

TO: D-8 Council, Association Presidents and MAHA/USAH Representatives
From: Kim Steinhoff: Secretary; D-8
Subj: Minutes D-8's spring meeting April 29, 2006
Location: Baraga, Michigan
Time: 10:00 AM

1. Meeting called to order: Judy Niemi; D-8 Chair
Judy opened the meeting at 10 am welcoming all and thanking Aarne Holmio for his years of service on the D-8 council serving as secretary. Aarne has chosen to resign after many years. Replacing him is Kim Steinhoff, from Munising.
2. Attendance and Introductions: Judy Niemi; D-8 Chair

D-8 Executive Board

Chairperson	Judy Niemi (Atlantic Mine – Reg II)
Director	Cathy Starrett (Negaunee – Reg I)
Director	Ted Sim (Ironwood – Reg II)
Director	Perry Wooden (Champion – Reg I)
Treasurer	Ward Johnsen (Escanaba – Reg I)
Secretary	Kim Steinhoff (Munising – Reg I)

D-8 Member associations

- (1) Calumet (Reg II)
- (2) Copper Country (Reg II)
- (3) Dickinson County (Reg I)
- (4) Escanaba (Reg I)
- (5) Iron Range (Reg I)
- (6) Iron River (Reg II)
- (7) Iron Wood (Reg II)
- (8) Keweenaw Bay
- (9) Manistique (Reg I)
- (10) Marquette (Reg I)
- (11) Munising (Reg I)
- (12) Newberry (Reg I)
- (13) Ontonagon (Reg II)

Represented by

Dan Zubiena: D-8 Council, CHA Scheduler, CUPHL Comm.
Judy Niemi: D-8 Chairperson, CCJHA President
Ken Leivdal: CCJHA Registrar, USAH Asst. Registrar
Jeff Harvey
Aarne Holmio
Ward Johnsen: D-8 Treasurer, MAHA/USAH CEP CIC
Perry Wooden: D-8 Director, IRHA President
Ken Farley: D-8 Council, CUPHL vice Comm./Treasurer
Dale Fuller: D-8 Council, IRAHA President
Ted Stevens: D-8 Council, PBY Board
Ted Sim: D-8 Director
Absent
Craig Savage
Greta Peterson
Julie Reid
Cathy Starrett: D-8 Director, MJHC Secretary
Dennis Robinson: MJHC ACE Director
Linda Winslow: D-8 Council, MJHC Treasurer
Tim McIntosh: MJHC Registrar & Scheduler, CUPHL Dir., NIHL Rep, USAH Asst. Rep.
Kim Steinhoff: D-8 Secretary, MHA President & Reg
Ric O'Neill: D-8 Council, MHA Ace Coordinator & Scheduler
Absent
Frank Wardynski
Jeff Rule

MAHA/USAH Offices

Michigan District Registrar
MAHA VP Officiating
MAHA/USAH CEP CIC 7&8
MAHA/USAH SDP Level I
USAH ASST. Officials Supvr
MAHA DAL 7&8
Risk manager – U.P.

Represented by

Ralph Bammert (Laurium)
Bob Yohe (Ishpeming)
Ward Johnsen (Escanaba)
Ed Kattelus (Houghton)
George Niemi (Ishpeming)
Bill Peterson (Alpena) Absent
Nick Gualazzi (Marquette) Absent

3. Minutes/Notes from 10/22/05 D-8 Fall Meeting (Judy Niemi: D-8 Chair & Membership)

Motion: Wardyski, seconded: Zubiena, Vote: Approved Secretary's report of 10/22/05 meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report (Ward Johnsen: D-8 treasurer)

Current Report: See attachments

The ending balance for the basic business checking is \$11,412.84 as of 4/29/06.

All dues for the past season have been collected.

Medal bills are due. **Motion: Starrett, seconded: Zubiena, Vote: Approved Treasurer's report.**

- a. The treasurer reported on the 2005 grant distribution for the rink dividers. At the fall meeting five associations were chosen to purchase dividers and submit the receipt for a \$500 reimbursement. Calumet, CCJHA and DAHA have submitted receipts. Munising and Ironwood did not. Munising requested to purchase the dividers in the next week or so and submit the receipt to Treasurer Johnsen. **Motion: Starrett, seconded: Wooden, Vote: Approved Munising may go ahead purchase rink dividers and submit the receipt to the treasurer in a timely manner.** Ironwood has declined at this time. Iron River will be added to the 2005 grant for \$500 towards the purchase of Rink Dividers. Keweenaw Bay, ~~Ironwood~~ Newberry and Ontonagon are slated to receive the grant in 2006.
- b. District medals have "UP Champs" on them. It should be "District 8". **Motion: Zubiena, seconded by Winslow, Vote: Approved Ward will order new medals for next season.**
- c. Discussion held regarding host associations of A-AA playoffs purchasing runner-up medals when there are only two teams entered. **The matter was tabled until the fall meeting.**
- d. Starrett presented the D-8 Midget A trophy to Belle Tire, the winner of the runner-up tournament.
- e. Discussion was held regarding the 06-07 dues. Johnsen recommends that we stay with the current structure. The dues cap was questioned. McIntosh explained he does D-8 work on Marquette's time with their supplies and equipment. **Motion: Harvey, seconded by Stark, Vote: Approved: keep the dues for**

the 2006-2007 season at \$2.00 per registered player. Max fee set at \$706 which is the amount paid by the second largest member association.

