

## **Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, District 8 Council**

Meeting Minutes, Spring 2020

April 18, 2020

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Submitted by Walt Milligan, MAHA District 8 Secretary, October 23, 2020.

### ***Attendance:***

MAHA	Cathy Starrett, D8 Chair Scott Cambensy, D8 Director Al Wakeham, D8 Director Perry Wooden, D8 Director Walt Milligan, D8 Secretary Dan Zubiena, D8 Treasurer Eric Froberg, D8 Referee-in-Chief Mike Sands, D8 Coaching Director Bob Yohe, MAHA/USA Hockey Registrar Judy Niemi, MAHA VP of Officials George Atkinson, MAHA President Jason Reynolds, MAHA Director of Operations and Marketing
Calumet	Dan Zubiena
Copper Country	Al Wakeham
Dickinson	Nick Fornetti
Escanaba	Bob Martinson
Iron Range	Matt Henzel
Iron River	Tina Brunswick
Ironwood	Jason White
Keweenaw Bay	Dustin Lindemann
Manistique	Mike Evink
Marquette	Jeff Trudeau
Munising	John Maki
Ontonagon	Stacey Somero
Sled Hockey UP	Allen Beauchamp
Tahquamenon	Ben Rahilly

Chair Cathy Starrett called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Introductions were made.

**Motion (Rahilly/Wakeham): Approve minutes from the Fall 2019 meeting. Approved unanimously with one update to attendance.**

MAHA President George Atkinson spoke to the group. Much of the discussion revolved around COVID and its impact on hockey in Michigan. Much was unknown and many working groups were being formed to study the issue.

Starrett presented the Chairperson's report. District teams did well at the State Tournament:

- 10U Escanaba B – State Champions
- CCJHA 10U AA – State Champions
- Marquette McDonalds 12U B – State Runners Up
- Marquette mBank girls 19U – State Runners Up

Zubiena presented the Treasurer's Report. Most associations received "shooter tutor" nets from the MAHA state grant money. We need ideas for this year, \$2,500 is available but the expenses must be approved by MAHA. We have about an \$8,000 current balance.

Secretary W. Milligan had no report.

Yohe presented the MAHA/USA Hockey report. District was up about 36 players from last year. George Atkinson already talked extensively about goings-on in MAHA and Judy Niemi had nothing to add either.

Sands presented the Coaching Report:

- The normal clinics were run, very few problems this year
- A checking clinic was held March 7-8, with very good feedback from participants
- Sands requests that associations get their new coaching directors in contact with him ASAP

Froberg presented the Referee Report:

- Ran 5 seminars this year, numbers were up slightly. Staffing was a bit easier this year
- November 30 is deadline for being fully registered
- Please keep officials' availability in mind when scheduling District Tournaments
- Judy Niemi had nothing to add and thanked Mike for doing a great job

Director at Large Peterson was not present so there was no report.

District Directors and Association Reps presented their reports.

Playoffs were discussed. All State Tournaments were canceled due to COVID. Referee costs are too high for travel at remote associations. Scoresheets for regular season games were a huge problem this year. They need to be correct, accurate and legible. Referees should not sign them if they are not.

The player development camp (formerly bantam/midget festival) was canceled due to COVID.

Wakeham presented the Girls/Women's Report. District needs more girls' teams.

McIntosh discussed the Development Program. Camp was in Marquette March 18-20 and the numbers were down significantly. It was Spring Break week which might have had some effect.

W. Milligan presented the CUP League Report. Trudeau mentioned that coaches should ask their schedulers to get them the schedule up front.

Wooden presented the Rules Report. Only two moved forward. 1. All Districts will have 7 directors. This helps us as we currently have 4. 2. A clarification on Tier 2 and Tier 3 girls rosters. These will be voted on at the Summer meeting.

Jason Reynolds from MAHA discussed the STAR and SafeSport programs. There have not been major issues in District 8. MAHA is looking into revisions to make the programs more timely and efficient. Starting this year, SafeSport and background checking will be done every year through USOC.

Cathy Starrett announced that she was stepping retiring from the District Council and MAHA after many years of service. The District will need a new Chair/Director to replace her.

A discussion occurred about cooperatives, where different associations combine to form a single team. There had been some concerns raised about these. The goal is “no players left behind”. A working group was formed to address concerns while still allowing everyone to play, and a planning document is being drafted for discussion.

District and State playoff sites were discussed, and some decisions were made. Midgets and District dates were put off for a future meeting. Tentative sites and some dates are attached. Blind draw (attached) occurred.

Fall Meeting will be October 24, 2020.

**Motion (Rahilly/Wooden): Adjourn. Approved unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.

## Bidding for State Tournaments, April 18, 2020

No State Tournaments in District this year.

### Priority List for Next Time

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

**Bidding for B/BB District Tournaments, April 18, 2020**

<b>Association</b>	<b>Tournament</b>
Ontonagon	
Calumet	
DAHA	
Keweenaw Bay	
Iron Range	14U – Date TBD
Manistique	12U and 18U – Dates TBD
Marquette	10U – Date TBD
Ironwood	
Munising	
Copper Country	
Escanaba	
Iron River	
Tahquamenon	

**Priority List for Next Time**

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

**Rotation for AA District Tournament, April 18, 2020**

<b>Association</b>	<b>Result</b>
Calumet	Host – January 29-31, 2021
Marquette	
Copper Country	

**Priority List for Next Time**

<b>Association</b>	<b>Result</b>
Marquette	
Copper Country	
Calumet	

**Bidding for B/BB Regional Tournaments, April 18, 2020**

<b>Association</b>	<b>Tournament</b>
DAHA	
Escanaba	Host, January 8-10, 2021
Iron Range	
Copper Country	
Calumet	
Keweenaw Bay	
Marquette	
Ontonagon	
Tahquamenon	
Ironwood	
Manistique	
Iron River	Host, January 8-10, 2021
Munising	

**Priority List for Next Time**

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

## ***Blind Draw for 2020-2021 Regional and District Seeding***

Held at MAHA District 8 Spring Meeting, April 18, 2020

Ontonagon

Iron Range

Iron River

Manistique

Copper Country

DAHA

Calumet

Tahquamenon

Keweenaw Bay

Ironwood

Marquette

Munising

Escanaba