

**Mid-Atlantic Women's Hockey League**  
**Fall Meeting**  
**September 8, 2013 10:00 a.m.**  
**Baltimore, MD**

The following individuals were present for the meeting:

Patricia Foote	President & Blizzard C
Stephanie Ciulla	Commissioner
Krista Ehlert	Secretary
Susan Lee	Baltimore Blizzard D
Scott Vanek	Chesapeake Bay Lightning C
Robin Leone	Chesapeake Bay Lightning D
Cathy Albright	Chesapeake Bay Lightning
Jennifer McGuire	Frederick Firestorm D
Beth Martz	Hagerstown Mayhem
Kim Buchinsky	Philadelphia Voodoo C
Sue Downing	Philadelphia Voodoo C
Jason Ehlert	Prince William Wildcats D
John Goerner	Reading Reign C & D
Cindy Brendle	Reading Reign
Kristin Dudenbostel	Rooftop Rebels
Mai-Trang Dang	Washington Wolves C
Jane Polcen	Washington Wolves D
Jennifer Carr	Washington Wolves

**Meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m.**

**Review of Meeting Minutes from Spring 2013 Meeting**

John Goerner motioned to summarize the minutes and was seconded by Jason Ehlert. The minutes from the Spring 2013 Meeting were summarized. Cindy Brindle motioned to approve the minutes as summarized and was seconded by Robin Leone. Motion carried unanimously as approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Trish reported the league is carrying a balance of approximately \$3,500 . Everyone paid their dues on time last season. The league paid \$150 for announcer at playoffs and an outstanding web domain cost of approximately \$60. Trish outlined the duties of treasurer's duties; the

treasurer holds onto check book but has no signing power. Erin Schaffer is taking the position of Treasurer.

### **President's Report**

Trish had nothing new to report.

### **Old Business**

John requested clarification of the tie breaking rules for playoff entry for teams that are tied at end of season. Trish reviewed the tie breakers from the Bylaws:

- 1st Tie Breaker: Of the teams that are tied after the regular season games have been played, the team with the most wins in head-to-head competition among the teams with which it is tied will finish highest in the standings.
- 2nd Tie Breaker: Of the teams that are tied, the team with the highest goals for/against differential in head-to-head competition among the teams with which it is tied will finish highest in the standings.
- 3rd Tie Breaker: Of the teams that are tied, the team with the best record (most points) against the highest common opponent will finish highest in the standings.
- 4th Tie Breaker: If time permits, a single elimination round of games amongst the teams tied will be played to determine the standings if and only if it will determine first place or playoff eligibility (team with most overall goals will have the home ice advantage). Otherwise, the team with the highest goal for/against differential in overall division/League play will finish higher in the standings.
- 5th Tie Breaker: Flip of a coin.

Trish went on to summarize the rules regarding playoff games that are tied at the end of regulation— A 5-minute stop-time overtime period follows immediately after regulation is over. If neither team scores a goal at the end of the 5-minute OT, a shoot-out occurs beginning with the 5 shooters each team submitted prior the start of the game. If after the first 5 shooters, the score is still tied, it goes to Sudden Death. If a team exhausts their roster, then both teams can start over with their first shooter.

Teams will be asked to submit their shootout shooter list to Stephanie via email prior to the playoffs.

The group was asked if they wanted to revisit any issues. No one wanted to revisit any other issues from the 2013 Spring meeting.

## **New Business**

### **a. New USAH rules**

USA Hockey has modified the rules for charging, boarding and head contact infractions. From now on these infractions are no longer considered minor and will automatically incur 2+10 penalties. There was brief discussion on whether or not a random high stick or shot follow-through were considered head contact. These examples should be considered high-sticking, but it does depend on the ref.

Trish reminded everyone that any player charged with a second misconduct will get an automatic game misconduct.

### **b. Guidelines for Jeanna Dippel (Mayhem)**

Stephanie discussed Jeanna Dippel's background. She is defenseman, C level player and a former Division 3 player. The Mayhem is made up of mostly of new players, including a new goalie, but Stephanie has explained to Jeanna that she cannot be a game changer since the Mayhem are entering the D Division. Jeanna has agreed to abide by any guidelines set for her by the Board. Trish and Stephanie proposed several guidelines to begin the group discussion including limiting the number of goals, ice time, tie-breaking and scoring only when the team is down more than two goals. A concern discussed was her affect on the goal differential in the event there needs to be tie-breaker for playoff eligibility.

