

Midwest League Meeting Notes
August 3, 2002
Des Moines, IA

Present:

Absent:

Meeting called to order at approximately 9:10 by President Mark Jensen. Introductions were made. Motion to approve by Gladiator rep. Second by Des Moines. AIFMC

Treasurers' Report- Don Krueger. See attached report. Don stated that collection of funds has been a problem this year. Please pay promptly. He reviewed the process of paying in before he can pay out. He strongly encouraged each league rep. To collect the checks and send them to him. He stated that we needed to decide what to do with organizations that do not pay on time. Topeka rep stated that they have not received any mail or requests for funds. Mark explained that no one has attended any meetings or given the MWL any information on the Topeka organization. He stated the role of each rep is to make sure you have ice time for weekends and also collect the money from each team within your organization and get it to Don Krueger, and also to attend the meetings twice a year.

Motion to approve the treasurers' report-Wichita, second by Mason City. AIFMC

Committee Reports-

Rules and Regulations-report given by Ben Hable. He stated he would like to change the name to Policy and Procedures. He states that a change in the overtime procedure needs to be added. He could not find a copy of it, and was hoping that someone had that written up. Mark stated that he should write it up himself. Kearney stated they would like to amend the wording "No admission fee would be charged to player or player's families", Motion made by Wichita to change wording to not charge players, coaches, families and guests at any MWL function. Second by Lincoln. AIFMC

Mark asked for approval of the Policy and Procedures, motion made by Waterloo with Mason City seconding the motion. AIFMC

Old Business-

Mark sent out to all organizations a copy of league formats, and the different ones were reviewed and discussed. He also reviewed the tentative schedules and he stated that he had not heard from Dubuque and Mason City. He stated we should look at the schedules, take them home and have your organizations look and review them and get back to him as soon as possible with any changes. He stated he would like an e-mail from organizations by the end of September. Discussion was held as to how the model was set up. After discussion, he stated he would recast the model, but he will keep teams that are geographically not suitable. B-2 teams will be by geographic only.

A vote was taken re; each division will play what format with the following results;

2:1 format- Mite A, Mite B, Squirt b-2, Squirt B-1, Squirt A, PeeWee B-2, PeeWee B-1

4:1 format- PeeWee A, Bantam B-2, Bantam B-1, Bantam A

Discussion was held on the format for Midget B. Final decision was agreed on the following; 3-Stop Clock 15 minute periods. Zam after two periods. There will be 3 referees. Format will be 2:1 spread out over all the weekends-14 games per team plus the finals. Mark stated that he might look at a 4-division schedule. He will try to get back to the Midget B teams in a week or so to let them know.

Midget A- MWL will continue to sponsor finals. Wichita will host the Midget A finals this year. Only A teams can compete in finals. He will change the Midget B and Midget A finals to two different weekends. A motion was made to permit Midget B teams to represent their city or organization if they do not have an A team playing in the division @ the Midget A finals by Ames, with second from Tri-City. AIFMC

Ames made a motion to change the final date for any changes to Oct. 31, up from Nov. 15, with a second from Des Moines. AIFMC

Mark also stated he plans to move Midget B up a weekend. Wichita asked Mark to draw up a letter to all Midget B teams and tell them the difference between B and A level of play, so they could have a good understanding of what level they need to be playing at.

Discipline Committee- See handout Draft. A suggestion was made that when the discipline committee has to act, that they have 30 days to get their recommendation to the President and the executive committee. A decision will then be made within 30 days after the president is notified of the committees' decision.

Reimbursement Costs-See hand out.

Scheduler's- The scheduler's for this season is Quad Cities in the East and Kansas City Jr. Blades for the West division. Mark asked that the schedules be e-mailed only. You have to have EXEL, so each rep needs to either designate someone to e-mail it to if they do not have that on their computer. Formats will also be on the Website. He needs those names by the end of September.

4013C Status- Mark stated that he had neglected to get the organization the status as of yet. Ames made a motion to use up to \$1500.00 to get MWL the 4013C status with second from Wichita. AIFMC

USA Hockey Report-Scott Ball and Ted Ohmart gave their report. They stated that for coaches of teams that are Midget level that tend to advance to regional play or beyond, the coaches need to have their Advanced Level Card. Intermediate level will be O.K. for everyone else. Intermediate level is also O.K. for the High School level. The head and the assistant coach both need to have a card. Enforcement of this will begin as of January 1, 2003.

Ted stated that the Select team tryouts would be March 28. Mark asked re: Midget B ages of 17 ½ and under. He asked if we switch to 16-17 ½ and under age instead. They will only have one team advance. Nationals will be held the first weekend in April. Ted stated that the Select camp is held the week prior to Nationals, the last weekend in March unless that is Easter weekend. Then it will be held the weekend after Nationals.

Select players can do both Chicago Showcase and Selects. They will work around the schedule.

Ted stated that he had a concern regarding teams that want to play in nationals. He stated that the TSA needs to provide a format that allows teams outside the MWL that could represent the TSA as a team, a venue to play in. Much discussion was held regarding this issue. No final decision was agreed upon. Ted stated that it would be discussed at the TSA meeting in the afternoon.

Motion to adjourn- Steuck, Sec. Second Mason City. AIFMC

Next meeting will be held April 26, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Steuck, Sec. MWL