



**Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors  
Sunday, May 1, 2011  
Marriott Minneapolis West**

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 by President Margenau

There was a moment of silence in memory of Phil Graber.

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo called the roll. Those in attendance were:

Immediate Past President Green	President Margenau
Vice-President Bakke	Vice-President Ford
Vice-President Gray	Controller Bullard
Vice-President Stigen	Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo
Director Mickus	Director Brennan
Todd Elmer for Director Dornfeld	Director Kephart
Director Hewitt	Director Rakness
Director Christenson	Director Timm
Director Hill	Director Oleheiser
Director Bushy	Scott Riopelle for Director Elliott
Director Swenson	Director Hayne
Lynn Olson for Director Wefler	Director Bittner
Director Morris	Referee-in-Chief Olson
Director Emeritus Odell (non-voting)	Director Emeritus Carter (non-voting)

26 present with voting privileges – simple majority is 14; two-thirds majority is 18

Minutes from the January meeting as distributed were accepted without any objections.

**Agenda Changes/Additions**

Vice President Stigen requested that Director Emeriti election be added to new business. There were no objections.

**Treasurer's Report**

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo provided the report. We remain in a strong cash position. Copies of the Balance sheet and P&L were distributed at the meeting on Saturday. Copies of these documents are attached herewith and incorporated into these Minutes. Expenses for Advanced Programs have not been processed so our cash balance will be reduced as these bills are paid. The report was accepted as given.

The expenses for our web site were clarified. All expenses were part of the budget, with HEP as the primary account and fell within the approved amounts.

**President's Report**

President Margenau sincerely thanked the board for their dedication, leadership and continued hard work to make MN the strongest community based program in the US today. There is a need to continue to find new ways to provide for our athletes with growth opportunities.

**Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Snee provided a written report which is attached hereto and is incorporated into these Minutes.

**Admin Management**

President Margenau reported that the performance review for Executive Director Snee will be held in May.

**Adult**

Director Swenson provided a written report which is attached hereto and is incorporated into these Minutes.

**Adult Women**

No report

**Disabled**

Director O'Brien was not in attendance but submitted a written report for the Board's consideration which is attached hereto and is incorporated into these Minutes. Her report was accepted as presented. President Margenau thanked the committee for all for their work on the national festival and making it a successful event.

**District Directors**

District 1 – Director Mickus reported that the season went well and thanked Director Rakness for help in getting teams from District 1 in the District 8 schedule

District 2 – Director Brennan thanked all for making her welcome and their help. Looking forward to next year.

District 3 – Todd Elmer representing for Director Dornfeld reported that season went well had good region and state tournaments.

District 5 – Director Kephart reported that he was re-elected to another 3 year term and season went well

District 6 – nothing to report

District 8 – Director Rakness reported that the first year of redistricting went well and associations are happy

District 9 – Director Christiansen reported that first year went pretty smooth. Thanked all District Directors for their help

District 10 – Director Timm thanked everyone for a good year. Hosted 4 regions at one time and are willing to do this again. He was re-elected for another 3 year term.

District 11 – Director Hill had nothing to report

District 12 – Director Oleheiser had nothing to report

District 15 – Director Bushy reported a good season and hosted 2 regional tournaments. There is some transition going on with a new board. Lost a coach of 20 years from Little Falls and are having a benefit next Saturday. President Margenau thanked Director Bushy for hosting Hockey Day in Minnesota.

District 16 – Scott Riopelle representing Director Elliott had nothing to report

**Diversity**

Director Mickus reported that his committee met earlier this week and went over grant requests

**Finance/Budget**

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo reported that the committee had two items requiring Board action:

The committee recommends that the Board approve a change to the Administrative Management Policy on Minnesota Hockey issued Credit Cards as follows:

a. Minnesota Hockey issued credit cards are not to be used for personal purchases and can be revoked if such purchases are made.

b. Minnesota Hockey issued credit cards are not used to pay recurring expenses such as monthly subscriptions, regular monthly services and the like. Such expenses shall be charged directly to Minnesota Hockey and managed by the Minnesota Hockey business office. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The committee recommends that the Board approve increasing mileage reimbursement from 45 cents to 50 cents being effective September 1, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.**

All were reminded that budgets are due May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Girls League**

Nothing to report

**Grievance**

Nothing to report.

**High School Boys**

Director Bitner provided a verbal report to the Board during the Hockey Operations Committee meeting on Saturday. The information given in that report is contained in the Hockey Operations Committee Minutes which have not been incorporated herein.

