

TO: D-8 Council, Association Presidents, MAHA/USAH Representatives

FROM: Aarne A. Holmio: Chairman/Secretary, D-8

SUBJ: Minutes/Notes/Attachments of D-8 Council's 2004 Spring Meeting

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1. MEETING-REGISTERED ATTENDANCE-CALL TO ORDER (Aarne A. Holmio: D-8 Chair)

D-8 Council's spring meeting held Sat, 24 April 2004 at Lakeside Inn, US-41, Baraga MI. Meeting chaired by D-8 Chair Holmio and called to order at 10:00 AM EST. Based on registration, attendance was as follows:

<u>D-8 EXECUTIVE BOARD</u>	<u>REPRESENTED BY</u>
D-8 Chair & Dir/Sec (Reg-I) ...	Aarne A. Holmio (Escanaba)
Treasurer/Director (Reg-I)	Ward Johnsen (Escanaba)
Director (Reg-II)	Fran Giachino (Laurium): ABSENT -HOSPITALIZED
Director (Reg-II)	Judy Niemi (Atlantic Mine)
Director-at-Large (D 8 & 7) ...	Bob Yohe (Ishpeming)

<u>D-8 MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS</u>	<u>REPRESENTED BY</u>
CALUMET (Reg-II).....	Dan Zubiena: Council Mbr, CUPHL Commissioner, CHA Bd.
COPPER COUNTRY (Reg-II)	Judy Niemi: CCJHA Pres, D-8 Director Bill Sproule: Council Mbr, CCJHA Board
DICKINSON COUNTY (Reg-I)	Tina Martinson: Council Mbr. Jeff Harvey: Alt. Council Mbr, CUPHL Director
ESCANABA (Reg-I)	Aarne A. Holmio: EAJHA Pres, CUPHL Sec, D-8 Chair Ward Johnsen: EAJHA Coach Comm, EHS Hockey, MAHA CEP, D-8 Director
IRON RANGE (Reg-I)	Perry Wooden: Council Mbr, IRHA President Bob Yohe: IRHA Board, DAL 8 & 7
IRON RIVER (Reg-II)	Mike Taunton: Alt. Council Mbr, CUPHL Director
IRONWOOD (Reg-II)	Ted Sim: Council Mbr, CUPHL Director Ted Stevens: Alt. Council Mbr, PBYHC Board
KEWEENAW BAY (Reg-II)	Chuck Johnson: Council Mbr. Terry Kahkonen: Alt. Council Mbr, KBY Board
MANISTIQUE (Reg-I)	Dan McClelland: Council Mbr. Judie Zerilli: MHA Board
MARQUETTE (Reg-I)	Dennis Robinson: Council Mbr, MJHC President Linda Winslow: MJHC Treasurer
MUNISING (Reg-I)	Ric O'Neill: Council Mbr, CUPHL Director Tom Steinhoff: Alt. Council Mbr.
NEWBERRY (Reg-I)	Bernie Hubbard: Council Mbr, CUPHL Director Daryl Boerigter: Alt. Council Mbr.
ONTONAGON (Reg-II)	Bob Kirkley: Alt. Council Mbr.

<u>MAHA/USAH OFFICIALS</u>	<u>REPRESENTED BY</u>
Mich. District Registrar	Ralph Bammert (Laurium)
MAHA Past Pres & Life Mbr	Dave Wiitanen (Hancock)
USAH Ass. Registrar	Ken Leivdal (Houghton)
USAH Officials Supvr - U.P. ...	Sean Jacques (Calumet)

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT (A. A. Holmio: D-8 Secretary)

MOTION: Niemi, SECONDED: Sim, VOTE: Approved Secretary's minutes/notes of previous meeting held 10/25/04, Wahlstrom's Restaurant, US-41, Harvey, MI. Reports mailed to membership 11/03 and copies also available at this meeting.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT (Ward Johnsen: D-8 Director/Treasurer)

MOTION: Zubiena, SECONDED: Martinson, VOTE: Approved Treasurer's report. All D-8 membership dues for 2003/04 season have been paid. 2004/05 dues structure to be determined at fall meeting. All D-8 district winner trophies which were received with in-line equipped skaters have been replaced with proper ice hockey skaters. See Attachments (A) & (B).

