

Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, District 8 Council

Meeting Minutes, Spring 2016

April 16, 2016

Wawonowin Golf Course, Ishpeming, Michigan

Submitted by Walt Milligan, MAHA District 8 Secretary, August 30, 2016. Revised October 22, 2016.

Attendance:

MAHA	Perry Wooden, D8 Chair/Director Scott Carter, D8 Director Al Wakeham, D8 Director Walt Milligan, D8 Secretary Bob Yohe, MAHA Registrar Jeff Cornock, D8 Coaching Director Eric Froberg, D8 Referee Supervisor Michele LaCourt, D8 Registrar Bob Yohe, MAHA Registrar Judy Niemi, MAHA VP of Officials Bill Peterson, D8 Director-at-Large
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Calumet	Dan Zubiena
Copper Country	Steve LaCourt
Dickinson	Ken Wood, Al Michaud
Escanaba	Kim Milligan
Iron Range	Mark Menhennick
Iron River	Mike Mottes
Ironwood	Brian Anderson
Keweenaw Bay	Rich Wickstrom
Manistique	
Marquette	Jeff Cornock, Scott Cambensy
Munising	Nichole Welters
Ontonagon	Stacey Somero
Tahquamenon	Bill Jordan

Chair Perry Wooden called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Introductions were made.

Motion (Zubiena/Carter): Approve minutes from the Fall 2015 meeting. Approved unanimously.

Wooden presented the Chairperson's Report:

- The District won every B State Tournament and was runner-up in Midget BB:
 - Squirt B - Newberry
 - Pee Wee B - Escanaba Binks
 - Bantam B - Escanaba

- Midget B - Iron River
- Midget BB - Munising (Runner Up)
- 19U House/Rec - Marquette
- 19U Tier II - Marquette

Treasurer Starrett was absent. Her P&L statement was circulated, and Wooden gave a brief report.

- The District Grant funds to be used for video production to grow the game have not been started yet - have until October.
- We need ideas for this year's \$2,500 grant proposal.

Secretary Milligan had no report. A sign-up sheet was circulated for attendance.

Yohe presented the Registrar's Report.

- Registration numbers were down 119 players last year. Every association was down in numbers.

Yohe presented the USA Hockey Report. The following rule change proposals will be considered at the USA Hockey Summer meeting in Colorado Springs:

- Will need to have a concussion management program
- Coaches will need CPR training
- Each association will need to have a Safety Director.
- There is a possible rule change to paint orange "look up lines" before the boards.
- There is a USA Hockey proposal that is developing called Flex Hockey. It is for a fun, safe, non-competitive environment, with no checking, optional rosters, and minimal coaching. Basically, "drop-in hockey."

Yohe presented the Bantam/Midget Festival Report on behalf of McIntosh. The festival was a success, with 131 players. Tentative dates for next year are March 31-April 1.

Motion (Menhennick/Zubiena): Donate \$500 from District Funds to support Tim McIntosh's medical expenses. Approved unanimously.

Cornock presented the Coaching Program Report:

- The Level 4 CEP clinic in Marquette only has 8 people registered and will probably be canceled..
- 9 associations were represented at the ACE meeting, which is much better than usual.

Froberg and Niemi presented the Officiating Report:

- Niemi thanked Froberg for doing a fantastic job.
- Froberg stated that numbers of officials are way down and it is becoming a real problem.
- Froberg stated that we need to pay them more, to make it worth it, and we need a big effort to get it back on track.
- Cornock stated that the cost of entry is high and there is too much abuse from coaches and parents, which needs to stop.

Peterson presented the Director at Large Report.

- District 7 will implement a new policy that an association must have a 12 person house team in order to offer travel hockey. It also limits the number of players from outside the association.
- District 7 has gone from 3,600 kids to 1,800 kids in the last few years.

District Directors presented their reports:

- Wooden worked the Pee Wee district tournament, and stated that the paperwork is coming in better. The following dates are important:
 - August 1 - Affiliate Agreement
 - August 15 - Draft procedures, or a statement that they did not change
 - August 15 - By-Laws
- Carter attended a limited number of hearings and the MAHA winter meeting.
- Al Wakeham attended the Winter MAHA meeting, along with some hearings and the Squirt district tournament.