**High School Girls**

Director Morris thanked Minnesota Hockey for the \$1,000 scholarship. They had a very good season with many programs in place.

**Hockey Ops**

Vice President Ford stated that several of his committee members provided a verbal report to the Board during the Hockey Operations Committee meeting on Saturday. The information given in that report is contained in the Hockey Operations Committee Minutes which have not been incorporated herein.

**Handbook**

Committee Chair Halverson reported his committee discussed what changes need to be made to the Handbook to reduce the size. Rules Committee will go through the handbook at the next meeting in mid-May to determine what to leave in and what to remove. A proposal will be made at the summer meeting for board approval.

**Juniors**

Director Hayne provided a written report which is attached hereto and is incorporated into these Minutes. He asked for continued support to promote their league.

Director Hayne moved that Minnesota Hockey endorse their request to USA Hockey to replace 3 teams that the MJHL lost to NAHL Tier 3 league for the 2011-12 season. Seconded by Past President Green. **Motion approved unanimously.**

**MIAMA**

Director Rakness stated that the spring workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 4 in Vadnais Heights

**Nominating**

Past President Green served as the Chair for the Nominating Committee. Ballots were handed out to be used for the election. A bio for VP Tournaments candidate Paul Watzke was available for all to review before the election.

**Planning**

Vice President Bakker had nothing to report

**Publicity**

Vice President Gray referred to the reports provided during his committee meeting on Saturday, April 29. Some of the reports were submitted in writing, a copy of which is attached hereto and is incorporated into these Minutes

**Recreational Hockey**

Director Mickus reported that the size tripled this past year. The biggest issue is securing ice for the league. Hope to be at 16 – 18 teams for next season. The bulk of the kids come from, home schooled families. Expect operational changes to the league and age will not be the factor for teams but will be based on ability.

**Referees**

Referee-In-Chief Olson provided a written report which is attached hereto and is incorporated into these Minutes. He asked for continued support to promote their league.

**District Directors Committee**

Director Brennan reported for the committee. They met on April 30. They revisited the tag up rule and wanted to run a two year pilot in Minnesota. They requested the Minnesota District Directors to move forward with this at USA Hockey. Minnesota

District Director Green will bring this to the Youth Council if the tag up rule does not pass in June and need information as to the specifics of the proposal.

Dual rostering of girls was discussed but does not appear to be a problem so they will address at a later date. The substitute goalie rule for region and state tournaments was discussed. They wish to change the form and rule, with a proposed revision that will be sent to the Rules Committee.

They are drafting a proposal to implement A and AA leagues at the Bantam level. All teams would play A for the season but break into A and AA for post-season play. Final consensus will base associations on how their high schools are classified with the high school league. There are currently 52 AA and 91 A high school teams for post-season play. There will be an appeal process for associations to move up or down. There will be a provision for larger associations to have a AA and A team for post-season play to encourage larger associations to have more than on A team. While the initial intent was to seek approval for the 2011-12 season, the district directors felt that it would be prudent to defer such a change until the 2012-13 season so as to provide more time for member input. This proposal will be referred to the tournament committee for an implementation plan and put on the agenda for the summer meeting. This will be a one year pilot for the Bantams and then move to PeeWee the following year if successful.

### **Regional Coordinators**

Vice President Stigen reported that he will do better job on tournaments for next year and reminded district directors to get the information turned in sooner. A question was raised as to whether or not the District Directors should be looking at sites for the A and AA at Bantam. President Margenau said to wait until after June when the matter is either approved or denied.

President Margenau informed the Board that he has received communication from Duluth Marshall School wherein they requested to form a girl's 14U team from among their students. They would model their program after the one used by Shattuck-St. Mary's, where hockey would become a part of the school's curriculum. They have made this request through the Duluth Amateur Hockey Association. President Margenau asked District 11 Director Hill and Gold Region Vice-President Stigen to become familiar with this request, in the event they may need to become involved. Vice-President Ford and Past President Green will review the affiliate agreement for Shattuck-St. Mary's to use as a model for a possible Marshall affiliate agreement.

There was no Maroon Region report.

### **Rules**

Chairman Halverson stated that the committee questions if the 1-1/2 minute penalty pilot program will be in place for this year? Minnesota District Director Green needs to be updated so he can report to the Youth Council in June.