4. USAH REPORT (Ralph Bamert: Michigan District Registrar)

- (a) See Attachment (C) for numbers of D-8 & other MAHA District teams during 2003/04. See Attachment (D) for numbers of D-8 coaches/players/managers during 2003/04. 27 invitational tournaments held in D-8 this past 2003/04 season.
- (b) D-8 may want to consider whether there is any interest in formation of Mite thru Midget level non-checking teams. Such teams, however, may divide the hockey community and detract from the competitive B/BB level of interest. Manistique reported they have a city drop-in non-checking program which attracts 25-30 participants per nite, and at which little protective equipment is required. Due to insurance limitations, it is strongly recommended that such a program not be affiliated with any local hockey association.
- (c) Mite travel teams are allowed, but no state-level tournaments.

5. MAHA REPORT (Bob Yohe: DAL 8 & 7)

- (a) Moment of silence observed for deceased MAHA President Gerry Conley. At MAHA's winter meeting, he was replaced by election of D-2 Chair Mickey Jesue.
- (b) No appeal hearings were requested in D-8 or D-7 this season.
- (c) Spaghetti fund raising dinner in Marquette for former D-8 Chair Greg Mingay, who underwent bone marrow transplant, was attended by over 1000 persons.
- (d) MAHA's summer meeting scheduled for 9-11 July 2004, Shanty Creek Lodge, Bellaire.
- (e) MAHA will host a National Coaching Symposium (Masters Level Coaching Clinic) in Grand Rapids, MI on 21-26 June 2005. Cost will be approximately \$200 - \$300.

6. D-8 MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Council Members, Presidents & Directors)

- (a) CALUMET (Dan Zubiena)
 - (1) CHA registrations down as is CHS student numbers.
 - (2) Proposed new MANG Readiness Center to be built in Calumet during 2005/06. Upon completion, present NG Engr. Co. will relocate to new quarters and Calumet Township will take over present Armory and establish a full community center. CHA presently running Armory's entire ice program. A 1-mil tax levy has been proposed to fund the improvements to proposed new community center.
 - (3) CHA will host the following D-8 Playdowns:
 - 04-06 Feb 2005: PeeWee AA, Bantam A and Bantam AA
 - (4) CHA will host the Squirt A State Tournament for 2005 (date to be determined)
- (b) COPPER COUNTRY (Judy Niemi & Bill Sproule)
 - (1) Efforts being made to involve more MTU & FU players in CCJHA's coaching activities.
 - (2) Finlandia University is now in Division III of college hockey.
 - (3) Houghton Co. Arena is in partnership with FU to accomplish renovations to the facility,

6. D-8 MEMBERSHIP REPORT (continued)

(b) COPPER COUNTRY continued

(4) MTU is offering Girls Only hockey programs as follows:

~~18-23 July 2004: Development Program (ages 11-14)~~

18-23 July 2004: Elite Program (ages 13-19)

See Attachment (E) for details.

(5) Professional Hockey Centennial: 23-26 Sept 2004 at MTU and Dee Stadium in Houghton. For details, check www.cchockeyhistory.org, or call **Houghton City Offices, 906-482-1700. See Attachment (F).**

(c) DICKINSON COUNTY (Tina Martinson & Jeff Harvey)

(1) New floor for ice surface installed in Mt. View Arena last fall and ice was available by Thanksgiving weekend.

(2) Overall, DAHA's program is doing well.

(3) DAHA's Mite program will be re-structured this summer and ready for full implementation for 2004/05 season.

(4) Secretary's note: I served as MAHA's representative at the D-8 Squirt B Playdowns in Iron Mountain this past February. DAHA's tournament staff members are congratulated for their hard work which resulted in a well-organized, smooth and on time running tournament.

