

MAHA DISTRICT 8

FALL MEETING

October 18, 2008

Chairperson Perry Wooden called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM

A. Introductions

1. Introductions were made and an attendance sheet was passed.

B. Secretary's Report

1. Motion by Linda Winslow to accept the minutes of the spring meeting as presented.
2nd: Randy Ritari. Motion carries.

C. Treasurer's Report

1. Motion by Ken Farley to accept the financial report as submitted. 2nd: Judy Niemi. Motion carries.
2. District 8 has been approved for a \$2500 MAHA grant for the 2007/2008 season to purchase one cross ice divider for Ironwood and cross ice mini nets for other associations. Ironwood, Iron Range, Munising and Marquette expressed interest in receiving nets.
3. Motion by Dan Zubiena to have the district pay for lunch. 2nd: Ritari. Motion carries.
4. Motion by Winslow to donate \$100 to Ralph Bammert's surprise retirement party. 2nd: Ritari. Motion carries.

D. USA Hockey Report

1. Bob Yohe is the new Michigan registrar.
2. Yohe brought USA Hockey annual guides and off-ice official guides.
3. Cyber-sport has reports available to the associations.
4. Michigan is leading the nation in online registration. Adult registration numbers are up but youth registration numbers are down.
5. Redistricting may be an issue this year.

E. Referee Report

1. Judy Niemi is the new VP of Referees for MAHA.
2. She attended her first referee clinic last weekend.

F. CEP Report

1. Ward Johnsen emailed his reported. Wooden will forward the report to the council members.

G. ACE Report-no report

H. Officials Report

1. One hundred ten referees attended the clinic in Marquette. Thirty were new level one referees. Sixty-five attended the clinic in Houghton. There is a clinic in Calumet tomorrow.
2. They are trying to find a way to retain level three referees.

- I. DAL Report- no report
- J. Women's Committee Report
 - 1. Winslow attended the Girls/Women's meeting at the summer MAHA meeting. Put the Biscuit in the Basket is a Girl Scout program to increase participation in hockey by girls.
- K. Risk Management Report
 - 1. There are new insurance forms available on the MAHA website.
- L. D-8 Report
 - 1. Wooden reported he is getting everyone's email address so he can send out information and he is happy everything has been quiet so far this season.
 - 2. Ritari has no report.
 - 3. Dan Farley has no report.
 - 4. Dan Zubiena would like to send out the presentation that Yohe presented at the spring meeting to all of the associations.
- M. Old Business
 - 1. Tournament Guidelines
 - a. Yohe explained the process to register tournaments.
 - b. Don't forget to attach the rules to the application and identify the tournament classification.
 - c. Must have a sanction for all tournaments.
 - d. Teams must have a travel permit to play in Canada. Contact Ken Leivdal or Tim McIntosh to obtain a permit for exhibition games. George Atkinson is the travel permit contact when attending a Canadian tournament.
 - e. If a tournament is cancelled the \$100 sanction fee is lost unless you reschedule another tournament in the same classification during the same season.
- N. Association Reports
 - 1. Manistique reported their numbers are down. They have 60 players registered.
 - 2. Ontonagon reported they have 58 players registered and they will be skating in ten days.
 - 3. Munising reported their ice will be in Monday. There may be some interest in girl's hockey. Things are going good.
 - 4. Ironwood has 125 players registered. They will have a team at every level. The skills development program has 40 players. The millage has passed but they have issues with the city.
 - 5. Dickinson AHA reported their program starts Monday. They will have no girl's teams.
 - 6. Iron Range reported they've been skating since October 8th. Their numbers are down slightly but not all midgets are registered. They have a 16U girl's team.
 - 7. Calumet reported their player numbers are steady. They have a new rink dehumidifier.
 - 8. CCJHA reported their number are steady but will only have one girl's team.

9. Marquette reported their numbers are down slightly. They have about 80 players in the skill development program. They received a One Goal Grant for skills development. The CCHA will have a Hockey is Fun Day at NMU for kids that have never played on December 10th.
10. Iron River reported they are working on capital improvements and have added netting and showers to their facility. They will have teams in mites- peewees.
11. Escanaba reported their numbers are up slightly. They bought 20 sets of One Goal equipment. Escanaba and DAHA held a joint goalie clinic.
12. Tahquamenon Area Hockey and Keweenaw Bay Hockey were absent.

