

Meeting Notes
Mid Ohio Bantam Hockey League
Date: 8/12/58
Location-Nationwide Arena

Attendees:

Samir Dahman, President	CAHA
Lisa Sheline, Vice President	EYHA
Dave Mead, Secretary	NIHA
Beth Stalnaker	CCYHA
Matt Genette	CCYHA
Anita Griggs	DBYHL
Ray Kennedy	Independent
Tim Pennington	CAHA
Curt Metzger	CAHA
Ben Givens	Visitor

Topics:

1. Tournament Logistics
2. Pre-season Team player counts
3. Player assignments
4. Pre-season penalty development

Minutes:

President, Samir Dahman called the meeting to order at 6:42pm, Tuesday, August 12, 2008.

Tournament logistics were discussed and include a tentative commitment by Nationwide Arena to host the season ending Championship games on Wednesday, March 11th, Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 17th. This is conditional on no conflicts with Arena scheduling and notice was provided that MOBHL games could be cancelled at Nationwide if a conflict with a concert of other revenue producing event occurred.

Newark advised that up to 38 hours of ice had been reserved for MOBHL use for the year ending tournaments. (This has subsequently been reduced to 18 hours on Friday, March 7th, Saturday, March 8th and Sunday, March 9th.) Troy also expressed interest in hosting some tournament games.

MOBHL Pre-Season Festival ice has been scheduled and team's game times have been identified. Games begin on Oct 4-5th at Hobart Arena and again on Oct 11-12 at Chiller Ice Works. General rules for the games have been defined and are posted on the website.

Visitor, Ben Givens inquired about the structure of MOBHL and the mission statement. He also inquired about how coaches were selected and was advised that the coaches of MOBHL teams are selected by the participating associations.

Pre-Season player counts were reviewed on a team by team basis with the following counts to date:

NE Storm	14 + 1 goalie
PRPC Prowlers	14 + 1 goalie
Gahanna	13 + 1 goalie
Westerville	14 + 1 goalie
New Albany	13 + 1 goalie
Olentangy Braves	4
Worthington	7 + 4 goalies
Upper Arlington	11-12 + 1 goalie
Olentangy Liberty	7 + 2 goalies
Olentangy Orange	8 + 1 goalie
Dublin	12 + 1 goalie
Hillard A	14 + 3 goalies
Hillard B	10 + 1 goalie
Newark	9
Athens	unknown
Dayton	unknown
Troy A	unknown
Troy B	unknown
Springboro	unknown

19 teams expected for the 2008-2009 season.

Player assignment dialog occurred on a player who registered in New Albany past the July 31st registration deadline. The player initially agreed to be placed on the Gahanna team. His stepbrother however plays on New Albany, so the parents requested that both players be positioned on Gahanna for convenience. The MOBHL Board decided to leave this decision in the hands of EYHA.

Much dialog occurred surrounding the need to avoid and minimize intentional and major penalties in the Pre-Season games. The concern was that near the end of games, players might be tempted to intentionally take a penalty if they know that there would be little if any consequence. The board determined:

- During Pre-Season games, any player that receives any penalty other than a 2 minute minor penalty will be suspended for the remainder of the game.
- If a player receives a “second” non-minor penalty, the player will be suspended for the rest of the pre-season festival.

(Subsequent to the Board meeting, various area referee officials have spoken out that these rules as developed are not consistent with USA hockey guidelines and should be revisited. President, Samir Dahman indicated that the rules will again be reviewed next MOBHL Board meeting based on this feedback.)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Mead, Secretary