District Representatives gave their reports. Recruitment, retention, finances, lack of officials, and rinks are common issues.

Carter had no Girls/Women's Report.

Milligan presented the CUP League report. The season was relatively smooth.

Yohe presented the report on rules for Starrett. The following rules change proposals are being considered that are relevant to the District:

- Girls can play 10 games on a boys house/rec team.
- Have an option to roster a team of B players ("all star team") who can compete in A and AA tournaments.
- Cut Tier I from 75 games to 60 games.
- Change the classification in Girls hockey from House/Rec to Tier III.
- Intent to Enter state tournaments will be on a public website.

Wooden presented the STAR report for Starrett. The Committee is looking into a policy for mandatory suspensions.

In New Business, Chair Wooden announced his resignation due to new job responsibilities. Nominations were solicited:

Nomination (Wickstrom/Zubierna): Scott Carter

Nomination (Carter/Milligan): Cathy Starrett

Secret ballot vote resulted in Scott Carter being named the new Chair, effective at the conclusion of the MAHA Summer Meeting.

In New Business, the cost of referees travel was discussed.

Motion (Welters/Zubiena): Associations that host District Tournaments must pay travel costs of officials, if they cannot provide them themselves. Motion FAILED (5 yes, 7 no, 2 abstentions.)

District and State tournament locations were bid upon and settled according to District Handbook procedures. Tentative dates and locations are attached at the end. Dates and locations for District tournaments will be approved at the Fall 2016 meeting, and dates and locations for the State tournaments will be approved by MAHA at a later date.

The Fall District 8 Meeting time and location was agreed upon as October 15, 2016. Subsequently, it was learned that the meeting location is not available that day, so the Fall meeting will be held as follows:

- Saturday, October 22, 2016, 10:00 am
- Wawonowin Country Club, Ishpeming, MI

Motion (Carter/Menhennick): Adjourn. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

TENTATIVE MAHA 2017 District 8 tournament sites and dates.

East Region Playdowns (Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam B)	TBD	TBD
West Region Playdowns (Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam B)	TBD	TBD
Squirt B Districts	Keweenaw Bay	February 17-19, 2017
Squirt AA Districts	Marquette	February 3-5, 2017
Pee Wee B Districts	Ironwood	February 10-12, 2017
Pee Wee AA Districts	Calumet	February 3-5, 2017
Bantam B Districts	Escanaba	February 3-5, 2017
Bantam AA Districts	Calumet	February 3-5, 2017
Midget B and BB Districts	Iron River	February 17-19, 2017

Tentative State Tournament hosts:

Pee Wee B: DAHA, dates to be determined by MAHA

Pee Wee AA: Marquette, dates to be determined by MAHA

Bidding for B District Tournaments, April 16, 2016

The bidding for tournaments was amended twice during the process after it was pointed out that it was unfair that Marquette would host both a District and a State tournament. After this was discussed, Escanaba was awarded the Bantam B tournament that had been given to Marquette. A motion will be brought to fix this oversight in the procedures at the Fall 2016 meeting, and it will also include a proposal for bidding and rotating the regional playdowns and considering the state tournaments.

Priority List for 2016-2017 District Tournaments

Association	Tournament
Copper Country	
Ontonagon	
Keweenaw Bay	Squirt B
Ironwood	Pee Wee B
DAHA	Pee Wee B State Tournament
Manistique	
Marquette	Pee Wee AA State Tournament
Escanaba	Bantam B
Calumet	
Iron River	Midget B/BB
Iron Range	
Munising	
Tahquamenon	

Priority List for 2017-2018 State and District Tournaments

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

Blind Draw for 2016-2017 Regional and District Seeding

Held at MAHA District 8 Spring Meeting, April 16, 2016

DAHA

Copper Country

Keweenaw Bay

Ironwood

Escanaba

Munising

Iron River

Manistique

Tahquamenon

Calumet

Marquette

Iron Range

Ontonagon