

**Soo Michigan Hockey Association
Monday June 19, 2023 @ 5:30 pm
Big Bear Hospitality Room**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm
2. **Roll Call – Present:** Dennis Eby, Chris Lane, Dan Crimin, Renee Labadie, Heather Klever, Cheyenne Holappa, Joe Esson
Absent: Diane Maleport sent Heather an email letting her know she would not be at the meeting tonight. Mark Kavanaugh, Tim Labadie & Shaun Schummer both sent emails to the board letting us know they would not make the meeting. ***Motion made by Heather, seconded by Dennis. Motion approved.***
3. **Approval of agenda: *Motion made by Heather, seconded by Dennis. Motion approved***
4. **Approval of meeting minutes from May 22, 2023: *Motion made by Joe, seconded by Dennis. Motion approved***
5. **Director Reports**
 - a. **President** – Mark was absent.
 - b. **Vice President** – Renee wanted us to know that she is waiting on the Peewee AA jerseys and one Midget jersey. Still no equipment rental returned yet, Renee will continue to keep us posted at the meetings when rentals come back.
 - c. **Treasurer** – There was no income statement handed out this evening as there has been no activity in the past month.
Cheyenne reported that registration has went live as of two weeks ago and parents will have the option of making seven payments this year verses six payments like they have in the past.
Cheyenne emailed Chris Lane (Tournament Director) the Rules and Registration forms from Cabin Fever.
Cheyenne also suggested an early registration incentive of a \$50.00 credit.
Cheyenne made a motion to approve (5) - \$50.00 credits be applied towards registration to any SMHA player that registers by August 18, 2023. Winners will be drawn during the board meeting on August 28, 2023, seconded by Heather. Motion approved
 - d. **Secretary** – Heather has contacted Diane and the letter was updated. She did ask for clarification as to why the secretary was involved with the sponsor letter if it was coming from the registrar? Heather would like to eliminate having a “middleman” and just have one person in charge of it. It was discussed and the board agreed that secretary would just assume the role of sending the letter out.
 - e. **Coaching Director** – Dan would like to wait on sending out house coaching applications until they are done with the travel try outs.
Still waiting to hear back from Jason Payment on whether he is going to consider his team a JV or Midget BB team for the 2023-34 season.
It was discussed that all coaches go through an interview process, even if they are the only applicant for either house and/or travel. That way they coach can be made aware of the standards and expectations the SMHA board expects of them and their assistant coaches/manager(s).
 - f. **Travel Director** – Dennis started off wanting to know exactly what the role of the Travel Director was? Then he asked exactly what the role of the Ice Scheduler was? Dennis was frustrated with the recent scheduling of travel try out dates. There was a conflict of dates/times and he felt that it should of went through him, rather than the Ice Scheduler scheduling it directly with the coach.

In the April 24, 2023, SHMA meeting minutes it was mentioned that the coach can determine the date/times of the tryouts.

Also, in the SMHA bylaws under the description of Travel Director duties it does not mention that it is the responsibility of the Travel Director to schedule travel tryout dates/times.

Dennis did suggest that we have travel coaches picked by a certain date and travel try outs scheduled by on a certain date. He would like to have this to be consistent every year and feels that it is something that we as a board should vote on and have put in the bylaws.

Nothing was voted on this evening due to three of our members being absent. This was tabled until next month's meeting.

Dennis asked Renee if he could get the combination to the equipment room, so he would be able to get pucks for the upcoming travel tryouts. According to Renee, it is her duty as Vice President to be responsible for all equipment owned by SMHA. It is the VP responsibility to distribute equipment. She planned with Dennis and will be at the rink tomorrow to meet him and give him what he needs for tryouts.

- g. **Tournament Director** – Chris received the email from Cheyenne and he will be registering for the tournament tomorrow. Cheyenne will let Chris know the sanction #.
- h. **Bantam/Midget Director** – Joe has nothing to report.
- i. **Squirt/Peewee Director** – Tim was absent.
- j. **HIP/Mite Director** – Shaun was absent.
- k. **Ice Scheduler** – *Cheyenne made a motion to approve the Fall Schedule, seconded by Heather. Motion approved*
- l. **Registrar** – Diane was absent.

6. **Old Business** – nothing to report

7. **New Business** – nothing to report

Public Comment:

Parents spoke with regards to the rumors of the Peewee A team and if there was going to be one? Renee let them know that Mark had put in for the coaching position, but they would have to wait until the Peewee AA team is picked. Once the Peewee AA team is picked, the board thinks it would be beneficial to have a parent meeting to answers questions and get any feedback from the parents. No date was set during the meeting.

Parents stressed that they would like to stay with SMHA. They want to know what needs to be done to keep parents and players local.

Another parent asked if her second year Squirt would be able to try out for the Peewee A team? Dennis told the parent yes, they could.

Again, at the April board meeting it was discussed that if the Peewee A team were to get started, it was going to be for 2012 birth year players only. That they would not be moving any players up. Dennis left that meeting early and did not hear that discussion. Therefore, at our May board meeting the question was asked again if second year Squirt players could try out and Dennis told them yes, "that if the coach felt they were good enough to play up, they would have to come before the board for approval."

***According to the bylaws "the Coaching Director shall evaluate the requests for upward movement of players to ensure appropriate player development and bring recommendation to the Board of Directors."**

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Monday July 31, 2023 @ 5:30 pm at the Big Bear.

Minutes taken, typed, and submitted by:


Heather Klever, SMHA Secretary