

**Soo Michigan Hockey Association
Monday April 2, 2021 @ 5:30 pm
Big Bear Arena**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm
2. **Roll Call – Present:** Jeremy Gagnon, Heather Klever, Diane Maleport, Cheyenne Holappa, Stan Shunk, Renee Labadie, Tim Labadie, Dennis Eby, Dan Crimin
Absent: Mark Kavanaugh, Joe Esson, Travis Pavlat, Brenda Crimin
3. **Approval of agenda**
4. **Approval of meeting minutes from February 22, 2021:** No minutes submitted from February
5. **Director Reports**
 - a. **President** – Covid testing update: Teams will need to be tested weekly. LSSU has agreed to do the first test free of charge. After that, the tests will cost \$5.00 per player and will be paid for by SMHA. Tests will need to be done on players ages 13 & up. Jeremy has sent emails to coaches last week (Thursday April 1) with information and forms that need to be completed for each player having the test done. *Motion made by Renee to approve SMHA to pay for testing up to \$500, seconded by Stan.*
 - b. **Vice President** – Rental Equipment Update: Mark was not here, but Stan and Cheyenne reported that there was a total of 5 players that still have equipment that needs to be turned in. Stan & Renee know how to get in touch with those players and will be reaching out to them, Stan did mention that one of the players has requested to keep the equipment over the summer to use.
 - c. **Treasurer** – Financial Update: Cheyenne mentioned that she is still waiting for a few teams to get in their banquet receipts for payment. Bantam & Midgets are waiting to submit their banquet information until after states. The only other team she was waiting on was Squirt AA. Dennis Eby did tell her that his team banquet would be at the end of April and he would get her the information she needed.
 - d. **Secretary** – Brenda was not here tonight. Heather Klever was voted in as the new SMHA secretary. *Motion made by Tim, seconded by Renee.*
 - e. **Coaching Director** – Tim had nothing to report.
 - f. **Travel Director** – Joe was not here tonight. Dennis Eby was voted in as the new SMHA Travel Director. *Motion made by Tim, seconded by Stan.*
 - g. **Tournament Director** – 14UB States (photographer): Renee mentioned that they were not going to go with a photographer for the State tournament. Cheyenne was asking where the amount of \$584 came from for the registration of the tournament? Renee said that she would check with Matt to see what MAHA is paying and will email the board the outcome.
 - h. **Bantam/Midget Director** – Travis was not here tonight.
 - i. **Squirt/PeeWee Director** – Adray update: Tim concerned with tryouts and how there may not be enough goalies for certain divisions. Suggested that maybe having travel only taking one goalie next year. It was discussed about reaching out to Chris Gordon, Jimmy McLeod and Terry Metro about goalie camps this summer. Diane to contact these individuals.

- j. **HIP/Mite Director** – Stan brought up that it was time new jerseys were bought for his program.
- k. **Ice Scheduler** – Diane will be stepping down as SMHA ice scheduler and Heather Klever will be taking over that position. Diane will continue to be the registrar for SMHA and Safe Sport personnel. The ice scheduler is a paid position of \$1,500 a year and the registrar \$1,000. Diane will train Heather on the position and will continue to be in charge the refs and scorekeepers. It was also decided that Heather will continue to have a vote on the SMHA board of directors as she is in a voting position on the board as the secretary. *Motion made by Dennis, seconded by Renee.*

Diane also spoke of some possible fund raisers for the summertime.

June – Indian Taco Sale

July – Garage Sale

July – Spaghetti Dinner or Hotdogs & Brats

*All fundraisers should have some sort of raffle attached to them. i.e., Alcohol baskets bring in a lot of money.

Diane to provide details of the fundraisers at the next board meeting.

Diane said that one Bantam team can have the ice given back.

6. Old Business

- a. **Registration refunds:** Cheyenne handed out a sheet with the estimated refund amounts per player per in each division.
HIP, 6U and 8U will have \$100 credited to their account
10U House, 12U House, 10U AA and 12U AA will have \$150 credited to their account
Motion made by Cheyenne, seconded by Dan.
- b. **AA Tryouts – Coaching committee:**
We will advertise for travel coaches on April 26 and will accept applications until May 7, 2021. Jeremy will email Cheyenne the application form so she can get it posted to the website. The coaching committee can get together and interview the coaches the week of May 10-21, 2021 and the board can approve their decisions at the next meeting on May 24, 2021. The coaching committee will have Damon Whitten, Mike Kaunisto and Doug LaPrade on it.

7. New Business

- a. **Refunds** – Barr is requesting a full refund of \$250. They quit only after a short time due to his daughter having to wear a mask while at the Big Bear. His daughter has a note from a physician stating that she does not have to wear it. It was discussed that \$100 would be refunded and as mentioned above, they would be having \$100 refunded to their account per player. *Motion made by Dennis, seconded by Stan.*
- b. **Refunds** – Gillett is requesting a full refund of \$250. His son left the association and went to play in St. Ignace. Dennis mentioned that Charlie Gillett (players father) had reached out to him in a recent email, that he contacted a couple of board members earlier in the year and received no response. It was discussed by the board in the emails could be provided, that \$100 would be refunded and as mentioned above, he would be getting an additional \$100 player refund. *Motion made by Tim, seconded by Dennis.*

*I (Heather) have reached out to both Dennis and Charlie for the emails that were sent. Attached please find an email sent to Diane on November 16, 2020 and one sent to Cheyenne on December 9, 2020 both from Charlie Gillett and an email to Dennis Eby on March 22, 2021 from Charlie Gillett.

- b. Bank Account Signers:** Central Savings Bank checking and savings account
Cheyenne Holappa – Treasurer – signer
Mark Kavanaugh – Vice President – signer
Remove: Brenda Crimin – former secretary
Add: Heather Klever – secretary – signer
Motion made by Cheyenne, seconded by Dennis.

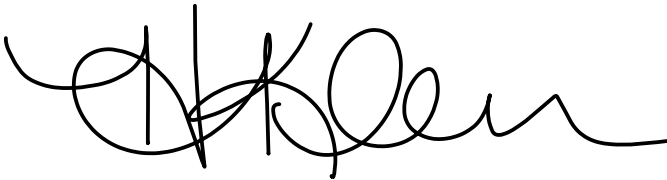
8. Public Comment

Brent & Lynde Blair spoke with regards to their son getting cut from the Bantam AA team this year. There is currently an ongoing report filed with Safe Sport regarding harassment made by the coach to Lynde Blair. They wanted the board to be made aware of what is going on with what they can discuss.

Jason McKinney brought up wanting to have the dates of the Covid tests change to Wednesday verses Tuesday. Diane told him that we have refs and scorekeeper already scheduled for Tuesday night's game and that we would still have to pay the ice, refs and scorekeeper because we are cancelling them outside the 48-hour cancellation rule. Jeremy also mentioned that he could do the tests any day of the week he wanted, he would just have to complete the required forms that were emailed to the coach last week.

- 9. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Monday May 24, 2021 @ 5:30 pm.

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