

Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, District 8 Council

Meeting Minutes, Spring 2024

April 20, 2024

Jerzi's 41 Sports Bar, Champion, Michigan

Draft submitted by Walt Milligan, D8 Secretary, August 27, 2024

Attendance:

MAHA

Al Wakeham, D8 Chair
Amy Blake, D8 Director
Scott Cambensy, D8 Director
Tim Jaska, D8 Director
Kitti Loukus, D8 Director
Perry Wooden, D8 Director

Adam Holloway, D8 Co-Referee in Chief
Marty Laurila, D8 Co-Referee in Chief
Walt Milligan, D8 Secretary

Judy Niemi, MAHA VP of Officials
Bob Yohe, USA Hockey Michigan Registrar

Calumet	Bryan Miller, Joel Keranen
Copper Country	Ian Repp
Dickinson	Tim Jaska
Escanaba	Emily DeSalvo
Iron Range	Eric Beckman
Iron River	Tina Brunswick, Kaycee Johnson
Ironwood	Bill Thomason
Keweenaw Bay	<i>No Representative</i>
Manistique	Dale LaFoille
Marquette	Nina Janofski, Kasha Nevenhaven
Munising	Deidre Phillipson
Ontonagon	Dallas Aho
Sled Hockey UP	Allen Beauchamp
Tahquamenon	<i>No Representative</i>

Meeting called to order by Chair Al Wakeham at 9:15 am.

Introductions were made.

Motion (Cambensy/Wooden): Approve minutes from the Fall 2023 meeting after minor corrections. Approved unanimously.

Wakeham did not present a Chair's report, with discussion saved for the agenda.

The Treasurer's Report will be emailed.

There was no Secretary's Report.

Bob Yohe presented the Registrar's Report and MAHA Report.

- Girls numbers are up.
- 8U and 6U are also up. Overall, MAHA was up 3.6%
- SafeSport has to be taken every year. Should get an email.
- Background screening still needed every other year.
- It is taking 48-72 hours for credit to appear from coaching modules. Don't take them less than 3 days before they are needed.
- US National Sled Hockey had a tournament with Canada.
- Neck laceration protection is mandatory effective August 1. The "BNQ" standard will be required for Michigan high schools.
- Officials under age 18 will also be required to wear neck laceration protection.

Mike Sands was absent so there was no coaching report.

Holloway and Laurila presented the Officiating Report

- They are trying to move seminars to earlier in the year.
- They are trying to rejuvenate the mentorship program.
- There were 7 total seminars in the District this year.
- The association hosting regionals and districts schedules the officials.
- Officials must have their crest and card, or they cannot go on the ice.
- NEVER play a game with one official. This is a USA Hockey rule.
- There was a long discussion of MAHA holding an "Earn your stripes" event in August.

Directors gave their reports. Jaska noted that D8 does not have a social media presence, and he volunteered to get it started.

Wakeham noted that Kevin Yohe did a great job with Gamesheets. There was a long discussion of Gamesheets. In general, it went extremely well for a first-year process that was heavy on technology.

There was a long discussion of issues with Co-op teams.

Motion (Cambensy/Jaska): Co-op teams will establish a separate Sub-Board with equal representation from each association involved. The Sub-Board will oversee registrations and drafts, and report in writing to the District Council. Approved unanimously.

Cambensy gave the Player Development report. The development camps need players from outside Marquette and Houghton. B players are also welcome. Numbers have been low lately.

Blake gave the Girls/Womens report.

- Try Hockey for Free is a great way to get more girls involved.
- There are efforts to organize a girls' travel teams in Munising.
- All 3 Copper Country teams went to the State Tournaments.
- Working hard to continue to grow.

Milligan gave the CUP League report. Gamesheets worked way better than he anticipated. There was a discussion of travel distances from the western and eastern boundaries of the District, which is a problem with no solution in the current environment.

Wooden gave the Rules report. Rule changes that affect the District include:

- They eliminated the rule requiring a certain number of 2nd year players on B teams.
- Teams that don't want to enter States can still play in leagues.
- District Chairs must sign to approve any substitute goalie.

Loukus gave the STAR/SafeSport report.

- Locker room monitors are mandatory.
- No cell phones in locker rooms.
- People need to take SafeSport every year.

Beauchamp gave the Sled Hockey report.

- There is a growing team in Houghton, and they got donations from Equipment Loans for the Keweenaw.
- The Marquette team only has one youth player. The rest are adults.
- The Try Sled Hockey event at the Michigan Tech SDC in November was a good event.
- Marquette and Houghton played a game in L'Anse.
- There will be a game on September 13 at NMU.

Wakeham requested that District Council set a deadline for Association Board rosters.

Motion (Wooden/Jaska): Require Associations to submit their Board rosters by September 1. Approved unanimously.

The Blind Draw for District Tournament placement was held, and the results are attached.

Tentative sites and dates for State, Regional and District tournaments were determined, and are attached. All sites were approved by a District Council vote.

“Swing teams” for regional tournaments were drawn out of a hat, and are as follows:

- 10U – Iron Range
- 12U – Dickinson
- 14U – Dickinson

It was discussed that JK Trophies in L'Anse worked well. The ribbon quality improved.

The District 8 Fall Meeting was scheduled for October 19, 2024, at 9:00 am tentatively at Jerzi's 41 Sports Bar in Champion.

Motion (Wooden/Jaska): Adjourn. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Blind Draw for 2024-2025 Regional and District Seeding

Held at MAHA District 8 Spring Meeting, April 20, 2024

Ironwood Polar Bear Youth Hockey

Escanaba Area Junior Hockey

Manistique Hockey Assn

Tahquamenon Area Hockey

Calumet Hockey Association

Ontonagon Amateur Hockey Association

Copper Country Junior Hockey Association

Iron Range Hockey Association

Dickinson Amateur Hockey Association

Iron Amateur Hockey Association

Munising Hockey Association

Marquette Junior Hockey Corp

Keweenaw Bay Hockey Association

Bidding for State Tournaments, April 20, 2024

The District does not host any State Tournaments this year.

Priority List for next time.

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

Bidding for District Tournaments, April 20, 2024

Association	Tournament
Ontonagon	
Calumet	14U
Tahquamenon	
Copper Country	
Marquette	
Manistique	10U
Escanaba	12U
Munising	
Keweenaw Bay	
DAHA	
Iron Range	
Ironwood	
Iron River	

Priority list for next time

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

Rotation for AA District Tournaments, April 20, 2024

Association	Result
Marquette	All AA tourneys
Copper Country	
Calumet	

Priority list for next time

Association	Result
Copper Country	
Calumet	
Marquette	

Bidding for Regional Tournaments, April 20, 2024

Association	Tournament
Iron Range	
Copper Country	
Calumet	
Marquette	
Ontonagon	
Tahquamenon	
Ironwood	West, January 17-19
Manistique	
Escanaba	East, January 17-19
Iron River	
Munising	
Keweenaw Bay	
DAHA	

Swing teams:

- 10U – Iron Range
- 12U – Dickinson
- 14U – Dickinson

Priority list for next time

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