(d) ESCANABA (Aarne A. Holmio)

(1) EAJHA's Girls hockey player numbers and teams are increasing as are their skills.

(2) No Squirt A/AA teams are contemplated for the 2004/05 season.

(3) Will host D-8's Midget B/BB Playdowns 18-20 Feb 2005.

(4) Contrary to some early season criticism, EAJHA's X-Ice program went better than expected and concluded with an in-house 5 team IP Jamboree.

(5) EAJHA's Sportsmanship & Behavior Committee handled 5 disciplinary cases this past season, all involving it's coaches. More meaningful parent/player/coach meetings will be implemented early this fall.

(6) EAJHA leases it's facility from Wells Township; present hourly ice rental rates are \$120 for rink #1 and \$105 for rink #2. Rates will be increased this fall and an increase in registration fees may be necessary.

(e) IRON RANGE (Perry Wooden)

(1) Registration numbers remaining fairly constant; more effort will be made to recruit younger players.

(2) IRHA will host the D-8 Bantam B Playdowns on 11-13 Feb 2005.

(f) IRON RIVER (Mike Taunton)

(1) IRAHA's financial outlook appears sound.

(2) IRAHA will be getting a new Zamboni, courtesy of the Watersmeet Casino.

(3) Due to insufficient numbers to form competitive teams at all levels, IRAHA will investigate the possibility of forming non-checking teams which could combine several age groups.

(g) IRONWOOD (Ted Sim & Ted Stevens)

(1) PBYHC will host the Squirt B State Tournament for the 2004/05 season.

(2) Registrations and finances are stable.

(3) Pat O'Donnell Civic Center's leaking refrigerant system was corrected last fall by installation of a new mat system over the old surface -no problems encountered and system works fine.

(h) KEWEENAW BAY (Chuck Johnson & Terry Kahkonen)

(1) KBHA will host PeeWee B & Bantam B Region II Playoffs on 14-16 Jan 2005.

(2) KBHA will host D-8 Squirt B Playdowns on 04-06 Feb 2005.

(3) Facilities are undergoing improvements.

6. D-8 MEMBERSHIP REPORT (continued)

- (h) KEWEENAW BAY continued
(4) Changes in administrative leadership necessitated by resignation of President Dorie Miller during past season
- (i) MANISTIQUE (Dan McClelland & Judie Zerilli)
(1) MHA will host D-8 PeeWee B Playdowns on 11-13 Feb 2005.
(2) 12U Girls team to be formed for 2004/05 season.
(3) IP level recruiting program conducted in area elementary schools.
- (j) MARQUETTE (Dennis Robinson & Linda Winslow)
(1) MJHC will host D-8 Squirt A, Squirt AA & PeeWee A Playdowns on 18-20 Feb 2005.
(2) MJHC will host Squirt AA State Tournament in 2005.
(3) Mite X-Ice program has been successful and well accepted.
(4) MJHC is financially stable and over 2000 sports participation passes have been sold (not required of visiting players).
- (k) MUNISING (Ric O'Neill & Tom Steinhoff)
(1) MHA will host D-8 Region I Squirt B, PeeWee B & Bantam B Playoffs on 14-16 Jan 2005.
(2) MHA is working on increasing it's registration numbers throughout the summer.
(3) MHA board elections will be held in June 2004.
- (l) NEWBERRY (Bernie Hubbard & Daryl Boeriqter)
(1) TAYHA continuing work on establishing new community center/ice arena.
(2) TAYHA is financially solvent and experienced a good season.
- (m) ONTONAGON (Bob Kirkley)
(1) OAHA will host D-8 Region II Squirt B Playoffs on 14-16 Jan 2005.
(2) OAHA is financially stable but registration numbers are decreasing.

