

Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, District 8 Council

Meeting Minutes, Spring 2022

April 23, 2022

River Rock Lanes and Banquet Center, Ishpeming, Michigan

Submitted by Walt Milligan, D8 Secretary, October 18, 2022

Attendance:

MAHA

Al Wakeham, D8 Chair
Phil Berger, D8 Director
Scott Cambensey, D8 Director
Steve LaCourt, D8 Director
Kitti Loukus, D8 Director
Perry Wooden, D8 Director

Eric Froberg, D8 Referee in Chief
Michele LaCourt, D8 Registrar
Walt Milligan, D8 Secretary
Dan Zubiena, D8 Treasurer

Judy Niemi, MAHA VP of Officials

Calumet	Dan Zubiena
Copper Country	Colleen Magra
Dickinson	Jennifer Spreen
Escanaba	<i>No Representative</i>
Iron Range	Matt Heinzl
Iron River	Tina Brunswick, Kaycee Johnson
Ironwood	Jason White
Keweenaw Bay	Dustin Lindemann
Manistique	Nick Bosanic, Dale LaFoille
Marquette	Kasha Nevenhaven
Munising	Amy Westcomb
Ontonagon	<i>No Representative</i>
Sled Hockey UP	<i>No Representative</i>
Tahquamenon	<i>No Representative</i>

Meeting called to order by Chair Al Wakeham at 10:10 am.

A moment of silence was observed for Dave Wiitanen.

Introductions were made.

Motion (Bosanic/Zubiena): Approve minutes from the Fall 2021 meeting. Approved unanimously.

Wakeham presented the Chairperson's Report:

- The District did well in State Tournaments.
 - 8U Marquette Girls – State Semi-finals
 - 8U Marquette Red – State Runners-Up
 - 10U B Escanaba Nicolet Bank – State Champion
 - 12U B Escanaba UP Ophthalmology Associates – State Champion
 - 12U AA Copper Country Pat's Foods – State Champion
 - 14U B Escanaba Edwards Collision – State Champion
 - 14U AA Marquette American Legion – State Runners-Up
 - 18U BB Marquette Main Street Pizza – State Champion

There was no Secretary's Report.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Michelle LaCourt (Registrar) reminded everyone that all coaches need to be on a roster.

Mike Sands was absent so there was no Coaching Report.

Mike Froberg presented the Officiating Report.

- We need support for officials. We need to have courtesy and respect.
- We had a good year. All 3 state tournaments went well.
- Numbers of active officials continue to be challenging.
- VP Niemi stated that it was a tough year. Everybody helped out and she was proud of the staff. Negaunee paus for first-time officials' gear via "Project Zebra" that is funded by their Foundation.

District Directors presented their reports.

- State Tournaments went well.
- Discussion of need to have complete rosters, and the fact that you cannot play a game without 2 certified officials.

Association Representatives discussed their years.

The Player Development Festival for Districts 7 and 8 was scheduled for Marquette. There seemed to be a lack of communication about whether it was full or not. The District should do more to advertise the Camps and get players to attend.

A discussion occurred about girls/women hockey. UP needs more players. Scott Cambensy stated that we need more District-level collaboration to get girls' recreational and travel teams.

CUP League season went well.

Rules Report, voting at Summer Meeting:

- Proposal to take away maximum number of 2nd year players.
- Proposal to final move votes from Summer meeting to Winter meeting.

A discussion occurred about the D8 District Tournament tie-breaker rules posted in the District 8 Tournament Handbook, which are inconsistent with the MAHA tournament rules.

- **Motion (S. LaCourt/Cambensy): Modify District Tournament Tiebreaker to be consistent with MAHA District and State Tournament Guide Book. Approved unanimously.**

Loukus discussed Safe Sport and STAR. There were about 10 cases in the District last year. Safe Sport training has to be completed every 12 months. The renewal takes about 15 minutes. It was emphasized that we need to get all new volunteers registered with USA Hockey and Safe Sport ASAP, and get their background checks.

It was pointed out that some District Tournaments had an issue with AA games from the same association overlapping, which is not ideal.

- **Motion (Cambensy/S. LaCourt): Ensure that AA games involving the same association do not overlap at District Tournaments. Approved unanimously.**

There was a reminder that Association Drafts need to be monitored by a District Director. The Blind Draw for District Tournament placement was held, and the results are attached. Tentative sites and dates for Regional and District tournaments were determined, and are attached.

It was discussed that JK Trophies in L'Anse worked well.

- **Motion (Cambensy/Wooden): Continue with JK Trophies. Approved unanimously.**

The District 8 Fall Meeting was scheduled for October 22, 2022.

Motion (Bosonic/Heinzel): Adjourn. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Blind Draw for 2022-2023 Regional and District Seeding

Held at MAHA District 8 Spring Meeting, April 23, 2022

Dickinson Amateur Hockey Association

Marquette Junior Hockey Corp

Munising Hockey Association

Copper Country Junior Hockey Association

Calumet Hockey Association

Tahquamenon Area Hockey

Iron Amateur Hockey Association

Escanaba Area Junior Hockey

Ontonagon Amateur Hockey Association

Ironwood Polar Bear Youth Hockey

Iron Range Hockey Association

Keweenaw Bay Hockey Association

Manistique Hockey Assn

Bidding for State Tournaments, May 18, 2021

No scheduled State Tournaments in District 8 this year.

Association	Tournament
DAHA	
Keweenaw Bay	
Ontonagon	
Manistique	
Tahquamenon	
Copper Country	14U AA
Ironwood	14U B
Munising	
Escanaba	
Iron River	
Marquette	14 U A
Calumet	
Iron Range	

Priority List for next time.

Association	Tournament
DAHA	
Keweenaw Bay	
Ontonagon	
Manistique	
Tahquamenon	
Munising	
Escanaba	
Iron River	
Calumet	
Iron Range	
Marquette	
Ironwood	
Copper Country	

If Marquette gives the 14U A tournament back to the State, they will regain their original position in line for next time.

Bidding for District Tournaments, April 23, 2022

Association	Tournament
Ontonagon	
Calumet	
DAHA	14U February 10-12
Keweenaw Bay	10U February 3-5
Munising	12U February 10-12
Iron River	
Tahquamenon	
Ironwood	
Copper country	
Marquette	
Iron Range	
Manistique	
Escanaba	

Priority list for next time

Association	Tournament
Ontonagon	
Calumet	
Iron River	
Tahquamenon	
Ironwood	
Copper country	
Marquette	
Iron Range	
Manistique	
Escanaba	
Munising	
Keweenaw Bay	
DAHA	

Rotation for AA District Tournaments, April 23, 2022

Association	Result
Copper Country	AA – February 3-5
Calumet	
Marquette	

Priority list for next time

Association	Result
Calumet	
Marquette	
Copper Country	

Bidding for Regional Tournaments, April 23, 2022

Association	Tournament
DAHA	
Iron Range	
Copper Country	
Calumet	
Keweenaw Bay	
Marquette	
Ontonagon	
Tahquamenon	
Ironwood	
Manistique	
Munising	East January 13-15
Iron River	West January 13-15
Escanaba	

Priority list for next time

Association	Tournament
DAHA	
Iron Range	
Copper Country	
Calumet	
Keweenaw Bay	
Marquette	
Ontonagon	
Tahquamenon	
Ironwood	
Manistique	
Escanaba	
Iron River	
Munising	