

Soo Michigan Hockey Association Board Meeting

August 31st, 2020

Telecommunication/televideo conference call due to Covid-19

5:34pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** 5:34PM
2. **ROLL CALL-** Jeremy, Mark, Stan, Tim, Renee, Brenda, Dan, Cheyenne and Diane all present. Motion by Cheyenne to excuse Travis and Joe. Motion 2nd by Dan. All approved, motion carries. (excused absence)
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA-** Motion by to approve agenda by Tim, 2nd by Mark, motion passes.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** Motion by Tim to approve with the correction of wording on 600 dollars a team in public comment being taken out and name change from Diane to Cheyenne on refunding. 2nd by Mark, none opposed motion carries.
5. **DIRECTOR REPORTS-**

A. President- MAHA meeting Jeremy attached meeting minutes. Jeremy will be attending another state wide MAHA meeting this Wednesday night.

MAHA meeting topics reviewed included:

- Associations need to complete their agreement.
- 12 point excellence reviewed.
- Reviewed coaching clinic and temp cards. All classes are virtual this year.
- Official update- Safe sport training needs to be completed by all 2003 players and older, official Board members need to register with USA hockey and forward their volunteer number to Diane.
- State tournament hosting and districts application turned in . District commitments online forms need to be filled out online by the head coach and turned in by November 1st. Diane will print forms and put in the coaches folder along with the coaches completing the form online.
- Play down games, minimum game counts due before Districts. 4 hour rule waiver.
- Team rosters due by November 15th , completed.
- Send Stan the contact information for Shane Nelson about jamboree dates .
- Player financial policy reviewed.
- Scholarship update, trying to get some money for covid relief.
- Draft skates contact Shane or Matt in the future.

B. Vice-president-

- 1.) Equipment update: All equipment is still out. We will need to figure out who wants to keep it for this year.
- 2.) Mark put his resume in for District 7 to represent SMHA. October first it will be final.
- 3.) Every rink will have different rules for players' water bottles this year..
- 4.) Update on fundraiser softball tournament: Would like to get a flyer out but waiting to hear back from the city on if September 19th will work. So far we have 2 women's teams and 3 men's teams signed up. Would like to get 4-5 women's teams and

6-8 men's teams. We will need volunteers for small things. Diane questions if we can sell alcohol and will check to see if we can use 1 of the 12 yearly licenses for fundraising.

C. Treasurer-

- 1.) Financial updates: Cheyenne emailed the board the financials for this month.
- 2.) Diane has not heard anything from the Indians or registered anyone yet.
- 3.) New this year, \$300 sponsorship from the Dairy Queen.

D. Secretary- nothing at this time.

E. Coaching Director- Dan questions what the plan is if a player was to get hurt without parents being allowed in the building. Jeremy will send a letter to Tammy asking information on this topic. Dan will discuss with the coaches so they can prepare a readiness plan.

F. Travel Director- AA tryout set. Diane and Cheyene will be there. Players get dressed in the parking lot. No dressing rooms.

G. Tournament Director- Renee and Diane will get together on the Adray league play offs date for the squirts and pee wees. It needs turned in before September 13th. 8 teams per division. Jeremy recommends advertising for Cabin Fever which is usually the 3rd weekend of January. Wait to see if changes need made because of covid regions. Possibly need to fill out a covid form for going back and forth between regions.

H. Bantam/Midget Director-Excused absence .

I. S squirt/Pee Wee Director- Tim updates on Adray:

- 1.) Coaches need to sign a commitment form to commit into play offs by October 1st. Adray scheduling is at the Gaylord rink October 1st. Team league fees will be due at this time also. (\$185.00 per team.)
- 2.)Adray is working with the High School coaches on having a Midget AA team in case there is not High School hockey.
- 3.) We should advertise that sign up for Midget Hockey is open and can get refunded according to (pro-rated refund policy) if they make the High School team.

J. Hip/Mite Director-

- 1.) Cheyenne will send a list to Stan and Tim of who is registered for U6-U8 so they can start looking for help. Stan would also like a list of who still has rental equipment.
2. We don't need to decide on Kaine's Klassic as of yet.
- 3.) Questions on HIP if parents aren't allowed in the Big Bear. Ask Tammy if one parent can come in for the HIP, U6-U8 level,
- 4.) Questions on jerseys but we have not been able to get into the equipment room. We should probably keep what we have for one more year.

K. ICE SCHEDULER- The Pullar opens October 6th and is the only rink that we can schedule at right now.

- 1.) Diane has ice secured at the Pullar on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Bantam AA and Bantam house. All games that Bantam AA have asked to be scheduled are scheduled.

- 2.) Some Squirt AA are Scheduled at the Pullar.
- 3.) Tammy will let Diane know about big bear ice before travel travel tryouts .
- 4.) Diane has Squirts and Pee Wee AA scheduled at the Norris Center but unsure of the days.

6. OLD BUSINESS-

A.) Brenda will redistribute the fair/equal playing time policy for review at the next meeting.

B.) Reimbursement of refs for classes, much needed.

7. NEW BUSINESS-

A) Received a request from Jason Hoonstra for his son to move up from 12 U AA to 14 U AA and attend the 14 U AA tryouts. The board states that we can only move a player up unless it is "needed" example: not enough players in that age group. Motion to deny this particular goalie to move up from 12 U AA to 14 U AA by Tim 2nd by Cheyene, all in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

B) Request for Tavyn Pratt from the Sault to practice all season with the 14 U AA team since we do not offer an all female team in the Sault. She plays downstate in Lansing on an all female team but they are not practicing due to covid.

Jeremy calculated that the fee will be \$423.00 for her to practice, as that is what the other AA players pay.

The board will vote over email after Diane finds out if the player can be on the ice with the AA team if she is not on the AA roster.

8.PUBLIC COMMENT- Damon wants to make the community aware that the U16-U18 AAA teams are coming up the weekend of Sept 12th-14th. Detroit teams are looking for ice. Damon would like to make the community partner aware for the following years and make this a yearly event. Damon will let Zeke know that we can post a flyer for advertisement..

9.ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn at 6:37 by Jeremy. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting September 28th @ 5:30pm via zoom.