOTE: Approved** until D-8's spring meeting the Special Committee's recommendations for other divisions.
- (c) BANTAM-MIDGET FESTIVAL:
- (1) Squirt-B State Playoffs in Ironwood and Bantam-Midget Festival in Marquette are both scheduled for 3rd weekend of March 2005. This may result in a shortage of Referees.
  - (2) Festival Director McIntosh needs assistance in handling misinformed loud parents who accuse him of determining which players participate in Festivals and then advance to the advanced Camps. Associations should do a better job educating their players' parents in order to eliminate such stupid assumptions and accusations. Associations must remember that Festivals are not training schools or hockey camps where participants are taught hockey skills and counseled on their strengths/weaknesses. Festival participants are assumed to be well-skilled and motivated, and are rated by highly experienced coaches as to their performance, and also in comparison to other participants. Ideally, it becomes a matter of "the best" competing against "the best". Not many are selected to attend advanced camps.
  - (3) Michigan participants at advanced Camps will no longer be formed into a "Team Michigan" since these Camps have many participants from other states.
  - (4) Registrar Bammert reported that several Festival participants received ratings of "C", indicating they should not have been sponsored for attendance by their home associations.

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LUNCH BREAK 12:36PM - 1:35PM. **MOTION: MARTINSON, SECONDED: SIM, VOTE: APPROVED** that D-8 cover the \_\_\_\_\_

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17. NEW BUSINESS (Judy Niemi: D-8 Chair & Membership)

- (a) 2005 SPRING MEETING:  
**MOTION: Zubiena, SECONDED: C. Johnson, VOTE: Approved** D-8's spring meeting to be held Sat - 30 April 2005 at Ojibwa Casino, M-38 West, Baraga, MI, commencing 10:00 AM EST. Council Members Zubiena and C. Johnson will handle arrangements.
- (b) DECLARATION OF TEAM ENTRIES INTO D-8 PLAYOFFS:  
**SEE ATTACHMENT (H).**
- (c) WAIVER REQUESTS:  
Waiver Requests were submitted to D-8 Chair Niemi. **MOTION: Martinson, SECONDED: Wooden, VOTE: Approved** association Waiver Requests.  
NOTE: Coaching Waiver Requests must be submitted to D-8 Council for action prior to 12/31/04.
- (d) RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS:  
None.
- (e) DIRECTORSHIP NOMINATIONS:  
Procedure was explained. Notices had been previously mailed out, were available at this meeting and will again be mailed out after meeting.
- (f) ENTRY FEES - REGIONAL & DISTRICT PLAYOFFS:
- (1) There is no specific D-8 policy governing entry fees into Region I & II Playoffs. Rule of thumb in this matter appears to be that host association costs are apportioned among the Regional Playoff's entered teams. In the

17. NEW BUSINESS continued

(f) ENTRY FEES - REGIONAL & DISTRICT PLAYOFFS - continued:

past, some complaints were made of Regional Playoff hosts charging excessive entry fees. These should be kept at an acceptable minimum and are usually based on actual costs. Thus far, D-8's membership has found it unnecessary to consider setting a maximum allowable entry fee for such.

(2) **MOTION: Zubiena, SECONDED: Martinson, VOTE: Approved** increasing all D-8 District Playoff entry fees by \$50.00. Therefore, new rates are as follows:  
Squirts: \$350    PeeWees: \$350    Bantams: \$400    Midgets: \$450

(3) **MOTION: Rockis, SECONDED: Steinhoff, VOTE: Approved** continuance of D-8 policy allowing playoff host associations to charge a maximum gate fee of \$150 per participating team, in lieu of any spectator admission fees. If playoff host opts to charge a reasonable admission fee per spectator, then gate fees are not allowed. Basically, one or the other, but not both.

(4) A separate resume of D-8's playoff fees/requirements/etc will be prepared and forwarded later to the membership.

(g) D-8 MIDGET-A PLAYOFFS:

Marquette will host this district's Midget-A playoffs on Sat, 12 Feb 2005, with games scheduled at 3:30 PM and 8:30 PM. If needed, championship game is scheduled for Sun, 13 Feb 2005, at 10:30 AM.

(h) D-8 MIDGET-B PLAYOFFS:

None required; Escanaba has the only D-8 Midget-B entry.

(i) D-8 MIDGET-BB PLAYOFFS:

8 associations have declared entries into D-8's Midget-BB playoffs in Escanaba.

(j) D-8 SQUIRT DIVISION STATE PLAYOFFS:

(1) Will be hosted by D-8 this 2004-05 season:

Squirt-B: Ironwood    Squirt-A: Calumet    Squirt-AA: Marquette

(2) Ironwood is an automatic entry into Squirt-B State Playoffs since they are hosting same. However, Ironwood has opted not to enter it's team into the D-8 playoffs which are being hosted by Ontonagon.

(k) MIDGET DIVISION STATE PLAYOFFS IN 2005-06 SEASON:

As per current MAHA Guide Rule XIII, D-8 is scheduled to host Midget Division State Playoffs in 2006. Nominations to host any Midget Division classification playoffs in 2006 should be forwarded to D-8 Chair Judy Niemi.

18. HANDOUTS AVAILABLE AT THIS MEETING

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| (a) Previous meeting report- 04/24/04      | (g) D-8 Summary of Entries by Ass's forms              |
| (b) Current meeting notices & agendas      | (h) D-8 Directorships Info notices                     |
| (c) MAHA Background Screening Applications | (i) D-8 List of association schedulers                 |
| (d) D-8 Coaching Waiver Request forms      | (j) D-8 Committee Rpt. re: Playoffs                    |
| (e) D-8 Request For Execptions forms       | (k) CUPHL Midget Teams: 1994-2004                      |
| (f) D-8 Playoff Entry Declaration forms    | (l) D-8 Midget-BB Playoff Penalties Report: 2002-03-04 |

19. ADJOURNMENT (Membership)

**MOTION: McIntosh, SECONDED: Martinson, VOTE: Approved** adjournment of meeting at 2:42 PM EST.

*A.A. Holmes*