The Rules Committee presented a proposal that Minnesota Hockey Bylaw Article 7 be amended as referenced paragraph B1 of the Rules Committee report that is attached hereto. The committee recommended that the proposal be adopted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Rules Committee presented a proposal that Minnesota Hockey Bylaw Article 7 be amended as referenced paragraph B2 of the Rules Committee report that is attached hereto. The committee recommended that the proposal be adopted. **Motion carried by majority vote.**

The Rules Committee presented a proposal that Minnesota Hockey Bylaw Article 7 be amended as referenced paragraph B3 of the Rules Committee report that is attached hereto. The committee recommended that the proposal be adopted. **Motion carried by majority vote.**

The Rules Committee presented a proposal that Minnesota Hockey Bylaw Article 15 be amended as referenced paragraph B4 of the Rules Committee report that is attached hereto. The committee recommended that the proposal be adopted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Rules Committee presented a proposal that Minnesota Hockey Bylaw Article 15 be amended as referenced paragraph B5 of the Rules Committee report that is attached hereto. The committee recommended that the proposal be adopted.

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo raised a point of order that inasmuch as the high school directors are not elected by Minnesota Hockey members, this rule may be in violation of our USA Hockey affiliate agreement. President Margenau concurred with this point of order and deferred any action on this amendment until advice from USA Hockey's legal council can be obtained.

There was a question regarding the voting rights of the referees. Referees are not considered as members for purposes of voting but considered independent contractors.

The Rules Committee presented a proposal that Minnesota Hockey Youth Rules & Regulations Section IV be amended as referenced in paragraph R1 of the Rules Committee report that is attached hereto. The committee recommended that the proposal be adopted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Scholarships**

Committee Chair Olson reported it was a great year with many qualified candidates. The Board offered its appreciation to Ms. Olson & the committee for their excellent choice in selecting this year's scholarship winners.

### **Screening**

Vice President Gray reported that they are trying to get a paperless system for 2011-2012.

### **Tournaments and Awards**

Interim Committee Chair Timm reported that Committee has items to work on for this season.

President Margenau reported that there are more off-season tournaments that are USAH sanctioned and therefore MN teams are required to have a signed USA Hockey roster. Some programs have an off-season affiliate agreement and others can be registered if the team falls under one of the affiliates. Waivers are not required for these off-season teams for players from another association. Paperwork is all turned in to the District Registrar for approval.

There was a motion to dedicate the 2011-2012 handbook to Phil Graber in addition to Bill Gable and Jerry Chernovic. Motion carried unanimously. Director Timm will do the page for Bill, Vice-President Ford will do the page Phil, and Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo and Past President Green will do the page for Jerry.

President Margenau adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 9:53. The purpose was to update the Board on the MN Made Hockey Inc. matter. The committee formed to address the issue of settlement of the lawsuit (settlement committee) met with the Executive Committee to inform them that, to date, there has been no progress in the settlement process. The Board unanimously recommended that the Settlement Committee be empowered to continue to work with legal counsel to seek an amicable resolution to this matter. The board meeting resumed at 10:10.

### **Old Business:**

#### **PeeWee Checking Rule**

Director Oleheiser stated that The committee will prepare a one page summary to be presented by the MN Directors at the USAH Annual Congress. The checking committee will be meeting next week to solidify the information and recommends that the Board postpone this topic for consideration during a special board meeting to be held during the week of May 15. **Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Minnesota Hockey Foundation**

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo stated the committee is not ready to under-take this responsibility at this time. He moved that the matter of forming a Minnesota Hockey Foundation be postponed indefinitely. Second by Director Oleheiser. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **New Business:**

#### **John Miller Proposals**

John Miller presented the following proposal to the board for their consideration.

*Proposal to modify Minnesota Hockey Bylaw Article 11, paragraph 4 as follows:*

- 4 *Candidates meeting the deadline to express interest in running for positions being elected, and additional candidates identified by the Nominating Committee as described above, shall be placed into nomination by the Nominating Committee Chairman. Candidates may also be nominated from the floor by a Board member. Voting for new officers and representatives shall take place as the last order of business at the annual meeting or other meeting at which an election will be held.*

*Add to number 4 after the last sentence or mark as 5.:*

*All board members will cast their one vote; District Directors, Adult, Women, Juniors, Disabled Hockey and Referee will cast the votes reflecting on the number of members registered in their respective Districts or the constituents' they are elected to represent. Registered numbers as verified by the Minnesota District Registrar.*

*This procure is currently used to elect the USA Hockey Minnesota District Directors.*

*The reason for the change is to give the registered members of Mn Hockey/USA Hockey a greater voice in the election of the leadership of Mn Hockey. With a greater voice in the election of officers this means a greater accountability for all. If the High schools choose to register their members with USA Hockey/Mn Hockey then these numbers would be added.*

*If a District Director is elected by this procedure then all officers elected to lead Mn Hockey should also be elected by a majority of the registered constituents of Mn Hockey.*

Motion by Director Timm and second by Director Hewitt to adopt John Miller's proposal.

