

MICHIGAN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION DISTRICT 2



SEPTEMBER 19, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

Directors:	Rick Frescura	Carl Brogley
	Debbie Beatty	Doug Diroff
	Gary Wojowuzski	Bob Smith

Council:	NA
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RIC:	Bill Gatesy
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General Attendance:	Burdett Milkins	Grosse Ile
	Bruce Antioh	Allen Park
	Mark Eelnurme	Michigan Devils
	John Murphy	Brownstown
	Colin Sanborn	Lincoln Park
	Cindy Clark	Wyandotte
	Keith Kloock	Trenton
	Ken Imlach	Grosse Ile
	Johno Norian	Ice Box

Registration:

Registration packages are slowing down. Most problems in registration packages revolved around coaches not putting the driver's license numbers on the background forms. This was a new requirement this year to help resolve misidentification errors. Remember anyone who goes into the locker room must have a background check.

Exceptions. There have been a few flagged teams. Letters for exceptions need to be submitted to the district council by November 15th.

Risk Management:

Need to have a copy of each association's ice contracts be turned into Debbie Beattie. This is for review by the MAHA Executive Board to ensure that the rinks are not adding additional insurance burden on the associations.

Rick has received the policy details for our USA Hockey Insurance. If you are interested in getting a copie, email your request to Rick.

ACE Coordinators

Debbie & Rick have been going to each association and discussing registration and CEP requirements. This has been going very well in communicating directly with the coaches and managers.

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The final ACE meeting is scheduled for Saturday September 23rd. There is a wealth of information provided to the association ACE directors.

It is recommended that you have all of your parents view the online Standards of Play video.

Coaches that need to take a level 2 & 3 clinic need a waiver prior to attending the level 3 clinic. There are some issues around the waiver/exception process that crop up if a waiver is given and the coach moves up to a division that requires a level 3. The current rules provide no relief to allow the coach to take level 2 & 3 in the same year. District 2 plans to submit a rule change to resolve this issue.

Star Program

Carl created a brochure on the Star Program. There are no current open Star Reports.

Officiating

Bill discussed the new Standards of Play. He emphasized that the stick must stay on the ice and no interference will be tolerated. There have been a few High School games with 35+ penalties. This is going to take some time for the officials to become used to this change just like the players; especially at the higher levels where the speed is very fast.

Complaints that referees are making too many calls are not being given much weight. Complaints about referees that are not calling penalties will be investigated.

The NHL has a very good video that is available for download on www.NHL.com.

A good idea to assist with teaching the players the rule changes is to have a referee come out and call penalties in a controlled situation.

Rules

The rule change on out of state girls was discussed. Rick said that there are few teams that are being reviewed for compliance.

Girls/Women

Tier 1 national bound tournament will be March 2-4 in Lansing. Tier II location hasn't been determined.

Adults

Rick reported that he has fielded some questions about the new Standard of Play and if it would be applied at the adult levels. Rick referred them to the appropriate referee supervisor.

Arena's that do not get their Adults Leagues registered will not be allowed to host tournaments. Additionally, they will not be allowed to be used as a surface on a for profit tournament. This will not stop an Association from hosting a tournament, but the District Council will not award districts or states to an association that skates out of an arena that hasn't registered their adults.

Old Business

Bylaws. Many associations haven't been turned in to the District Council. These must be in by Sept. 30th.

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Requests for States & Districts are due today. There have been a few submitted and the district will select from those.

New Business

Carl was asked if he would have meetings with Associations to discuss the Star Program. Carl said he would make himself available.

Rick let everyone know that there are two drop boxes addresses registration packages. His old address is on Vennes and his new home located at 401 N. Mildred, Dearborn (Cherry Hill and Telegraph), 48128. Phone number is 313-551-4914. Email is Frescurar@yahoo.com.

Next month's meeting is October 17th in Southgate at 7:30pm.