O. Regional and District Location Recap

1. Region 1- Squirt, Peewee and Bantam- Munising- Jan. 16-18
2. Region 2- Squirt- Ontonagon- Jan. 16-18
3. Region 2- Peewee- Iron River- Jan. 16-18
4. Region 2- Bantam- Ontonagon- Jan. 9-11.
5. District Squirt B- Copper Country- Feb. 13-15
6. District Squirt A, AA, Peewee A, Midget A- Marquette- Feb. 6-8
7. District Peewee B- Munising- Feb. 13-15
8. District Peewee AA, Bantam A, Bantam AA, Midget AA- Calumet- Feb. 13-15
9. District Bantam B- Iron Mountain- Feb. 20-22
10. District Midget B/BB- Iron Range- Feb. 20-22
11. Newberry and Keweenaw Bay were absent.

P. Festival Report

1. The district 8 bantam -midget festival will be held March 20-22 in Marquette.
2. The Michigan 16-17 festival will be held in Taylor on Mother's Day weekend.

Q. NIHL League Report

1. The NIHL scheduling meeting was held in late August. The league is functioning and stable.

R. CUP League Report

1. The CUP league scheduling meeting will be held tomorrow at 10:00 AM.
2. The league is struggling to hold a girls division.

S. Risk Management Issues

1. An association has knowledge of a previous serious injury to a player. According to Grant Helms the player must have a medical release to play.
2. An association has a player with a heart condition and no doctor will sign a medical release. This player is 18 and the association will get a document written by an attorney for the player to sign waiving his rights.
3. Contact Grant Helms with unusual situations and report serious injuries to him.

T. Team Declarations- see attached

U. Association Meeting Attendance

1. Motion by Frank Wardynski to declare Keweenaw Bay Hockey district tournament ineligible for the 2008/2009 season. 2nd: Ellen Walters. Motion fails 10-3.

V. CEP Report- part II

1. There will be a level 1, level 2 and level 3 coaching clinic in Houghton in December.
2. The Level 4 clinic held in Escanaba had 50 participants.
3. Level 3 recertification must be completed by December 31 or the coach is off the bench.
4. Association ACE Directors need to let Ward Johnsen and Ed Kattelus know their educational needs.
5. NO COACHING WAIVERS can be issued.

W. District Trophies

1. American Nameplate offered a laser color tablet trophy for \$57.50 and laser color medals for \$5.25 per medal.
2. AP Laser offered a tablet trophy with plates similar to our recent trophies for \$30.00 and similar medals for \$5.00 per medal.
3. Motion by Winslow to go with the awards from AP Laser. 2nd: Walt Milligan.
Motion carries.

X. District Tournament Guidelines

1. Discussion took place regarding the balance between regions as far as play downs are concerned and possible ways to deal with it.
2. The by-laws need to be checked to see if an amendment is needed to make changes to the regions. District 8 is currently one district with two regions.

Y. Match Penalties

1. Coach must call the chairperson within 24 hours if he or a player on his team receives a match penalty.
2. Wooden will distribute the match penalty reporting and procedures to all of the associations.

Z. Correction

1. Wooden's telephone number is incorrect in the MAHA Guidebook. His home number is 906-486-6807.

AA. District Director Elections

1. Anyone interested in putting their name on the ballot for director should call Cathy Starrett at 906-475-8000 before February 1, 2009. Email: cathsta@aol.com

BB. Rules Changes

1. Ritari went over the rule changes that were approved at the summer MAHA meeting.
2. The changes are posted on the MAHA website.
3. The changes affecting this district include:
 - a. New VP of Girls
 - b. Exec board terms are now three years
 - c. Eight and under players need not sign the roster
 - d. Head coach must be designated on the roster
 - e. Suspensions being served must be noted on the game sheet

CC. Spring Meeting

1. The spring District 8 meeting will be held April 18, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the Wawonowin Country Club, Ishpeming.
2. Tournament Calendar will be added to the spring agenda. All associations should bring a tentative tournament schedule for the 2009/2010 season.

DD. By-Law Change

1. A by-law change was proposed and a first reading was conducted. This will be considered under Old Business and voted on at the Spring 2009 meeting:

If an association is not represented at the district council meeting, the district council may vote to declare that association to be ineligible for the next district and state playoff.

EE. State Playoff

1. Marquette Junior Hockey has submitted a proposal to host the 2009 Midget AAA state playoff and is asking for support from the council.

FF. One Goal Grant

1. Associations were encouraged to apply for a One Goal Grant as almost all grant requests were approved.

GG. Adjourn

1. Motion by Milligan to adjourn the meeting. 2nd: Farley.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.