A motion was made by Jennifer Carr to set the following guidelines for Jeanna Dippel.

- Jeanna is allowed to play for the Mayhem in the D Division.
- She is not allowed more than 2 goals in any game.
- Her goals can only bring her team up to within a 1 goal difference.
- Her goals cannot tie or win the game for her team.
- Her goals do not affect goal differential for playoff entry.
- Her ice time will not exceed her teammates' ice time.
- She cannot participate in a shootout.

Her motion was second by Cindy Brendle and unanimously carried.

If D teams feel Jeanna has too much ice time or breaks any of the other guidelines, they should protest the game by reporting to the scorekeeper at the end of the game. The scoresheet will be marked as protested by the scorekeeper on the back. Protesting a game should be done as a last resort. During a game, team captains/coaches should talk to the other team during intermission if they feel there is a problem. Because of the guidelines,

Jeanna should not be captain of Mayhem. Beth Martz confirmed Jeanna was not the captain.

**c. Crossover Players**

1. Define rules

This was discussed at the Spring 2013 Meeting, but teams are reminded that crossover players can only bring the roster up to 10 skaters, and no more than 3 crossover players may be used in any given league game.

**d. Playoffs**

Kim Buchinsky said the Voodoo will host playoffs at IceWorks in Aston, PA. Playoffs will be the 2nd weekend in March.

**e. Concerns**

1. Need a statistician

Stephanie asked for a volunteer for the statistician position. The job requires receiving all the scoresheets and rosters. Kristin Dudenbostel (kdude19@hotmail.com) volunteered to take the position. Teams should mail scoresheets to:

Kristin Dudenbostel  
5817 Cove Landing Road #101  
Burke, VA 22015

2. Web Master

Stephanie has spoken with a friend of Liz Keenan's to help with the MAWHL website. Stephanie would like to keep all the historical data on the current site, but would like it more user friendly and easier to update. A discussion followed about what would be the maximum the league should pay her to fix the site. John Goerner suggested up to \$500 and everyone agreed.

3. Discuss proper scoresheet recording (Possible penalties for noncompliance)

All names and numbers on scoresheets must be legible. If they are not, they won't count. The league will be using the small scoresheets this season. There won't be enough room for a signature if using labels on the small scoresheets. For teams that still want to use labels, players should initial next to their name and absent players should be crossed off. A label template available on the MAWHL website.

It is the home team's responsibility to ensure scorekeepers follow the rules as well. Scorekeepers must write legibly and MUST count shots on goal. Proper scoresheet recording is addressed in Article XII – SCORESHEET RECORDING in the Bylaws.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Jason Ehlert to give noncompliant teams one warning, then a \$25 fine for the second offense. The fine goes up incrementally for each offense thereafter. The motion was seconded by Mai-Trang Dang and was unanimously carried. The group decided to postpone adding a new Bylaw until the spring meeting, when the season has ended and a reassessment can be made.

4. Anything of concern to be addressed by the Board

A reminder that the Mayhem only has one set of jerseys, which are teal. Teams may need to adjust which jerseys are worn when playing Mayhem.

**f. Create Schedule for upcoming 2013-2014 Season**

The meeting took a pause while teams worked on the schedule. Divisions and games for the 2013-2014 season are as follows:

<b>B Division</b>	<b>C Division: 10 games 5 H/5 A</b>	<b>D Division: 12 games 6 H/6 A</b>
CBL	Wolves Rebels Blizzard Reign CBL Voodoo	Wolves Blizzard Mayhem Reign CBL Firestorm Wildcats

**g. Handout Score Sheets**

Stephanie forgot the scoresheets so she will be mailing them to the teams. Teams are asked to provide a mailing address to her.

Non-league games must be designated on schedules sent to the Board.

League fees (\$50) are due by 1 Dec 2013. Playoff fees are due by 31 Dec 2013; fee amount to be determined. Checks should be made payable to MAWHL and sent to:

Patricia Foote  
2212 Lowells Glen Road Unit F  
Parkville, MD 21234

Motion to adjourn was made by Mai-Trang Dang and seconded by Jane Polcen. Motion to adjourn was unanimously carried.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.**