

**Soo Michigan Hockey Association  
Monday October 30, 2023 @ 5:30 pm  
Big Bear Hospitality Room**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by vice president, Renee Labadie
2. **Roll Call – Present:** Shaun Schummer, Tim Labadie, Renee Labadie, Heather Klever, Cheyenne Holappa, Chris Lane, Dan Crimin, Diane Maleport  
**Absent:** Mark Kavanaugh sent an email to the board and Joe Esson sent an email to the board and a text message to the secretary letting them know of their absence tonight. ***Motion made by Heather, seconded by Tim. Motion approved.***

Dennis Eby had an unexcused absence tonight.

3. **Approval of agenda:** ***Motion made by Chris, seconded by Heather. Motion approved.***
4. **Approval of meeting minutes from September 25, 2023:** ***Motion made by Tim, seconded by Chris. Motion approved.***
5. **Director Reports**
  - a. **President** – Mark was absent.
  - b. **Vice President** – Renee had nothing to report.
  - c. **Treasurer** – Cheyenne handed out the SMHA income statement as of October 30, 2023, and the Register Report 09/26/23 through 10/30/23.  
Cheyenne also mentioned that there was a player that did not pay. Renee will reach out to the parents and let them know.  
Cheyenne also reported that there was a \$200 made to the association from the Moose Lodge. Heather will send a thank you card out to them.
  - d. **Secretary** – Heather had nothing to report.
  - e. **Coaching Director** – Dan had nothing to report.
  - f. **Travel Director** – Dennis was absent.
  - g. **Tournament Director** – Chris gave us the numbers for Cabin Fever. Currently there are 7 teams signed up for Squirts, 6 teams for Peewee and 6 teams for Bantam.  
Cheyenne mentioned that Michelle Nettleton did send an email requesting permission to set up a table during the Cabin Fever tournament to give out information regarding foster homes. Chris said that would be fine.
  - h. **Bantam/Midget Director** – Joe was absent.
  - i. **Squirt/Peewee Director** – Tim mentioned there was an Adray meeting on November 2, 2023 @ 7:30 pm with discussion of getting U8 division in to the Adray league.
  - j. **HIP/Mite Director** – Shaun reported that \$975 was taken out of the Kaines fund to pay for two U8 teams to go to the Silver Sticks tournament in Port Huron the weekend of December 8, 2023.  
Shaun also mentioned there are more kids in the U8 division that want to play goalie. He would like to have access to the equipment room. Renee stated that they put a new lock on the door, because the last one they had on it someone had cut off and replaced it with one they had not way of getting in to.

k. **Ice Scheduler** - Cheyenne reported the U8 ice time has moved from 6:30-8:00 pm to 5:45-7:15 pm and they still practice on Tuesday & Thursday night.

l. **Registrar** – Diane presented Jeff Killips with the Chuck Brown Dedicated Service Award. Jeff was voted by peers for this award for the 2022-23 SMHA hockey season. Diane will be emailing all the head coaches to verify who their assistant coaches are for the 2023-23 season.

Mike Coleman (Boo in the Soo) spoke to Diane about coming up during the Cabin Fever tournament with his heat press and letters/numbers/logos and printing up sweatshirts & t-shirts for the tournament. He will give the association a percentage of his earnings for the weekend. Heather mentioned coming up with a logo for the weekend that he could use. Renee also mentioned that SHMA had left over Cabin Fever merchandise from previous years that we could also set out for sale. The board all agreed that it would be a good idea to have Mike come up. Diane said she would forward Chris Lanes information to Mike being he is the tournament director, and they can get things squared away.

Diane mentioned that the head coaches will be responsible for completing the agreements for districts.

Diane requested that she not attend board meetings unless it was necessary for her to be there. She is a non-voting member. She did say that she would be available for anyone to contact her if needed. The board agreed that she did not need to attend monthly meetings.

6. **Old Business** – Nothing to report.

7. **New Business** –

- a. Team picture bid approval – Eli DeVouno was the only bid that was submitted to SMHA. ***Motion made by Chris, seconded by Heather. Motion approved.***  
**Heather will be responsible for contacting Eli and letting her know she will be the one taking the pictures for SMHA and will also be responsible for getting an email out to the coaches with her contact information in it and they will contact Eli and set up their times/dates for team pictures.**

#### **Public Comment:**

It was discussed that MAHA sponsored a full ice league for the U8 division starting January 1, 2024. Tim said he would reach out to Mark and see if he had received or heard any information on this.

Andrei Sawruk said that it will be for second year U8 players only except for pulling up first year players if their numbers were low.

U8 Hockey Plus Program and an email was sent out in September 2023 and MAHA had a zoom meeting on October 5, 2023.

JJ Schmitt inquired about where the Adray playoffs were being held. Tim commented that on November 15, 2023, he would know the locations for Adray playoffs.

Jason Payment commented that there are currently six openings on the Midget team opened for players that didn't make the Soo High hockey team.

Jason Payment also mentioned that he wanted to make the board aware that if a team is "hosting" a showcase and it consists of 3+ teams, it's considered a "tournament" and will need to be sanctioned.

Dan Crimin inquired about the skating sharpener that SMHA was going to put a bid in for? Renee mentioned that we lost the bid. Dan wanted to know when we were having these tournaments and people were to need their skates sharpened, who do we refer them to? Someone in the audience mentioned a guy by the name of Joe that does them at the Pullar. Renee said she would contact Tammy Graham and see what the hours of operation are for skate sharpening at the Big Bear as they have three spark machines.

Dan also made the comment that he recently read an article about how these coaches are getting kids to play in tournaments and are out to win. They are not developing the players as a team because they are only taking selected players to play in these tournaments, basically forming a "travel team." When these players get to the Bantam level the numbers aren't there anymore.

Jeff Killips wanted to make people aware of who the person(s) oversees the Adray playoffs and make sure the teams get what they deserve such as medals, trophies, awards, banners, etc. In the past he felt teams were shorted awards that they knew they had coming.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Monday November 27, 2023 @ 5:30 pm at the Big Bear.

Minutes taken, typed, and submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Klever', written in a cursive style.

Heather Klever, SMHA Secretary