7. COACHING EDUCATION PROGRAM REPORT (Ward Johnsen: Associate CEP CIC)

- (a) One of the most important positions in any association is that of ACE Coordinator. It is a highly demanding job which requires sound hockey knowledge, strong personal qualifications and administrative skills, and the commitment to constantly monitor, evaluate and correct coaching activities.
- (b) Don Aho (Negaunee) has been selected as D-8's ACE Coordinator, and meetings of D-8's association ACE Coordinators will be scheduled.
- (c) Training/certification clinics for D-8 are scheduled as follows:
Sun - 26 Sep 2004: Marquette Level III (Intermediate)
Sat - 16 Oct 2004: Negaunee Level II (Associate)
Thu - 04 Nov 2004: Escanaba Refresher
Sun - 05 Dec 2004: Houghton Level II (Associate)
Sun - 05 Dec 2004: Houghton Level III (Intermediate)

8. INITIATION PROGRAM REPORT (Pam Saunders: IP Instructor)

IP Instructor Saunders unavoidably absent. For information or scheduling of IP programs in your area, contact her at:

- (H) 906-486-6038
(e) psanders4hockey@chartermi.net

9. OFFICIATING REPORT (Sean Jacques: U.P. Referee-in-Chief)

- (a) U.P. officiating rates may be increased next season. This matter had been discussed at D-8's previous meeting - 10/25/03.

9. OFFICIATING REPORT (continued)

- (b) The following Officiating Clinics are scheduled:
Sun - 12 Sep 2004: Houghton
Sun - 19 Sep 2004: Marquette
Before Thanksgiving: Probably Calumet (Make-up Clinic)
Before Thanksgiving: Negaunee or Marquette (Make-up Clinic)
- (c) **MOTION: Zubiena, SECONDED: O'Neill, VOTE: Approved** D-8's funding of \$300 to Referee-in-Chief Jacques to defray costs of his attendance at MAHA's summer meeting on 9-11 July 2004.

LUNCH BREAK: 11:53 AM - 12:35 PM

10. BANTAM/MIDGET FESTIVAL REPORT (Tim McIntosh (absent), Judy Niemi & Ward Johnsen)

- (a) Festival Coordinator McIntosh absent - attending NIHL Meeting.
- (b) 2004 Bantam/Midget Festival held 19-21 March 2004 at Dee Stadium, Houghton, MI. Festival purpose: identify top U.P. players with 1987-1990 birth years for advancement to Select Camps. Six U.P. players were selected for the Regional Bantam Camp at FSU on 13-18 June 2004. For complete Festival info, contact Tim McIntosh in Marquette: (W) 906-228-9193 or (e) wcatgoal@mqthockey.org.
- (c) Registrar Bammert reminded that participants' parents should never be used as Festival evaluators.
- (d) Alternate Council Member Tom Steinhoff (Munising) questioned why individual evaluation reports were not furnished to all Festival participants. D-8 & 7 CIC Johnsen explained as follows:
- (1) Most evaluators use a "+" or "-" check system to record top/middle/bottom players for each evolution and game. With 100-plus players, there simply isn't the time to prepare in-depth evaluation report on each participant.
 - (2) Festivals are not hockey training/instructional schools which provide critiques and analysis of individual strengths/weaknesses and recommended improvement programs.
 - (3) The sole function of Festivals is to select the most promising young players for advancement to further evaluation camps in order to put together championship caliber developmental teams for national/international competition.

11. D-8 PLAYDOWNS REPORT (Bob Yohe: DAL 8 & 7)

2004 District-8 Playdown winners are as follows:

<u>DIVISION/CLASS.</u>	<u>ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>TEAM</u>
Squirt B	Keweenaw Bay	Cougars
Squirt A	Calumet	Parkway
Squirt AA	Marquette	U.P. Sports Connection
PeeWee B	Calumet/Lake Linden ...	Lions
PeeWee A	Calumet	Lions
PeeWee AA	Marquette	ReMax
Bantam B	Keweenaw Bay	Bianco
Bantam A	Marquette	Johnson Sporting Goods
Bantam AA	Independent	Iron Rangers
Midget B	Iron Range	Twin City Medical
Midget BB	Newberry	Timberwolves
Midget AA	Marquette	Check and Cash
Midget AAA	Marquette	Electricians

12. STATE TOURNAMENTS REPORT (Bob Yohe: DAL 8 & 7)

No D-8 teams won state championships this season. However, congratulations are extended to Marquette's Midget AAA Electricians and Iron Range's Midget B Twin City Medical teams for attaining runners-up status in the finals.

