

**Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 10, 2014**

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Attendees: S. Jacobsen (President; Freeze), Beth Silvis (Secretary; Spittin' Chicklets), Tracy Cosenza (Treasurer; Detroit Revolution), Kerri Kelly (Ruicci Cup Coordinator; Bombshells), Michelle Reeve (D2 Director; Hammerheads/TOT5), Jenn Czajkowski (D6 Director; Ice Picks/Cranks), Carol Schwanger (TOT)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President S. Jacobsen

- I. Review and approval of 5/13/14 minutes
- II. Treasurer's report (T. Cosenza)
  - A. Beginning balance - \$4,596.33
  - B. Two outstanding checks #1496 (\$14.37), and #1497 (\$100.00) have not been cashed yet.
  - C. Deposit received- \$349.50 (All Star Action Photography –Ruicci Cup commission)
  - D. Ending balance - \$4,945.83
- III. Board of Directors election results
  - A. B. Silvis reviewed the election results.
  - B. A total of 119 votes were received from 719 members (16.5% voter turnout)
  - C. Breakdown
    1. Jennifer Czajkowski received 77 votes
    2. Laurie Golden-Birchler received 88 votes
    3. Sarah Jacobsen received 93 votes
    4. Kerri Kelly received 64 votes
    5. Renee LeBlanc received 74 votes
    6. Michelle Reeve received 87 votes
    7. Carol Schwanger received 82 votes
  - D. Due to the available openings, all seven candidates who ran will automatically be elected to the 2014-15 board of directors.
  - E. S. Jacobsen will contact L. Birchler and R. LeBlanc to inform them of the results and welcome them to the board.
  - F. Discussion of possible change of meeting venue to the Royal Oak area due to the I96 construction and greater convenience for six of the seven board members, who live in the northeast area of Metro Detroit. C. Schwanger agreed to investigate options near the John Lindell Ice Arena, namely the Royal Oak Senior Center down the street.
- IV. Division Updates
  - A. Division 2: no issues to report
  - B. Division 3:
    1. UM Flint - The university has requested that because this team is affiliated with their university, they play at a rink closer to the school.
    2. The new rink will be Crystal Field House in Burton, MI, which appears to have similar proximity and travel times to their former rink, the Lapeer Polar Ice Palace.

3. Some discussion occurred about Flint remaining in D3 due to their 0-15-1 record. No determination will be made until rosters are submitted and reviewed in July and August.
- C. Division 4: no updates (A. McManamon absent)
- D. Division 5: Several potential new teams forming
  1. Potential off-shoot teams from Predators and Icebreakers
  2. Potential new teams (D5 or D6) from Chelsea's Arctic Coliseum.
    - a. A. McManamon was contacted by Laura Reiley about forming a team out of Chelsea.
    - b. T. Cosenza was contacted by Susan Murphy, about forming a team out of Chelsea, claiming she has about 6 or 7 players (but no goalie) committed already.
    - c. S. Jacobsen will contact these two potential managers to see if they are possible from the same group and if not, would they consider merging.
- E. Division 6: no issues to report, other than closing out the Icebreakers' complaint (see V. MAHA Recruiting Clarification below)

#### V. MAHA Recruiting Clarification

- A. J. Czajkowski still has been unable to get clarification on in-season recruiting as it applies to "players within the same team."
- B. According to Carol Schwanger (MAHA Director of Disabled Sports), this rule only applies to coaches. Player to player discussions about forming new teams is not explicitly stated as being against the rules because it is essentially unenforceable.

#### VI. Ruicci Cup Survey

- A. B. Silvis distributed and reviewed the survey with those present.
- B. Minor suggestions were made and recorded.
- C. Due to B. Silvis' not returning to the board next season, M. Reeve agreed to follow up with finalizing the survey and inquiring with Sport NGIN about possibility of distributing it to all members via the MSWHL website.

#### VII. GoDaddy - Unused InstantPage® Credits

- S. Jacobsen spoke to GoDaddy representative "Craig," who confirmed that this was a minor change which affected few of their customers. He stated that because the MSWHL was not currently using this feature, there should be no disruption in service to the league's website.

#### VIII. Website Registration

- A. There was discussion about glitches in the website registration process from last year.
- B. Because of misrepresented information on applications last year, mainly regarding in which division(s) players are eligible to play (based upon age and years of experience), there will be a few minor changes for players registering this year.
- C. Some managers have requested the ability for viewing privileges in order to see who from their team still needs to register. M. Reeve will contact Sport NGIN to see about granting viewing privileges for team managers/coaches.

## IX. MAHA July 12 Meeting

- A. C. Schwanger and M. Reeve have already registered to attend the summer meeting, though C. Schwanger will attend as MAHA's Director of Disabled Hockey and M. Reeve will serve as MSWHL representative and attend meetings pertinent to the league.
- B. J. Czajkowski and incoming board member Renee LeBlanc also expressed interest/willingness to attend, though J. Czajkowski cannot due to work commitments. M. Reeve will inquire with R. LeBlanc about her interest.
- C. T. Cosenza confirmed that there are sufficient funds in the MSWHL budget to cover the cost of lodging, mileage, and per diem food reimbursement for both M. Reeve and R. LeBlanc, given that they drive and room together.
- D. Questions for Referees-in-Chief to be addressed at meeting- S. Jacobsen will compile a list of questions/concerns for M. Reeve and R. LeBlanc to address with the referee representatives (e.g., complaint process, evaluation/promotion process, better communication and transparency in general)
- E. Stamped Registrar Rosters- C. Schwanger explained that because Girl's/Women's hockey falls under the "Youth" division, problems and disagreements have arisen even among the people affiliated with MAHA. Adult Rec. rules are far different from the Youth rules, which are sometimes more strict regarding registration. This is a problem that needs to be fixed within MAHA, but our MSWHL reps will raise the issue at the July meeting, advocating that Women's hockey fall under the Adult Rec. umbrella.

## X. Handbook Archives

- A. J. Czajkowski received electronic copies of several past versions of the MSWHL handbook from former board member Carrie Sirola. She will forward these copies to the other board members.
- B. Valid points were discussed about issues and misunderstandings complicated by changed or omitted rules in the current version of the league handbook.
- C. J. Czajkowski will compile a list of concerns for the board to review over the summer and to consider including back into the handbook for clarification purposes.

## XI. Other

- A. Discussion occurred about whether or not teams should be moved mid-season due to the disruption to scheduling that occurs and the seeding problems that it created last year for Ruicci Cup.
- B. S. Jacobsen received and shared information about Point Blank Hockey Women's Skills Program out of St. Clair Shores. The information will be posted on the league website.
- C. M. Reeve suggested also posting the "Critical Dates" to the front page of website, which S. Jacobsen agreed to do. These dates are also posted in the calendar setting.

S. Jacobsen adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Silvis, Secretary