- f. **Motion: Wardynski, seconded by: Sim Vote: approved that D-8 pay for lunch.**

5. USA Hockey Report (Ralph Bammert : Michigan District Registrar and Bob Yohe: MAHA VP Officiating)

- a. The past season numbers are down 17 skaters. (See attachment #3) The reason is felt to be fewer numbers of children available to draw from, the most significant decreases was in the 6 and under age group. It is very important that we all work toward building the younger age groups. Many programs are bringing the young kids in for a trial program. Need to also work on getting adults registered, this is a hard job. For insurance reasons alone, some associations are telling the adult skaters they have to be registered in order to skate. USA hockey referees should not even consider refereeing these games. Also economic conditions contributed to the decrease. We had 172 teams in D-8.
- b. 434 coaches are currently registered.
- c. It is very important that teams do not play in non-sanctioned tournament or games. This is an insurance issue, if some one was hurt playing in a non-sanctioned event, the coach, or individual association may be held responsible very dangerous. (See attachment #5)
Associations need to build in some kind of check system to be sure teams are going to appropriate tournaments. Tournaments may be sanctioned as soon as the dates are set for them and must be sanctioned 2 weeks prior to the event. There is a new rule being proposed that all advertisement regarding a tournament have the sanction number and other official information on it or it can not be distributed.
- d. Importance of teams being registered with a signed/sealed roster before any games is played. It seems there is a lack of education for registrar. (See attachments #5)
- e. In August we will host a meeting for all association registrars, how and when things should be done will be presented. The date will set in the coming weeks. This meeting will be a mandatory meeting, some one from each association must attend, it would be best that the registrar be the one to attend.

6. MAHA Report: (Bob Yohe: MAHA VP Officiating)

- a. Congratulations to Escanaba and L'Anse for winning the class "B" state titles.
- b. Yohe attended all of the Midget d-8 state tournaments.
In the "BB" Midget tournament in Negaunee only one hearing was held.
In the "AA" in Ironwood six hearings were held.
The "B" and "A" tournament in Marquette held in 6 hearings.
Mt. Clemens won the A state tournament and went on to the win the Nationals.

- c. The summer meeting will be held in Harbor Springs July 7-9.
7. Coaching Education Program: (Ward Johnson: MAHA/USAH CEP CIC 7&8)
 - a. The past season coaching clinics are complete and we had a good turnout.
 - b. Coaches should go to www.maha.org for answers to coaching questions. Everything is there, when someone calls Ward with a question he usually goes the Web site to look up the answer. It is very informative and easy to use.
 - c. ~~A Level 4 Clinic will be held in Escanaba the weekend of August 25-27.~~ Register online at www.usahockey.com. No other forms of registration will be accepted. The clinic location will be Bay College and lodging has been reserved at the Best Western. The cost for the clinic is \$200.00. Those interested must have a level 3 coaching card.
 - d. An ACE Directors meeting will be held during the Level 4 Coaching Clinic.
8. Officiating Report: George Niemi (USAH Asst. Officials Supvr.)
 - a. Referee numbers are slightly up. No dates have been set for the 2006/2007 season clinics
 - b. The referees can now register and take their tests on line.
 - c. A power skating program was offered this past season and it was well received but poorly attended.
 - d. Yohe suggests that we send the District referee supervisors (Jacques, Lehto, Niemi) to the summer MAHA meeting. Motion: Zubiena, seconded: Sim Vote: passed, pay up to \$300.00 each to attend the summer meeting.
 - e. Chair Niemi want to extend her appreciation to the referees for a great job at the state tournaments.
 - f. Respect needs to be given to the referees, especially by the coaches. The association ACE Director should be notified when there are problems.
 - g. One referee has not yet been paid for a regional playdown tournament. The tournament director will follow up on the matter.

Break for lunch

9. Director At Large Report: (Peterson)
 - a. Not present, no report.
10. Skill & Development Program/Ace Director's Report: Ed Kattelus (MAHA/USAH SDP Level I)
 - a. Coaching Education is going well.
 - b. Ace Directors need to keep track of who is coaching the Skills Development Program.
 - c. The lower numbers in the SD program are statewide. We need to go out and recruit making trial programs available so they can try it out. Work with a cross ice program. Have games keep the parents interested, and keep the cost down.

- d. The Ace Director needs to keep track of their coaches' level and when coaching cards are going to expire and make sure they attend the clinics they need.
- e. Associations that would like to pursue cross ice programs should contact Ed and he will be glad to help set things up. Cross ice is not covered very much in the level 1 training. There is a cross ice clinic if anyone is interested.