13. NIHL REPORT (Tim McIntosh: USAH Associate Registrar)

No report presented; Ass. Reg. McIntosh attending NIHL meeting in Marquette.

14. CUPHL REPORT (Aarne A. Holmio: CUPHL Secretary)

(a) For 2003/04 season, CUPHL was composed of 50 teams: Squirt B: 13, PeeWee B: 9, Bantam B: 16 & Midget BB/B: 12. 96% of the 640 scheduled games were completed.

(b) Poor quality and late submission of too many scoresheets is a continuing problem. Frustrating discrepancies include:

- No scorekeepers signatures
- Game dates & times omitted
- Team names, classifications & game locations omitted
- Saves not recorded
- Incomplete scoring & penalty info
- Goals & penalties listed for player #s which are not on either teams rosters
- Scoresheets received up to 2 months after game played
- NEW FOR THIS YEAR: A barely decipherable penalty beginning with the letter "Q". After time-consuming effort, the recorded penalty was determined to record a "Quincidental Penalty".

Scorekeepers must be literate since they are Off-Ice Officials, and they should be trained by their parent associations prior to handling such responsibilities.

(c) See Attachment (G): CUPHL Final Stat Report for 2003/04 season's standings.

15. OLD BUSINESS (D-8 Council Members)

None

16. NEW BUSINESS (D-8 Council Members)

(a) FALL MEETING (D-8 Council Members)

MOTION: Sim, SECONDED: McClelland, VOTE: Approved D-8's fall meeting to be held in Marquette, Sat - 6 Nov 2004, commencing 10:00 AM EST.

(b) EXCEPTIONS (MAHA Rules: XI.C.)

DAL Yohe reminded that requests for exceptions should be submitted to D-8 Council NLT 15 Nov 2004 in order to be presented to MAHA at it's Dec. meeting. MAHA will no longer consider any "blanket" exception requests.

(c) DECLARATIONS (MAHA Rules: XII.A.)

Previously, Notifications of Intent to Enter District Playoffs (Declarations) had been verbally stated and then summarized on one written statement by D-8. Individual written Declarations are actually required from each association, and D-8 will devise a simple check-off form for such purpose which will eliminate the need for actual letters to be prepared. This form will be mailed to associations prior to the fall meeting. Declaration deadlines are:

- (1) Associations/Independent Teams: notify D-8 NLT 1 Dec.
- (2) Tier I Teams: notify Chair of Youth State Playoff Committee NLT 1 Dec.
- (3) Girls/Womens Teams: notify MAHA Girls/Womens Director NLT 15 Nov.

(d) 2005 REGIONAL AND D-8 PLAYDOWNS (D-8 Council Members)

See ATTACHMENT (H): Hosts/Sites/Dates of Regional & D-8 Playdowns.

16. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

(e) 2005 SQUIRT CLASSIFICATIONS STATE PLAYOFFS FOR D-8 (MAHA Rules: XIII.5.)

With exception of Tier I classifications, State Playoff classifications are rotated yearly among MAHA's 7 Districts. For the 2004-05 season, District-8 will host the various Squirt (10 or under) State Playdowns. By sole bid or resultant votes, the following hosts were determined:

Squirt B: Ironwood Squirt A: Calumet Squirt AA: Marquette

(f) FORMAT FOR D-8 PLAYDOWNS (D-8 Council Members)

Some serious questions have risen regarding D-8's Regional and District playdowns format/procedures. Areas of concern are: how many teams can enter, format for more/less than 8 teams, byes, wild cards, tie breaker rules, etc. To consider this matter and present recommendations to D-8 at it's fall meeting, the following sub-committee was authorized and formed:

1. Dave Wiitanen (Chair): Hancock (Reg II)
2. Dan Zubiena: Calumet (Reg II)
3. Judy Niemi: Copper Country (Reg II)
4. Tina Martinson: Dickinson County (Reg I)
5. Aarne A. Holmio: Escanaba (Reg I)
6. Perry Wooden: Iron Range (Reg I)

(g) INTER-ASSOCIATION COMPLAINTS (D-8 Council Members)

Without formal vote, D-8 adopted the following recommended procedure to handle inter-association complaints:

Individuals with a complaint against another association or it's teams or it's spectators should file their complaint with their own home association, who will determine the veracity of the complaint and if necessary, take up the matter with the accused association.

(h) DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE FOR DISTRICTS 8 & 7 (D-8 Council Members)

At MAHA's July 2004 summer meeting, present DAL (8 & 7) Bob Yohe will step down from that position to assume MAHA's Vice Presidency of Officials.

MOTION: Zubiena, SECONDED: Sim, VOTE: Approved Dave Wiitanen (Hancock) as D-8's nominee for the vacated DAL (8 & 7) position. A D-7 Director may also run for this position. The voting process is limited to only D-8's Directors (4) and D-7's (4).

NOTE: Dave Wiitanen has been involved in hockey for over 40 years: player, coach, MAHA President in 1970, recipient of MAHA Appreciation Award in 1970, recipient of Wm. Kellogg Memorial Award in 1999, MAHA Life Member Award in 2000, etc. His background provides a continuing asset to Michigan hockey. Regardless of it's great, but small population, the U.P. is a Michigan hockey leader: since 1962, 11 of the past 41 MAHA Presidents have been from the U.P..

(i) COMPLAINT REGARDING D-8 SECRETARY

Complaint was made by two Council Members of Secretary Holmio referring to District-8 as "U.P. (District-8" in his reports, and that this district is MAHA District-8 and that "U.P." should be omitted when referring to same. The Secretary agrees and will henceforth refer in his reports to U.P. (D-8) as D-8. His reasons for adding "U.P." to D-8 for the past several years are as follows:

- (1) We should never forget our heritage. Organized hockey has been played in the U.P. since the 1890's. MAHA was organized in 1951.
- (2) U.P. hockey is a "grass roots" operation and our associations have had and will continue to have strong organizational skills. We also have a strong, and enviable to some, tradition of handling and solving our own problems without creating "federal cases" out of them.
- (3) I believe that U.P. hockey is of the opinion that "he who governs least governs best". I realize that state-wide regulation is necessary when

16. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

(i) COMPLAINT REGARDING D-8 SECRETARY

- (3) considering the scope of Michigan hockey and state championships. Some over-regulation has also been necessary to control activities of those few individuals/teams/organizations which have attempted unfair advantage and/or have failed to correct their particular problems.
- (4) As evidenced by it's only 1 or 2 necessary disciplinary hearings per year, the U.P. is and will continue to be a staunch supporter of hockey values and the governing efforts of MAHA and USAH.

(j) COMPLAINTS REGARDING ON & OFF-ICE OFFICIATING (D-8 Council Members)

The need for better standardization of officiating was discussed. For example, slashing should be called slashing whether in Escanaba or Calumet, hooking should be hooking whether in Ironwood or Munising, cross-checking should be cross-checking whether in Iron Range or in Iron Mountain, etc. Regardless of the shortage of qualified referees in D-8, they are paid employees accredited by USAH and associations are entitled to receive professional quality service when they are hired. The training of On/Off Ice officials realistically a shared effort among local associations/MAHA/USAH. Generally, officials are locally recruited and provided with at least rudimentary training for their jobs. USAH and MAHA then provide more formalized training and accreditation procedures. USAH then "licenses" On-Ice officials and provides yearly training clinics to maintain their qualifications. As the ultimate licensing authority, it is USAH's responsibility to ensure On-Ice officials meet all qualifications for their job.

17. ADJOURNMENT (D-8 Council Members)

MOTION: Wooden, SECONDED: Niemi, VOTE: Approved adjournment of D-8's spring meeting at 2:10 PM EST.