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo reminded the Board that proposals such as these are generally referred to the Rules Committee for review to determine if the adoption of the proposal might impact any other existing Bylaw or Youth Rules & Regulations. He suggested that the proposal follow this protocol and then put back on the agenda for consideration during the June meeting. Director Timm withdrew his Motion to accept the proposal and offered a new Motion to refer the proposal to the Rules Committee for consideration so that it might be brought forth for consideration at the June meeting. Second by Director Hewitt. **Motion carried unanimously.**

John Miller also presented the following proposal to add to the meeting a portion titled Youth/Girls Hockey.

*Proposal to modify the Sunday Mn Hockey meeting format*

*This proposal is made to add to the meeting a portion titled Youth/Girls Hockey. This portion of the meeting would only be for those items that deal directly with the Youth/Girls membership in Minnesota Hockey. Voting on issues would also be limited to the elected board members of Minnesota Hockey, the President, Past President, Secretary-Treasurer, Comptroller, 6 Vice Presidents and the 13 District Directors.*

*There are groups such as the Adult Hockey, Women's' Hockey, Junior's, Referee's Boy's and Girl's High school representatives and Disabled Hockey that are also members of Minnesota Hockey. These groups have their own By-Laws and or playing rules and boards that are voted on by their own registered members and at no time are the representatives of the Youth/Girl's membership allowed participation in the discussion and voting on their policies, but these representatives are allowed to not only participate in discussions concerning changes to operating and playing rules to the Youth/Girls membership but can also vote on such matters even when there is a conflict between different groups.*

*This addition can be placed either at the beginning of the meeting thus allowing the other members to arrive later or at the end after new business allowing the others to leave early. It is important that issues that concern the Youth/Girls registered membership are voted on by those directly involved with the management of this group and responsible to enforce the rules and policies in place. Time and confusion would also be taken care of as less time would be needed for explanations and histories of issues to those who do not normally deal with Youth/Girls Hockey.*

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Moved by Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo that this be referred to Rules Committee to ensure that it fits with MN By-Laws and be brought back to the June meeting. Second by Director Timm. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Elections – Minnesota Hockey Board**

Roll taken with the following present:

President Margenau	Past President Green
Vice-President Bakke	Vice-President Ford
Vice-President Perry	Vice-President Gray
Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo	Controller Bullard
Vice-President Stigen	Director Mickus
Director Brennan	Todd Elmer for Director Dornfeld
Director Kephart	Director Hewitt
Director Rakness	Director Christenson
Director Timm	Director Hill
Director Oleheiser	Director Bushy
Scott Riopelle for Director Elliott	Director Hayne
Lynn Olson for Director Wefler	Director Swenson
Referee-in-Chief Olson	

25 present with a simple majority being 14, two-thirds majority being 18, and three-fourths majority being 19

Past President Green served as the Nominating Committee Chair and brought forth the following positions for voting: Vice-President of Tournaments, Vice-President of Planning and Secretary-Treasurer. The current nominees are Incumbent Jerry DeMeo for Secretary-Treasurer and Incumbent Dave Bake for Vice-President of Planning.

President Margenau asked for nominations from the floor. Paul Watzske nominated for Vice-President of Tournaments by Vice-President Stigen. Nominations closed after three calls.

All three were elected unopposed without objection.

**Election of Director Emeritus**

President Margenau opened nominations for the position of Director Emeritus. Vice President Stigen nominated Lynn Olson and Dave Eisner. A paper ballot was taken, with neither candidate receiving the required three fourths vote for election. Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo moved that the ballots be destroyed. Second by Vice President Bakke. **Motion carried unanimously.**

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Carol D. Carlson*  
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Recording Secretary

***I have reviewed the above Minutes and confirm that they represent the proceedings of this meeting of the Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors, held on the 1<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011***

***Gerald R. DeMeo, Secretary-Treasurer  
Minnesota Hockey***