

Minutes of Mid West Amateur Hockey Association  
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors  
May 18th, 2008

Call to Order. Pursuant to notice distributed by electronic mail and posting on the affiliate web site, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Ted Ohmart at 8:10 am at the 95KGGO (“Bucs”) Arena, 7208 Hickham Rd, Urbandale IA. The meeting commenced under the agenda distributed electronically.  
(See MWAHAAGENDA080518.pdf for the agenda.)

Role was taken. Answering roll call were:

**Iowa**

Ames	Tom Moorman
Cedar Rapids	none
Coral Ridge (Iowa City)	none
Des Moines High School	none
Des Moines Youth	Brad Parker
Des Moines Buccaneers	Michael Ball
Dubuque	Brian Rieckens
Lakes Area	Brett Hetland
Mason City	none
Quad Cities	Jim Martens
Sioux Center	none
Siouxland (S. City)	Mark Johnson
Waterloo	Dave Lamb

**Kansas**

KC Stars/	Mary Helmick
KC Metro	none
KC Blades (Outlaws)	Ryan Morrow
Topeka	none
Wichita Youth	Serena Brummett

**Missouri**

St Joseph	none
Kansas City (Line Creek)	Hector Luevano

**Nebraska**

Fremont	Evan Schinasi
Lincoln	Cary Gruhn
Omaha Gladiators	Aimee Guzman-Jones
Tri City	Kurt Schmidt
O.M.A.H.A.	Jack Anderson, John Thomas, Jena Cuzzo

**Officers & Staff**

President	Ted Ohmart
VP/Coaching	Les Teplicky
VP/Player Devt	x
VP/Compliance	Roland Taff
Treasurer	x
Secretary	John Shelton
MHHSL President	Shawn Spencer
Midwest League President	Mike Fritz, Scot Jones

RIC	Brad Holcomb (for Jeff Huber)
Risk Management	Ron Byrd

( See MWAHNSIGNIN080518.pdf for the sign-in sheet.)

**Minutes.** Reading of the minutes was tabled.

**Elections.** President Ohmart then opened the floor for nominations for the positions up for election in the current cycle. By acclamation, the following were re-elected to their positions:

President Ted Ohmart  
Secretary John Shelton  
VP Brian Giachino

**Old Business.**

New Association: The application of Spirit Lake, discussed in prior meeting, was brought to the table.

Motion: That the application of Lakes Area Hockey Association be approved.  
MSC

New Logo: President Ohmart commented that the design process continues.

Tier1/Tier2: Discussion ensued regarding the desired distinction between “Tier 1” and “Tier 2” team/player status.

Motion:  
For national tournament bound teams:  
Any affiliate team made up only of players registered in the affiliate may register as “Tier 1” and “Tier 2”. Any affiliate team with player(s) registered in another affiliate must register as “Tier 1”.  
MSC

Chicago Showcase: SC Manager John Shelton reported on the results of the spring Chicago Showcase. The affiliate team was swept in the three game Pool B play. All games were essentially decided by a single goal. Observation had been made by the coaching staff that affiliate players were quite competitive in all positions but that defensive issues were an important factor. The affiliate may want to address that issue through additional training opportunity through the year.

Year end tournaments. General discussion of the year end tournaments occurred.

In-District Camp. Ted Ohmart observed that we had 30 spots in the 14-15 age group camp. These spots were hard to fill. Discussion ensued regarding the Bantam Development Camp scheduled for Ames IA.

Motion:  
To provide \$150 in funding for each of up to 30 spots at the Bantam Development Camp.  
MSC

**New Business.**

Player Movement: Discussion ensued regarding the problems associated with player movement between associations. Key issues appear to be satisfaction of financial obligations and recruiting methods.

Motion:  
That players are allowed to switch between associations twice during their youth careers to play on a Tier 2 team. Requests for exceptions to this process must be appealed to the affiliate.  
MSC

Affiliate fee. The fee paid by registrants in the affiliate was discussed.

Motion:  
That the fee paid through registrations be raised to \$8.  
MSC

Hearings. The affiliate has experienced a trend of increased need for hearings. President Ohmart opined that the “how to do a hearing” training should become a part of our routine.

## **Staff Reports.**

**Coaching Director.** VP Les Teplicky discussed the efforts to install new coaching and education directors at the associations.

He discussed the USAH requirement that ALL non-players on the bench at contests or on the ice at practices must be registered in the coaching program at the level appropriate to the age group (or must be advancing annually toward that level).

The “helmet rule” requiring all on ice to wear protection was reiterated: for a first violation, the coach receives a verbal or written warning; for a second, a two game suspension; for a third: hearing by the local association to assess a suspension no less than 30 days and no longer than one year.

(See ACEDIR080518.pdf for the ACE Director report.)

**Risk Manager.** Risk Management Director Ron Byrd described the process whereby screening means “every year, every person, every form”. This applies to coaches, managers, board members and anyone else in a position to have “routine access to players”. Moms and dads incidentally tying skates for younger players are not deemed to fall under this rule. (The affiliate is also asking associations to submit forms on officials.) The penalty for failure to comply should be ineligibility for year end tournaments and any USAH sanctioned tournament. Left on the table was the query: are “league” tournaments exempt from the request to sanction?

(See RISKMG0807.pdf for the announcement sent to all associations during the 07-08 hockey year.)

**Treasurer report.** In the absence of Treasurer Joe Strako, President Ohmart reported the expectation that the end of year balance of the affiliate be about \$7500.

**Website.** Web manager Mark Erbsstein reported on progress reconfiguring the website so that associations may make their own postings.

**Women’s Hockey.** Women’s Director Scott Kruger reported that ten girls had been sent to the district and national camps.

**Player development.** In the absence of VP Brian Giachino, President Ohmart reported that 120 players participated in this year’s tryouts. The affiliate is able to send nine from each age group to Chicago for district camps.

**Compliance.** VP Roland Taff reported on efforts to ensure compliance with affiliate requirements for associations to be in good standing. The criteria require submission to the affiliate of: signed affiliate agreement, certification of 501(c)3 status, association bylaws, listing of people in the four mandated positions.

(See COMPLIANCE080518.pdf for the spreadsheet indicating compliance by association.)

**High School Hockey.** MWSHL President Shawn Spencer reported on the continuing success of the program. There are now 14 teams in two (Eastern, Western) divisions and about 700 players. Next year’s players are set for Feb 27 – Mar 2 for the varsity and March 8-9 for JV.

**Midwest League.** Outgoing MWL President Scot Jones reported that Mike Fritz of Tri-City is the new president. Mike has been involved with the Tri-City Optimist’s Youth Ice Hockey Association program since its 2000 inception and is president of its board. He has his USA Hockey Level 4 coaching certification and has coached at the House and Travel levels and is also assisting with an MHL Summer Select team. Mike and his wife Shelly, who is also active in the Board of Directors, have three children who are all involved in hockey.

MWL had a very good year. The league was very competitive with championships being won by six different organizations. Overall, the number of players participating in the upcoming season appears to about the same that played this past season. Several of the organizations are aggressively marketing the game through various efforts at schools, through churches, and at community events. Most programs are obtaining starter equipment sets through the One Goal program and using it as a way to get new players interested in the game without a large investment.

Of great concern for the upcoming season is the increased cost of travel. The league will try to identify the dates for the 2008-2009 season in the coming weeks to and will get the schedule out as early as possible to help with planning.

The fall special meeting of the board of directors is scheduled for Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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