

## DISTRICT 2 MEETING MINUTES September 21, 2004 in Wayne

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Directors Present-Rick Frescura, Deborah Beatty, Deborah Zimmerman, Gary Ball, Gary Wojo, and Gordon Leitz

Directors Absent-Doug Diroff

Council Persons Present-John Bauer, Bob Smith, and Carl Brogley

Council Persons Absent-Tom Featherston, and Jerry Ralko

A moment of silence was observed in honor of the recently deceased, Bruce Vida and the father of Doug Diroff.

### **RULES:** Rick Frescura

- A. There are new rules for associations and they have one year to comply with the new rules. A copy of all of the association's by-laws and draft rules are due to the district by the end of the March. Anything not meeting with the district's approval will be sent back to the association for corrections. The corrected version will be due by July 1. Association draft rules are to be a part of the by-laws.

### **REGISTRATION:** Rick Frescura

- A. Coaches and managers must fill out the Code of Conduct from now titled Participant Code of Conduct. This is in addition to the Ethics form. These must be presented at the credentials meeting.
- B. Student coaches must fill out the same forms as the coaches except for the background check.
- C. Teams will be flagged for having too many second year players and/or less than 3 teams in a division by the end of October. Letters of Exception must be in the district's hands by November 15. Associations may do this by e-mailing Rick Frescura. Rick will then present them to the State Tournament Committee.
- D. Adult Player/Coaches are urged to register online.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT:** Gordon Leitz and Rick Frescura

- A. The D & O Insurance premium rose because of the industry's rating system. USA hockey is now working with Philadelphia Insurance. It will cost an association \$15.00 per team to be covered. It will cost leagues \$15.00 per association to be covered. Visit their website for further information.
- B. Independent teams are not part of an association therefore they will more than likely be charged through their league.

**OFFICIATING:** Gary Wojo

- A. There was a meeting downriver regarding Michigan Ice Hockey Officials Association, which was created by Roy Fingers. The program would take away the responsibilities of the association ice scheduler and all associations would go to the MIHOA website and list their games at which point the officials belonging to MIHOA would bid on the games. There would be no way to monitor the capabilities of the refs bidding for the association's games. One person would collect all referee fees and distribute them at a later day. Upon discussion at the downriver meeting the referees decided that the new system would not work because there is no room to have the mentoring program grow. Also, if a ref doesn't show to your game, there is no one to call and lastly, there has been a problem with Roy Fingers paying referees in a timely fashion. It was the general consensus at the meeting that the officials from districts 2, 3, & 4 do not want to see MIHOA implemented. The associations will have a choice to either submit their games to their usual scheduler or to MIHOA. MIHOA is not mandatory for associations.
- B. Roy Fingers position with USA Hockey is an appointed position. USA Hockey appointed him and they are the only organization with the power to take away the appointment. If enough complaints are lodged with Matt Leaf and Bob Hayden from USA Hockey, there is a chance that Roy will be removed from office. Everyone not in favor of MIHOA is urged to e-mail Matt or Bob.
- C. Bill Gatesy will be forming a new mentoring program for bringing in and training new referees.

**GIRLS:**

- A. Detroit's Girls 19 & Under team is looking for players.
- B. Any association interested in hosting the state playoffs for girls hockey should call Bob Steele.

**COACHING:** Deborah Beatty

- A. Coaching Waiver forms need to be turned into the district by November 15, together with a copy of the coaching card.
- B. Coaches can take levels 1 and 2 in the same year. They can only take levels 2 and 3 in the same year if they have a waiver. To take levels 1 and 2, they must register on line for level 1 and then register with their ACE Director for level 2, at which point, they will be added to the walk in list and will register as a walk in with a guaranteed spot held for them.
- C. The level 2 clinic at Dearborn last month had a disappointing turn out of approximately 30 coaches.
- D. When asking for a coaching waiver, please attach a copy of the back and front of the coaching card. If there is no coaching card yet, please forward a copy to the District 2 board as soon as possible.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Rick Frescura

- A. There was a committee meeting held at the Chairperson's meeting in Farmington Hills regarding the need for another division. The new division would allow for non-league play house teams with league play "select" teams. This is happening through some of the districts already. District 2 does not have need for another division but needs to protect its teams from the other Districts who want another division. The addition of a new division would eliminate "select" teams from playing house b teams in league or state playoff play. A survey will be e-mailed to all associations in our District so that Rick can take the opinions of the district with him to the next meeting in November.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. A meeting for the district chairpersons with the executive board was held at the Farmington Hills Holiday Inn. The meeting was held in an open forum format and its purpose was for the chairpersons to address each other and the executive board with areas of concern in their district and for the districts to get on the same page as to procedures for certain matters.
- B. The Star Program Guidelines need to be added to your association's rules.

Rick Frescura moved to adjourn the meeting.

Gordon Leitz seconded the motion

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.