

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

Meeting Minutes, Fall 2020

October 24, 2020

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Submitted by Walt Milligan, MAHA District 8 Secretary, May 18, 2020.

### ***Attendance:***

MAHA	Al Wakeham, D8 Chair Scott Cambensy, D8 Director Phil Berger, D8 Director Kitti Loukus, D8 Director Nick Fornetti, D8 Director Steve LaCourt, D8 Director Perry Wooden, D8 Director Walt Milligan, D8 Secretary Dan Zubiena, D8 Treasurer Michele LaCourt, D8 Registrar Eric Froberg, D8 Referee-in-Chief Judy Niemi, MAHA VP of Officials
Calumet	Dan Zubiena
Copper Country	Sara Tormala
Dickinson	Nick Fornetti
Escanaba	Bob Martinson
Iron Range	Matt Henzel
Iron River	Tina Brunswick, Kaycee Johnson
Ironwood	Jason White
Keweenaw Bay	Dustin Lindemann
Manistique	Nick Bosanic
Marquette	Jeff Trudeau, Leah Nygard
Munising	Amy Westcomb, John Maki
Ontonagon	Stacey Somero
Sled Hockey UP	Allen Beauchamp
Tahquamenon	Ben Rahilly

Chair Al Wakeham called the meeting to order at 10:07 am. Introductions were made.

**Motion (Rahilly/Wooden): Approve minutes from the Spring 2020 meeting. Approved unanimously.**

Wakeham presented the Chairperson's report. This is his first meeting. He is learning. The District now has 3 extra directors, which will help with the workload. He hopes that we get to have a season this year, considering COVID has everything shut down since last March.

Zubiena presented the Treasurer's Report. We no longer have a checkbook or Quickbooks at the District level. It was all turned over to MAHA.

Secretary W. Milligan had no report.

Yohe was absent but filed a report that was briefly discussed by Michele LaCourt. Due to the COVID shutdown, very few teams were registered. Reminder that the registrars need 72 hours' notice to approve a roster.

Niemi presented the MAHA/Officials reports.

- They are having 2-3 meetings a week about COVID.
- There is a substantial referee shortage.
- Referees are quitting because they are tired of wearing masks and being the “mask police”.
- There are lots of complaints about masks.
- The “virtual” referee seminars went quicker and were well-received.

Stipech and Sands were absent so there was no Coaching Report.

Froberg presented the Referee Report:

- Officials need to get to seminars and wear masks.
- Coaches need to help referees with mask mandates.
- Splash guard policy is set at the Association level.
- 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

Beauchamp presented the sled hockey report. It is a very tough year with COVID, they are down to 7 players and may not have a season. Rink restrictions are a problem.

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

District Directors and Association Reps presented their reports. Player numbers are way down and people are starting late.

Wakeham presented the Girls/Women's Report. District needs more girls' teams. There was only 1 19U team in the District.

Wakeham pointed out that due to COVID, Out-of-State travel forms are required for every game at every level for contact tracing purposes. COVID locker room policies are up to the facility.

There was no CUP League report.

Wakeham reminded people that each association needs to have a roster of their executive board on file with the District. Every board member (including those only on D8 Council) needs to have Safesport training as well as the MAHA background check.

Regional and District tournament sites were reviewed, but they all changed later due to COVID.

Spring meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 17, 2021 at River Rock Lanes in Ishpeming.

**Motion (S. LaCourt/Cambensy): Adjourn. Approved unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 am.