

# CCJHA Board of Directors February 2024 Meeting

February 14, 2024, 6:32 pm

## Call to Order

Present: Jon French, Ian Repp, Ryan Bennett, Amy Blake, Jenn Capello, Keith Frick, Kittu Loukus, Colleen Mayra, Ian Repp, Jeff Peltier, Jenn Capello, Carson Stevens

Absent: Steve Mattson, Jeff Van Karsen, Travis Kilpela, Tom Glass

## Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Ryan Bennett, Jeff Peltier (second); motion carried.

## Guests and Public Comments

Guest: Joe Zerbst

## Treasurer's Report

### Balances

- Board Balance: \$135,040.42
- Referee Balance: \$8,523.68
- Markham/Kero Savings: \$2,553.70

### Bills Paid

- Houghton County Arena (December Ice) =\$11,768.75
- City of Houghton, Dee (December Ice) =\$12,305.00
- Rukkila & Negro -\$850.00 (QuickBooks cleanup & reconciliations)

### Transfers

Referee Fund -\$10,000.00

### Tournament Fees

Team	Districts	Regionals	States
10UB DB Tile	\$250.78	\$562	
12UB Auto Pro	\$250.78	\$798	
14UB AFM	\$988.91		
10UAA Semco	\$690.40		
12UAA Pat's Foods	\$838		\$900
14UAA G&J Site Solutions	\$695		\$1100

<b>8U+ J Peltier</b>			\$675
<b>Girls 10UB Mineshaft SP</b>			\$825
<b>Girls 14UB Garrow Acct.</b>			\$775
<b>Girls 19UB Harter Auto</b>			\$775

## Bills Outstanding

- Houghton County Arena (January Ice) =\$11,112.50
- City of Houghton Dee (January Ice) =\$12,745.00
- Center Ice, practice pucks -\$125.00
- Rukkila & Negro -\$1,450.00 (990 Completion and Submittal)

## Donations

- UPPCO -\$300.00
- Copper Shores, Giving Tuesday -\$11,997.43 (Not Yet Deposited)
- \$500 from J. Peltier Construction (8U+ sponsorship)

## To-Do

- The Board will send thank you cards to those who donate to giving Tuesday, along with any other donations.
- There was discussion about the past due families, and if their kids were still on the ice; what is the penalty for non-payment? Keith will continue to contact all registrants with failed payments (currently 5 families past due, \$2,857.41).

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by Colleen Mayra, Jeff Peltier (support); motion carried.

## Travel Committee

Ryan and Jon met and got a good start on a coaching letter, to include what makes a good coach, expectations, and other items that CCJHA expects from coaches. It outlines what CCJHA wants coaches to teach kids as young adults on and off the ice - not just hockey but life skills as well. They will continue to work on this.

It was discussed that the application for travel coaches will not be posted until after the Annual Meeting.

# **Finance Committee Report**

## **Michigan Tech Athletics (Junior Huskies)**

The committee asked the Board for their thoughts on what they wanted to see from an agreement like this before they meet with Michigan Tech. There was discussion on items such as number of teams, sponsors (would this deter sponsors?), different color jerseys, etc. What would a multi-year commitment look like, and how would Michigan Tech benefit from this partnership?

Keweenaw Chevy banner update – Ian will talk to the rinks to see where we can hang in a prominent place so that is visible for playoffs.

## **Equipment Manager Report**

### **Ontonagon Hockey Association – equipment loan return update**

Travis reported to Jon that the equipment had been returned.

## **Booster Club Report**

- Booster Club is working on details for the Annual Awards Night.
- Coaching/Officials/State bound team reimbursement – It was discussed but tabled until there was a final count for teams.
- Referee reimbursement – We will need a list of eligible officials so that this can be discussed.

## **Officials Report - Carson Stevens**

There was a discussion regarding abuse of officials at the 12UB Calumet Royale/M&M Powersports game on 2/4/24. This has been an ongoing issue with this team's staff and parents, and last season Jon had to address the parent at a game who was behaving inappropriately in the stands. This is now an issue with the same individuals as the player has moved up to 12UB division.

Sophia Blake (USAH Official Level 3) submitted an email to CCJHA RIC and President regarding the 2/4/24 game, expressing frustration with the actions of the coaches, and other behavior that has been prevalent throughout interactions with this specific coaching staff.

Jon replied to the email and apologized for the behavior of the coaches and committed to making sure CCJHA continues to support referees and enforce the Zero Tolerance policy.

Questions asked and discussed:

- What can the CCJHA do with coaches who continue to behave in this manner?
- What power do the officials wield? Could scorekeepers as off-ice officials have any authority in this type of situation?

## **Action items**

- Jon will contact Mike Jukuri and relay the issues we have with these CHA coaches.
- Carson will email the referees and remind them of the procedure when they encounter this behavior (Rule 601).
- We will continue to work to get an Earn Your Stripes event up in the U.P., as these events have been beneficial to helping referees who are starting to work full-ice games for the first time.

## **8U behavior issue**

The Board recommended that the coaching director attend an upcoming 8U ADM session to talk to the division coordinator and coaches regarding some inappropriate behavior by players in recent games.

## **Coaching Director Report**

Nothing to report.

## **Registrar/Safe Sport Report**

Nothing to report.

## **Program Director Report**

Games are consistently running over time. We need to keep games on schedule.

The season officially ends on April 1 and nothing can be scheduled after that date. The dates of 3/25 and 3/26 were brought up for Hockey Monday and Tuesday. Inter-city games will be on 2/27 for 10U/12U (Hoco or Dee) and 2/29/24 in Calumet for 14U.

## **Web Administrator Update**

NTR

## **Old Business**

### **MAHA Revisions to CCJHA Bylaws Revised Draft**

We need to work on additional sections to cover co-ops with other associations and player partial-season refunds prior to submitting it to MAHA.

### **Possible puck/ball shooting areas at the Dee and HOCO for dry land**

Possible puck/ball shooting areas at the Dee and HOCO for dryland Both rinks have received suggestions on possible locations. This is still in progress but moving forward.

## **Giving Tuesday**

Thank you letters will be sent to donors.

## **Wiitanen-McLean youth hockey scholarship application**

NTR

## **CCJHA 8U Plus team**

Kitti will find out more about the play-in game v Marquette. Regional play-off games do not count toward total game count. Kitti will discuss this with coach Jeff Baril.

## **CCJHA Nomination Committee for CCJHA BOD member/officer positions opening on April 10, 2024**

Please encourage those interested to attend meetings as we have multiple openings.

## **New Business**

### **Jim Stanaway Goalie Camp request**

We received a letter about upcoming Goalies, Inc camps. Amy will post this on Facebook.

### **UP Girls AA Program exception**

A group based in Manistique is pushing for a UP-wide girls AA program. Amy gave background on this request. This group asked for our public endorsement of their exception request to form a AA team despite not having met the Tier III team prerequisite. The Board agreed that the CCJHA is not in a position to roster such a team due to the current numbers and skill level of our girls teams. They agreed that they could not make an immediate decision on this as the group would be submitting the request in the next few days.

## **Adjournment**

Next CCJHA BOD meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024.

A motion as made to adjourn by Colleen Mayra, Ryan Bennett (support); motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.