

MICHIGAN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION DISTRICT 2



SEPTEMBER 20, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

Directors:	Rick Frescura	Doug Diroff
	Bob Smith	Debbie Zimmerman
	Debbie Beatty	

Council:	Carl Brogley	
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RIC:	Bill Gatesy	Bill Gatesy
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General Attendance:	Dawn Toth	Dearborn Heights Hockey Association
	John Louria	Trenton Hockey Association
	Marilyn Alexander	Dearborn Hockey Association
	Rhonda Whittington	Westland Hockey Association
	Karen Sheppard	Westland Hockey Association
	John Sutherland	Woodhaven Hockey Association
	Bonnie Johnson	Detroit Hockey Association
	Michele Bergermann	Wayne Hockey Association
	Robert Ayala	Detroit Clark Park Hockey
	Anthony Benavides	Detroit Clark Park Hockey
	Chris Buza	Lincoln Park Hockey Association
	Jon Murphy	Brownstown Hockey Association

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm.

Rules

Debbie Beatty is on a new committee to standardize draft rules for the state of Michigan. If you have comments or suggestions, please contact her.

A previously rescinded rule change that would allow Bantams and above to play High School and MAHA youth will be coming back for possible consideration. If you have thoughts on this, please get comments to Rick. Discussions were held reiterating that any player that joins a High School team is to be dropped by the team. If for some reason the player wishes to rejoin the MAHA team, he must be re-added to the roster and his ten games must be re-established.

In District 8 they draft midget teams to play prior to the HS season and play a two month pre-season. After the HS selects their teams, the teams redraft and play their fall season. This could potentially work for us if but would have to be thought out too consider items like ice location, coaches, ect. We would probably have to work closely with Adray or LCAHL to begin games at a later date.

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Bylaws

Rick mentioned that some associations had not yet completed the changes requested by the council. He was going to follow up with them to get status. All associations have met the minimum of turning in their by-laws per the MAHA rules.

Registration

Flagged teams will be out shortly. Those flagged for 2nd year players are done immediately but those for less than 3 teams take longer to determine. Associations know this information already and should prepare their Exception letters in advance. Rick would like the association letters by November 1st. Exception letters need to be submitted for Skill Development programs if they do not meet minimum amount of skaters.

Ace Director Report

USA Hockey's Tom Kehr hosted a meeting for all District ACEs at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor using the NTDP facilities. DVDs pertaining to goalie training were given to all who attended. Those associations that did not send an ACE will not receive the DVDs.

All Waiver requests will now be discussed between the District ACE and the Association ACE before making a recommendation to the D2 counsel.

Next year the ACE program will include the education of parents on the fundamentals of hockey, referee calls, and spectator behavior. USA's program is very similar to Michigan's STAR program.

There is another Ace Director meeting on the 25th in Taylor starting at 11:00am. This will be a short meeting to lay out the procedure for getting any coaching waivers.

Risk Management

A copy of the local ice contract needs to be sent to Debbie Beatty for the Executive Boards review. Depending on the contractual terms of the contracts, this could be used to lower our liability insurance.

Officiating

Bill Gatesy reported that he is working with all the district schedulers to change up the referees in the building. Too often the same referee's were working all the games. Bill believes this will improve the level of officiating within the district. Mini-mites and Mites will be using many new young referees. They will probably have a mentor with them assisting them. Squirts will have a younger referee and an older referee working side by side.

If there are problems with referees, please put it into writing and send to your local scheduler and copy Bill. He will be following up to ensure that the scheduler reviews the situation and takes appropriate action.

Schedulers will be asked to provide a list of games & officials weekly to Bill. They will use this as a tool to schedule evaluations and get feedback to the referees.

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Bill said that they are planning to enforce zero tolerance with both coaches and players. If a player complains or slams his stick after a call, he will get an additional penalty. If a coach is throwing water battles, he will be penalized.

If the referees do not follow this guidance, they will be suspended.

Bill's Contact information is: Cell 313-980-4455
 Hockey line 313-383-2494
 Email RICD2Gates@wowway.com

Girls/Women

Tier I in Lansing 1st week in March
Tier II Traverse City 2nd week in March

Bob reported that all girls' teams should register at the MAHA website in the girls women's section.

Adult

If you have adult teams that want to play in states, contact Gary Ball.

Old Business

Intent letters are on the website. They were not put in the registration pack. They need to be turned into Rick by November 15th. Rick asked that association presidents personally ensure that all teams have filled out the intent letter to help make district scheduling go smoothly.

Please pass out the website information to your teams so that they can keep up to date on district meetings and other important dates.

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Coaching Clinics

Trenton is having a student coaching clinic and it is open to anyone. John will provide the time to the district and it will be forwarded to the mailing lists.

Level 4 clinics are tentatively in Escanoba in the spring and Compuware in March 17th to 19th.

States

District 2 is hosting Squirt states. We have asked for requests for host associations for the last few months. If you are interested, you must email Rick by the end of September.

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District Meeting Dates:

October 18, 2005	Brownstown (Ice Box)
November 15, 2005	Monroe
February 21, 2006	Garden City (Maplewood Center)
March 21, 2006	Trenton (Westfield Center)

Other Important Dates:

December 4 th	District Scheduling Meeting	DISC
January 4 th /5 th	Credentials B/BB/A/AA	DISC
January 12 th	AAA/Girls	DISC
January 16 th	Begin District Playoffs	
February 4 th /5 th	District Quarter Finals	TBD
February 11 th /12 th	District Finals	TBD