

Tournaments/Awards
April 25, 2009
Crowne Plaza
Minneapolis, MN

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Tim Sweezo.

Tim thanked everyone on behalf of himself and Bill Gable for all the gifts and well wishes while they were hospitalized.

Late fees are another big problem this year. The associations seem to have a lot of money when they can spend in on late fees.

Regions and state tournaments lost a lot of money this year. District 6 lost close to \$6,000 on the region and state tournaments they hosted this year. One idea is to not have regions and go straight to state. How about no goal judges due to their expense? Greg Nagan asked the tournament committee to take a second look at the state tournament site selection for the coming years. The in-state districts are now hosting a state tournament 19 out of 20 years. District 2 lost close to \$11,000 hosting the region and state tournaments. District 2 will not host a tournament next year if they are going to lose money. Jim Bullard stated that they can ask for a reimbursement of up to \$1,500. Copies of the financials will be given to Jim Bullard so that he can analyze where the losses are coming from. The gates from the tournaments hosted by District 2 did not even cover the cost of the ice. It was expressed that some of these losses can be blamed on the economy in general.

Dennis Green asked the Tournament Committee to get a contingency plan in place if we continue to see these types of losses continue. We also need to look at what our numbers will be for next season and what impact that will have on the program. One solution that was talked about was to eliminate the region tournaments and have the 12 district winner move directly to state. They also discussed moving from the 3-man system in referees to the 2-man system, especially at the lower levels of play.

Bill Gable suggested that the games could be cut from 2 hours to 1.5 hours to save costs. He has received emails requesting that this be done. Another suggestion was to resurface the ice every 2 periods rather than every period.

Lynn Olson proposed that Minnesota bid to host the Nationals for Women's and Girls' in 2011. She recommends that Minnesota put in a bid at the June meeting to host this tournament. Second by Dave Meisner. Dennis asked if the board wanted to consider including a Minnesota teams from all age groups since we would be hosting the tournament. Lynn has checked with the Super Rink and they do have the ice available. Motion approved by the committee and will be voted on by the full board on Sunday. It is anticipated that MNH would make money hosting this tournament.

Trophies

There were no complaints on the trophies. Extra trophies need to be sent to Tim Sweezo so that they can be returned and reused.

Meeting adjourned at 1:23.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol D. Carlson