11. District 8 Reports: (Niemi, Starrett, Wooden, Sim)

- a. Sim: It has been a very interesting year.
- b. Wooden: Thank you Keweenaw Bay.
- c. Starrett: Very interesting year, we had enough hearing to last a life time. Just want everyone to realize we all are learning and we make mistakes too.
- d. Niemi: Ditto to everything, some times we are over whelmed and it may seem like we are picking on one individual association but we are only trying to do the right thing. Very lonely sitting in the director's chairs.

12. Association Reports:

- a. Jeff Rule; Ontonagon: Experiencing low numbers, planning to have a girl's team next season, signed a new lease for ice. Hosted the Squirt "B" went well.
- b. Ric O'Neill; Munising: Numbers about the same, planning a girl's team next season, we have lots of ice time just call.
- c. Jeff Harvey; Dickinson County: Girls program completed 1st year, numbers down at SD level. He suggests to peak interest in program have the kids wear their jerseys to school on game days.
- d. Linda Winslow; Marquette: Experiencing a 50% increase in ice cost, \$150 an hour. Marquette has six girls' teams; they have had girls for ten years. In the spring they hold a girls skate and will also be doing same thing in the fall.
- e. Tim MacIntosh; Marquette: Associations need to establish more girls' teams so girls can play girls.
- f. Dale Fuller; Iron River: Had a great season, get parents involved get them on the ice.
- g. Greta Peterson; Manistique: thank you to everyone for all the help this past season.
- h. Craig Savage; Manistique: It was a good year, numbers down like everyone else, constructing a heated viewing area and they also have a girl's team.
- i. Dan Zubiena; Calumet: Numbers down
- j. Ted Stevens; Ironwood: Hosted the Bantam Up's, the midget "A" states, numbers increased by adding a girls team U-19, increasing ice costs \$98.00 and going up 5%.
- k. Aarne Holmio; Escanaba: Escanaba is receiving new boards and zamboni for the big ice. The old set are going to the back ice. They plan to have ice

in August. This was made possible by fundraising and donations. Ice costs \$120.00 and \$115.00.

1. Ken Leivdal; Copper Country: Good year, numbers about the same.

13. District / State Tournament Report: Host sites

- a. Manistique did a great job for the Squirt Districts.
- b. Districts went good except paper work needs to be in order. No documentation on game misconducts, when and if they were served. This is very important. We can not stress enough he need to have the documentation on all skaters and coaches in order.
- c. The district officials do a great job
- d. Not only should paper work be there it also needs to be in an orderly fashion. Associations should supply proper note books or something so coaches get the idea, because nothing takes up more time in a tournament then checking the documentation.

14. Bantam/Midget Festival: Tim McIntosh

The festival went great. We had to have a play off at the "91" level. Ed Kattelus was in charge of the evaluators.

15. NIHL Report: Tim McIntosh

The scheduling meeting will be August 19th in Marquette at the Northwoods

16. CUPHL Report: Aarne Holmio

608 games played by 573 skaters in the league. One issue the score keepers need to be diligent in filling out the score sheets they must be legible and complete. Please pass this along to all score keepers their job is an "off ice official" and they need to conduct business in such a manner. CUPHL meeting follows this meeting today.

17. New Business

- a. The D-8 Fall meeting will be October 21, 2006 at 10:00 AM in Marquette. The exact location is to be determined.
- b. Starrett reported on the proposed rule changes to be voted on at the summer meeting. Discussion was held on the proposed Affiliate Agreement.
- c. Additional Meetings may be held to help with issues we face each year. There may be a President's Workshop or the MAHA road show.
- d. Reminder: By-laws must be re-submitted each year before August 1.
- e. District Web site: If any one has ideas for the web site please contact Cathy Starrett. Could possibly have links to individual association web-sites, sanctioned tournaments, meeting dates and play-down dates.
- f. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Sites for Regional and District Play downs
Play downs

Region 2 *Regions*

Team	Location	Dates
A. Squirt "B"	Ontonagon	1-19/21-07
B. Pee wee "B"	Keweenaw Bay	1-19/21/07
C. Bantam "B"	Keweenaw Bay	1-19/21-07

Region 1

A. Squirt "B"	Munising	1-19/21-07
B. Pee wee "B"	Munising	1-19/21-07
C. Bantam "B"	Munising	1-19/21-07

Districts

Squirt "B"	Iron Wood	2-3/4-07
Squirt "A"	Marquette	2-3/4-07
Squirt "AA"	Marquette	2-3/4-07
Pee wee "B"	Manistique	2-9/11-07
Pee wee "A"	Marquette	2-3/4-07
Pee wee "AA"	Calumet	2-3/4-07
Bantam "B"	Iron Mountain	2-9/11-07
Bantam "A"	Calumet	2-3/4-07
Bantam "AA"	Calumet	2-3/4-07
Midget "B"	LTBD	2-16/18-07
Midget "BB"	LTBD	2-16/18-07
Midget "AA"	Calumet	2-9/11-07