

**Soo Michigan Hockey Association
Monday August 28, 2023 @ 5:30 pm
Big Bear Hospitality Room**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:36 pm
2. **Roll Call – Present:** Shaun Schummer, Dan Crimin, Tim Labadie, Renee Labadie, Mark Kavanaugh, Heather Klever, Cheyenne Holappa, Joe Esson
Absent: Chris Lane, Diane Maleport & Dennis Eby all sent an email to the board letting us know they will not make the meeting. **Motion made by Heather, seconded by Tim. Motion approved.**
3. **Approval of agenda: Motion made by Dan, seconded by Tim. Motion approved.**
4. **Approval of meeting minutes from July 31, 2023: Motion made by Heather seconded by Joe. Motion approved.**
5. **Director Reports**
 - a. **President** – Mark announced that there was a MAHA “Kick Off” meeting Tuesday August 29, 2023 @ 6:30 pm in Gaylord, he is not able to attend. He did ask if any other board member would be able to go, nobody was able to. Mark said he would reach out and get a copy of the minutes.
Mark will get an affiliate agreement.
Cheyenne spoke with Mark with regards to the coaches’ room & equipment room at the Big Bear and forwarded him an email from Tammy Graham with an agreement for him to sign.
 - b. **Vice President** – Renee has put in an order for pucks and AA socks, she said there is enough house socks.
Those players that still have rentals will just be turning their equipment in for a bigger size to wear this season.
Shaun requested blue pucks be ordered for U6 & U8 and SMHA jerseys for U8. It was decided at a past board meeting that the jerseys would be purchased from the Kaines account. Renee said she would get them ordered.
 - c. **Treasurer** – Cheyenne handed out the SMHA income statement as of August 29, 2023.
 - d. **Secretary** – Heather let the board know in addition to the businesses that were mentioned at the July board meeting, the following businesses have confirmed their sponsorship for the upcoming 2023-24 season:
CC Hall Soo Coop Credit Union U.P. State Credit Union
***Indicates travel sponsorship**
Heather did mention that she spoke with Jerry McDonald on behalf of the Elks Youth Committee sponsorship money. Jerry said that they would pay \$600 for a house team. Mark said he would stop by the Elks and get the check from Jerry.
Cheyenne mentioned to Heather with regards to not yet receiving a check from Wicked Sister. Heather did contact Cathy Howell from Wicked Sister and she will send out a check and would like to have Cheyenne send her an invoice.

- e. **Coaching Director** – Dan mentioned that we do not have a Squirt AA this season, due to no coach and lack of players. The board also voted in the house coaches.
U8 - coach Alan Swanson *Motion made by Renee, seconded by Heather. Motion approved.*
Squirt house – coach Tim Labadie *Motion made by Heather, seconded by Joe. Motion approved.*
Peewee house – coach JJ Schmitt *Motion made by Heather, seconded by Tim. Motion approved.*
Bantam house – coach Joe Esson *Motion made Heather, seconded by Tim. Motion approved.*
- f. **Travel Director** – Dennis was absent.
- g. **Tournament Director** – Chris was absent, he emailed the Cabin Fever flyer to the board.
- h. **Bantam/Midget Director** – Joe mentioned that to the board that he had a couple of parents reach out to him with regards to practicing with the Bantam house team one day a week. The board discussed that the players would have to pay \$400 to practice.
A motion was made by Tim, seconded by Shaun that Altantas Clarke be allowed to practice with the Bantam B team and pay \$400 for ice time. *Motion approved.*
A motion was made by Tim, seconded by Shaun for Teri Mayer to be allowed to practice with the Bantam B team and Mark would ask Mike Gordon if she would be allowed to practice with the Bantam AA team and pay \$400 for ice time. *Motion approved. Cheyenne opposed.*
 Joe reported that Jason Payment will have a JV team for the 2023-34 season.
- i. **Squirt/Peewee Director** – Tim said he will find out after the meeting tomorrow in Gaylord if there will be a league for the U8 division.
 Tim also wanted to pick dates for the House draft skate. He came up with Monday September 18 & Wednesday September 20, 2023. Cheyenne with check availability for the ice and let him know.
- j. **HIP/Mite Director** – Shaun wanted to set the dates for the Kaines Klash & Kaines Klassic.
Kaines Klash (U6) – *January 26-28, 2024*
Kaines Klassic (U8) – *February 9-11, 2024*
- k. **Ice Scheduler** - Cheyenne mentioned that since there was no Peewee A team, she would move the Bantam B team (with Joe's approval) to the 6:30-8:00 pm (Monday & Wednesday) ice at the Big Bear. She would then check with Jason Payment to see if he wanted to move to Bantam B's ice time, if he agrees to that, then she will cancel the JV ice time.
 *Since our meeting Cheyenne did reach out to Jason and the JV team will be taking the 7:15-8:45 pm Monday & Wednesday ice time at the Big Bear.
 Per the coaches' request, the Peewee B team will be moving their practice ice time to LSSU on Monday & Wednesday 6:00 -7:30 pm.
 Cheyenne did let the board know that the guy that organizes Boo in the Soo has blocked off ice in the Sault for the month of October to host the Boo in the Soo tournament.
- l. **Registrar** – Diane was absent, she did want Heather to pass along that only 3 players have registered for Peewee AA and 4 players for Bantam AA. Per Cheyenne, those numbers were incorrect and as of the time of our meeting, 6 players were registered for Peewee AA and 10 players for Bantam AA.

Cheyenne did let the board know that there are currently 14 players registered for U6 and 16 players registered for U8, and all the players are registered for the correct division according to their birthyear.

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

7. **New Business** –

a. Five players' names were drawn by a member of the audience for \$50 registration credit. Those players are.

Mack K. – Bantam AA

Connor M. – Bantam AA

Rhys F. – U8

Ayden M. – Bantam B

Kashton C. – U6

Congratulations! 😊

b. The board voted on a board member to represent NIHL. Renee volunteered to take on this position. ***Motion made by Joe, seconded by Cheyenne. Motion approved.***

Public Comment:

A parent spoke up about not knowing if there will be a team for her daughter to play on this season, she will be a first year Peewee.

A parent spoke of playing for teams locally and not having to travel. Mark and Tim both let the parents know that a House team does not have to play in the Adray league. They may play Canadian teams at home and sign up for tournaments. However, if they were to try and schedule games with teams in the Adray league, they may not be able to play against them as Adray league usually schedule games against each other.

Another parent mentioned that they were very pleased with our social media site, but thought maybe on our SMHA website could post a banner with important dates, information, etc. Sometimes parents feel that they aren't informed about important issues.

Again, a parent stressed about what needs to be done for parents/players to stay with SMHA?

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Monday September 25, 2023 @ 5:30 pm at the Big Bear.

Minutes taken, typed, and submitted by:



Heather Klever, SMHA Secretary