

MAHA DISTRICT 8

APRIL 24, 2009

Chairperson Wooden called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

A. Introductions

1. Introductions were made and attendance was taken. Thirteen associations were represented. Perry Wooden, Randy Ritari and Dan Zubiena were the district directors present. Director Dan Farley was absent. DAL Bill Peterson was absent.

B. Minutes

1. The minutes of the Fall 2008 meeting were emailed to the council members and were available for inspection.
2. Motion to accept the minutes as presented by Ritari. 2nd: McIntosh. Motion carries.

C. Treasurer's Report

1. Cathy Starrett presented the treasurer's report to date.
2. There is a possibility that the district may only be able to keep 50% of its \$13,500 budget in reserve.
3. Motion to approve the district buying the lunch by Ken Farley. 2nd: Dan Zubiena. Motion carries.
4. Motion to send the District RIC and District ACE Director to the summer MAHA meeting and to reimburse their expenses not to exceed \$350 each by Ritari. 2nd: McIntosh. Motion carries.
5. Motion to purchase the computers needed to conduct the business of the district at a cost not to exceed \$1000 each by Walt Milligan. 2nd: Ken Farley. Motion carries.

D. Registrar's Report

1. Bob Yohe reports the 2009/2010 season USA Hockey registration is now open.
2. D-8 was down 40 players in 2008/2009.
3. Cybersport updates were presented.
4. Post season teams were discussed. Non-sanctioned tournaments are not covered by USA Hockey insurance.

E. Coaching Report

1. ACE Director Ed Kattelus reported on the attendance at the 08/09 coaching clinics.
2. The clinics will be scheduled at about the same times and places for next season.

F. Officials Report

1. Sean Jacques reports a state playoff season with no complaints.
2. George Niemi said there will be three clinics held in the fall at Escanaba, Marquette and Houghton.

G. DAL- no report

H. Women's Report- none

I. One Goal Committee Report

1. Starrett reports the committee has not heard from chairperson Lyle Phair all winter.
2. Grant applications for programs to grow hockey were encouraged.

J. Risk Management

1. If a player is hurt go to your registrar to get an insurance form from Cybersport.

K. Director's Reports

1. Wooden covered the Midget BB tournament in Negaunee.
2. Dan Farley covered the regionals in Ontonagon and the bantam tournament in Escanaba.
3. Randy Ritari covered the district tournament in Munising. He served on the rules committee.
4. Dan Zubiena covered the tournament in Calumet and it went well.

L. Association Reports

1. Marquette- Winslow expressed concern about the high cost of some of the state tournaments.
2. Calumet- New dehumidifiers have allowed them to extend their season.
3. Munising- They held the peewee B district tournament. That went well and it was a good season.
4. Manistique- It was a good season. Their problems from last year have gone away.
5. Newberry- It was a great season. No problems to report.
6. Escanaba-It was a good season.
7. Iron Mountain- A new cooling tower will save \$20,000 in utility bills. Ice is \$107 per hour.
8. Copper Country- They hosted the squirt B tournament and things went well.
9. Ontonagon- They have a new president. They are doing fundraisers to keep the program going. They held their first golf tournament with 18 four player teams.
10. Ironwood- Ted Stevens has resigned and they need a new council rep.
11. Iron River- They held the peewee regional and also held a mite tournament. They now have locker rooms and showers.
12. Keweenaw Bay- Their numbers are down.
13. Iron Range- They held the midget BB district tournament. They are getting new boards and requiring the use of Mylar pucks. Ice is proposed to cost \$104. Ken Farley has concerns about game counts.

M. Game Count

1. There is confusion on whether play-in and play-down games count toward the game count for district eligibility.
2. Bob Yohe suggests submitting a rule change to MAHA to clarify the situation.

3. Motion by Ritari to allow squirts and peewees to play up to 35 games and bantams and midgets to play up to 40 games before February 1 to be district eligible. All games count unless the district tournament begins before February 1, then those games do not count toward their game count. 2nd: Ken Farley. Motion carries.

N. Bantam-Midget Festival

1. McIntosh reports that the festival went well. There was a good group of evaluators. The skater numbers were down due to the fact that Traverse City players were forced to attend another festival.
2. The 16/17 year old state festival is in Taylor the second week in May.
3. The 14/15 year old state festival is in Sault Ste. Marie the third week of June.

O. CUP League Report

1. The CUP league will hold a brief meeting following the close of this meeting.

P. Old Business

1. By-law Change (2nd reading)

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.

This was adopted by a vote of the eligible voting members present. A current copy of the district by-laws has not been found. Another attempt will be made to locate a copy or they shall be rewritten.

2. A by-law committee was formed. Wooden, Judy Niemi, Ritari and Starrett will serve. Anyone else interested should contact Wooden.

Q. New Business

1. District Play-in Policy

Ken Farley presented a proposal to update the structure of the regional play downs.

Update structure: east and west teams

East-Marquette, Escanaba, Munising, Newberry, Manistique

East swing teams- Iron Range, DAHA (Iron Mountain)

West- Ironwood, Ontonagon, Calumet, Copper Country

West swing teams- Iron River, Keweenaw Bay

Proposal: **To give all teams in the district play-ins an equal opportunity to advance to the District Tournament.**

When there is an imbalance in the play ins and it is greater than 1, then a swing team will be moved to the other side, for example: if we have 5 teams on the east playing for 4 spots, and we have six teams on the west playing for 3 spots, we have an imbalance of 2, thus moving a team from the west (Iron River or Keweenaw Bay) to the east. The team to be moved will be decided by a coin toss, and would be alternated from that point. If a swing team is the host of the District Tournament, the other team would go. When moving teams, we would

do this until the imbalance is one. In this case, it would go to East teams, six teams playing for 4 spots, and West Teams 5 teams playing for 3 spots. By doing this we would be giving all of the teams in our district an equal opportunity to make the District Tournament.

A motion to approve the proposal was made by Ken Farley. 2nd: Walt Milligan.
Motion carries.

2. Play-off Locations

a. Regionals

- i. Region 1- Iron Mountain, Jan. 15-17
- ii. Region 2- Squirt, Ontonagon, Jan. 15-17
- iii. Region 2- Peewee, Keweenaw Bay, Jan. 15-17
- iv. Region 2- Bantam, Iron River, Jan. 15-17

b. Districts

- i. Squirt A, Squirt AA, PWA, Midget A/AA- Calumet, Feb. 12-14
- ii. PWAA, Bantam A, Bantam AA- Marquette, Feb. 5-7
- iii. Squirt B- Manistique, Feb. 12-14
- iv. Peewee B- Keweenaw Bay, Feb. 19-21
- v. Bantam B- Ironwood, Feb. 19-21
- vi. Midget BB- Iron Range, Feb. 26-28

c. State Tournaments

- i. Peewee B- Escanaba, March 13-15
- ii. Peewee A- tabled until fall
- iii. Peewee AA- Marquette, March 5-7

3. Fall Meeting

- a. The Fall District Council meeting will be held at the Wawonowin Country Club on October 17, 2009 at 10:00 AM.
- b. There will be a STAR program in-service at this meeting.

4. Special Sanctions

- a. Skills Competitions are not part of a tournament sanction. Tournaments must obtain a special sanction from the registrar in order to hold a skills competition at a tournament.
- b. Three-on-three jamborees that award NO TROPHIES may be held with a special sanction.
- c. Special sanctions are necessary for Bring A Friend to Skate programs.

R. Adjourn

1. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ken Farley. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25PM.