

Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League

Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Attendees: Sarah Jacobsen (President; Freeze); Kerri Kelly (Ruicci Cup Coordinator; Bombshells); Ann McManamon (D4 Division Director); Michelle Reeve (D2 Division Director); Beth Silvis (D3 Division Director)

President S. Jacobsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. Review and approval of 10/15/13 minutes with the following corrections: Add list of attendees.

II. Updates from last meeting:

A. There are League Meeting Minutes missing from the web site. Beth will add these as soon as possible

B. Goalie waiver for Bulldogs is now null because they have rostered goalie (Tiffany Blaine).

III. Treasurer's report

Beginning balance: \$6,624.92

October activity: Fudge Business Forms (score sheets): -\$196.10

State of Michigan 501c3: -\$20.00

Deposit ticket fee \$48.46

End statement balance: \$6,360.36

Outstanding items: Sport Ngin (895.00)

Deposit from Polar Bears +\$10 (for extra score sheets)

Adjusted balance \$5,475.36

IV. Division Updates

A. Final rosters

Teams are making more last minute player additions than typical. This may be because of the new ease of rostering rather than having to get the signed MAHA roster and wait 72 hours.

B. Parity and score differentials

1. D2: U of M Flint is really struggling (record is 0-5) and losing some games by fairly substantial margins (e.g. 6-0, 10-1. M. Reeve has encouraged them to scrimmage some D3 teams, hoping that this level may be a better fit.

2. Cranks is also 0-5, but they have been scoring more goals and losing by smaller margins.

C. Penalty tracking

1. D2: Has had a fair number of "80" penalties. M. Reeve will keep an eye on specific players.

2. D4: Ladywing's player Katie Marino received a ten minute misconduct in the 11/5 game vs.

Stingrays.

D. Score sheets

1. D2: Problems with labels not matching roster and jersey numbers have been cited.

2. D3: Problems with labels not matching roster and jersey numbers have been cited.

3. D4: Problems with receiving score sheets in a timely manner and conflicting labels on score sheets have been cited.

4. D6: Problems with receiving score sheets in a timely manner have been cited.

E. Appeals

D5: Swarm filed an appeal for Kathy Gerns, who is moving down two divisions. Board approved her to play in D5, under a 30-day review.

V. 19U Dual-rostering

adult A team in D2 made an inquiry about whether or not a 19 year old can play on a 19U team and on an team. M. Reeve investigated through MAHA and discovered that that the youth player cannot play in both a youth and adult league. Once a youth player plays for an adult team, she must forfeit playing for the youth team.

VI. Subbing up

A proposal to allow skaters to sub for teams in higher divisions was submitted by Angel Duhaime, manager of the Motor City Crush. While a well thought out proposal, MAHA rules are very strict regarding double rostering within leagues, and will not allow this.

VII. Tournaments

A. Teams from St. Louis had proposed playing a tournament with some teams in our league during an upcoming visit to the Metro Detroit area. After some investigating on dates and ice rinks with several teams, it was determined that there is not an abundance of ice for our teams to be able to allow this to happen, but the league will keep this option in mind for next year.

B. Adding tournaments to website- The board is willing to post tournaments around the nation and in Canada in which teams may be interested in playing, but needs to know what all is available. Division directors will contact managers to see which tournaments (e.g. Niagara Falls, Denver, Minneapolis, Windsor, Brampton) they have been to in the past or plan to attend in the near future and will post links to these on the league website.

VIII. Fundraisers

A. S. Jacobsen received a request from Metro Blades to post a notification for a fundraiser on November 20, 2013 for Matthew Sorisho, a local high school player who recently suffered an injury. S. Jacobsen requested information from Metro Blades about if there was a personal connection to a player who plays or coaches in the MSWHL league (e.g. mother, aunt, etc.) and did not hear back. B. Silvis will follow up with Metro Blades about this. If there is no personal connection that Matthew has to our league, it is the board's determination that there will be no posting.

B. An attorney recently informed S. Jacobsen that teams soliciting funds from various companies or agencies may be having difficulty getting that company to write a check directly to a particular team, because individual teams have no tax exempt status. However, they can write a check to the MSWHL (a legitimate tax exempt 501c(7) organization recognized by the federal and state government), and the league will be willing to write a check of equal amount to that individual team. A discussion arose about whether or not to charge a "handling/transaction" fee for this service, but the board was not in favor of charging teams this fee, so the full amount of the contribution will be given to the team for which it is earmarked.

IX. NGIN Phone Application

M. Reeve informed the board that Sport NGIN has an app for smart phones, which will notify the user of any changes to the schedule. It is a free app for one team and \$1.99 app for multiple teams.

S. Jacobsen adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Silvis, Secretary