18. POST-MEETING ADDENDA (A. A. Holmio: D-8 Chair)

(a) MAHA D-8 ADMINISTRATION

- (1) On 6/02/04 Ward Johnsen regrestfully resigned his D-8 Directorship since it conflicted with his duties as USAH Camp Director of the Select 17 Festival.
- (2) At MAHA's 7/9-11/04 summer meeting, Bob Yohe will vacate his present DAL (8 & 7) position to assume MAHA's Vice Presidency for Officiating. Dave Wiitanen is D-8's candidate for the DAL position, and D-7 Director Mike Corso may also be a candidate.
- (3) New DAL (8 & 7) will be elected by D-8 & D-7 Directors at the summer meeting. D-8 & D-7 each have 4 voting Directors and with Johnsen's resignation as a D-8 Director, it became imperative for the remaining D-8 Directors to elect a replacement before 30 days of the summer meeting to ensure Wiitanen of our full 4 votes for the DAL position.
- (4) MJHC President Dennis Robinson had expressed interest as a candidate for D-8's vacant directorship but advised he would be unable to attend the summer meeting due to family commitments, and therefore withdrew his name. He recommended MJHC Board's Secretary, Cathy Starrett, as a candidate. With the 30-day deadline very near, I contacted her, obtained a verbal commitment she would attend the meeting if elected, and submitted her name to remaining Directors Niemi & Giachino. Both supported her candidacy and Cathy Starrett was elected D-8 Director.
- (5) Directors are elected for 2-year terms by their constituent coaches, and these terms expire in July 2005. Election process for Directors Commences

18. POST-MEETING ADDENDA (continued)

(a) MAHA D-8 ADMINISTRATION

- (5) in 5 months, this coming Noember, when nominations will be solicited from the coaches of D-8's 13 member associations. At that time, the performance of existing Directors will be evaluated and replacement candidates nominated as deemed necessary. Until election results are published by MAHA's Secretary, all Directors should continue working together as a team for the good of this District and the best interests of Michigan hockey
- (6) As authorized by MAHA District Workshop Guide (2003/04), I have designated the following responsibilities:

D-8 Alternate Chair ... Judy Niemi: D-8 Director
D-8 Treasurer Ward Johnsen: Asst. CIC D-8 & 7
D-8 Secretary Aarne A. Holmio: D-8 Director

(b) HELEN WIITANEN

D-8 sent it's condolences and a floral arrangement to Dave Wiitanen upon his wife Helen's passing away after a lengthy illness in Mid-May.

(c) SCORESHEETS

D-8 has purchased 2000 more of it's re-designed scoresheets for the 2004/05 season, and same will be available at no charge to D-8 associations.

(d) AGE CLASSIFICATION REVISIONS

On 6/05/04, USAH approved the following revisions to age classifications, commencing with the 2004/05 season:

- (1) MIDGETS (18 or Under): includes all 1986 and 1987 birth dates.
(2) GIRLS (8 or Under) : this new age classification includes girls 8U, born during or after 1996.

See Attachment (I) for complete details.

(e) NEWBERRY/CUPHL

Newberry requested and was voted into CUPHL membership at CUPHL's spring meeting on 4/24/04. Their team entries will be at Bantam & Midget levels, and home ice will be arranged at Munising and Manistique. This is a milestone for U.P. hockey - now all recognized D-8 hockey associations can compete in the CUPHL.

(f) USAH FUNDING FOR IT'S REPRESENTATIVES

Since U.P. Officials Supervisor Sean Jacques is a USAH representative, it was determined that it is USAH's responsibility to fund his attendance expenses at MAHA meetings, and not D-8's responsibility. Although D-8 approved \$300 for Referee Supervisor Jacques's summer meeting expenses, Treasurer Johnsen advised he had not yet disbursed the funds. DAL Yohe contacted Michigan Referee-in-Chief Roy Finger and arranged for Referee Supervisor Jacques's meeting expenses to be henceforth paid for by USAH.

