

**Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 14, 2015**

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Attendees: Sarah Jacobsen (President, Freeze), Renee LeBlanc (D6 Director, TOT2), Laurie Golden-Birchler (D3, Flames), Michelle Reeve (D2, Hammerheads)

Absent: Kerri Kelly (Ruicci Cup Coordinator, Bombshells), Jenn Czajkowski (D4, Ice Picks), Carol Schwanger (D5, TOT)

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by President Sarah Jacobsen

I. Approval of 3/10/15 minutes

Motion to approve made by M. Reeve, seconded by S. Jacobsen. Motion carried.

II. Treasurer's Report

A. Total \$14,000 deposited (team Ruicci Cup fees)

Current balance as of 4/14/15 is \$8687.18

Two outstanding checks in the amounts of \$58 and \$30 from Ruicci Cup

B. Ruicci Cup Expenses

Total Ice Costs: \$9950

Total Ref Costs: \$2846

Score keeping costs: \$490

Total Misc Costs (hospitality, Trophy, gifts, snacks, and etc.) \$1553.35

Ruicci Cup Revenue will be updated when remaining vendor commission checks have been received

C. Discussion on how to disperse surplus Ruicci Cup revenue tabled to May meeting

III. Division updates

A. D6- R. LeBlanc reported that the Icebreakers won the division for the regular season, finishing with 32 points and a record of 14-2-4.

B. D5- TOT2 won the division for the regular season, finishing with 30 points and a record of 13-3-4.

C. D4- Bombshells won the division for the regular season, finishing with 25 points and a record of 11-6-3.

D. D3.

1. L. Golden-Birchler reported that U of M Flint won the division for the regular season finishing with 40 points and an undefeated record of 20-0-0.

2. Detroit Blades v. Crush crossover game on 3/13/15 contained three rostered players from the Bombshells. As there was a misunderstanding of scrimmages vs. crossover games, and at the agreement of both managers, the game was struck from schedule.

E. D2. Pending the submission of nine outstanding scoresheets, the division winner for the regular season cannot yet be determined.

F. D1.

1. M. Reeve reported that pending the submission of four outstanding scoresheets, a division winner for the regular season cannot yet be determined.
2. A statement has been received from Mission and a referee from the 2/25/15 Cougars v. Mission game. Attempts to meet with Shuana Siebert (Cougars player with misconduct penalties) have been difficult to arrange due to the work and school schedules of the parties involved. M Reeve agreed to communicate with S. Siebert that her penalties and behavior during next season will be closely monitored.

#### IV. Ruicci Cup Recap

##### A. Successes

1. S. Jacobsen replayed a congratulatory voice mail from Gil Ruicci on how well he thought Ruicci Cup was run and offered his personal apologies for Joey Kocur's absence at the championship games.
2. Several other positive comments to various board members from participants were received verbally and via email.

##### B. Areas for improvement

1. Some comments received about the re-seeding mid-way through playoffs and the fact that some teams had to play the same opponent back to back, rather than having more "variety." The schedule is the same model used for the MAHA state tournament and has been used for Ruicci Cup for at least 15 years, but the board is open to other suggestions of tournament/playoff models if anybody wants to submit alternatives.
2. Some complained about the music during the championship games being "too loud and distracting," while others complained it wasn't loud enough.

C. Story about Ruicci Cup 2015 by Lou Issel appeared in Hockey Weekly recently. MSWHL members can obtain a copy from sporting goods stores and online.

D. Survey from Ruicci Cup to be revisited in May for next year's planning session.

E. Mica Reardon inquired about how to participate as a vendor for next year. She was directed to contact K. Kelly.

#### V. Other

A. Hockey Helmet study released from Virginia Tech, with response from USA Hockey, which is viewable at USA Hockey website.

B. Women's NHL coming fall 2015

C. Fundraiser game with Red Wing alumni and D1 player has been suggested/offered by Michele Monson for next year. More information is required.

D. Lisa Shattuck (TOT) inquired about soliciting MSWHL players as part of her research project at Wayne State and was directed to contact managers directly

E. League and handbook revision considerations to 2015-2016 to be tabled until May meeting.

##### F. Referee evaluations

1. S. Jacobsen distributed a summary of the referee evaluations received throughout the season.

2. Twenty-one referees were evaluated and could earn a total of 30 points per game.

3. Four referees (Hal Furkas, Justin Jolley-Vallieres, Jim Kreklau, and Chris Scheurer) received 30 points for one or more games.
4. Discussion occurred about whether or not this information was valuable enough to continue for next year, recognizing that it might have been too cumbersome for managers to do. The board will explore options for next year and determine at a later date if it will be encouraged for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by L. Golden-Birchler, MSWHL Secretary