



Minnesota Hockey, Inc.  
Special Board Meeting  
November 10, 2013 (Conducted via teleconference)

Meeting was called to order at 8:04 PM

Voting Board Members Present:

President Dave Margenau	Past President Dennis Green	Secretary-Treasurer Jerry DeMeo
Vice President Dave Bakke	Vice President John Perry	Director Scott Dornfeld
Director Mark Jacobs	Director Doug Kephart	Director Tom Christenson
Director Tim Timm	Director Dave Swenson	Director Toni O'Brien-Gillen

Executive Director Glen Andresen also participated in the teleconference as a non-voting member.

With only 12 members present, there was no quorum. President Margenau called a recess to permit time to contact other Board members to obtain a quorum. The meeting was reconvened at 8:14 PM. Vice President Evavold, Directors, Tom Mickus, Rich Rakness and Steve Oleheiser joined the teleconference, bring the total number of voting Board members to 16.

Simple majority was 9; two-thirds majority was 11

President Margenau asked that the Board suspend the rule defined in Minnesota Hockey Bylaw Article 9 to permit an agenda topic without prior notice. The matter to be discussed and acted upon pertained to the unplanned relocation of our business office. **The suspension of the defined rule was unanimously approved.**

President Margenau opened the meeting by introducing an opportunity for Minnesota's Pee Wee AA and A state champions to participate in a multi-state regional tournament with teams from, Illinois, Wisconsin & Missouri. The proposal came from a recent teleconference with presidents from Minnesota, Michigan, Massachusetts, New York, Illinois & Wisconsin to discuss holding a regional tournament for Pee Wee Teams in our group in 2014. This was previously discussed in June, in response to the decision of USA Hockey to no longer conduct a PeeWee national tournament beginning in 2013. At that time, all were in favor of pursuing a regional event held over a weekend so as to minimize the time away from school and to lower the travel/lodging costs. Presidents were requested to meet with their Boards to seek input and comment by 11/10 so a follow up call will be scheduled for 11/14 to make final decisions.

Proposed dates for the event are Friday, March 28, thru Sunday, March 30. There would be two classifications: Tier 1 & Tier 2. The teams would be split into two divisions, a western division and an eastern division. Minnesota would be in the western division with Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri. The event would be held in either Madison, WI or Chicago, IL.

The eastern division would be held in either Rochester/ Buffalo, NY or Pittsburg, PA. The eastern teams would come from Michigan, New York, Massachusetts and the Mid-AM and/or the Atlantic districts.

The Minnesota Tier 1 representative would be the champions from the "AA" state tournament .The Tier 2 representative would be the champions from the "A" state tournament. We have been assured that there is no issue with the age of our players. At some time in the future, but no later than the completion of our regional tournaments, we would inform the 8 teams qualifying for our state tournament of the opportunity to participate in this tournament and ask for commitment to participate. If the state champions were not interested in participating in this event, the teams who finished the highest in our state tournaments would offered the opportunity. .

Vice President Bakke has volunteered to coordinate this program.

Past President Green informed the Board that this proposal was discussed at a recent USA Hockey Youth Council meeting, with the general feeling that the concept would be a beneficial one to replace the more costly USA Hockey National Tournament. The Youth Council supports this event and could foresee this becoming a five regional event in the future.

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo asked about funding needs for the participating teams. The plan calls for each team to fund its own expenses, including entry fee, travel/lodging/meals and uniforms. It's likely that we'll need to send a Minnesota Hockey representative to the tournament site and will need to cover that expense.

Vice President Evavold commented that this could "open Pandora's box" to encourage the formation of Tier 1 teams in Minnesota. He asked if there was a concern about this. He also asked if there was a concern about not having a similar program for Bantams. President Margenau responded that he did not foresee a similar program for Bantams because, currently, USA Hockey hosts both Tier 1 & Tier 2 Bantam National Tournaments. Minnesota Bantam teams do not qualify because of the age issue.

Director Timm recalled an incident wherein a girls 14U team agreed to attend a USA Hockey national tournament in Alaska and, at the last minute, backed out. He asked what might happen if we approved participation in this event but could not find a Minnesota's to participate. Past President Green responded that, other than the embarrassment of having "egg on our face", USA Hockey would not take any action against Minnesota Hockey.

A Motion was made by Past President Green and Seconded by Vice President Perry that Minnesota Hockey continue its with dialogue with Wisconsin, Illinois & Missouri to conduct a two class regional Pee Wee tournament to be held on March 28-30, 2014, at either Madison WI, or Chicago, IL, with the understanding that, if such a tournament were held, Minnesota would send its highest ranked Pee Wee AA team to compete in the Tier 1 class and its highest ranked Pee Wee A team to compete in the Tier 2 class, with the rank of finish in the Minnesota Hockey state tournaments to be the determining factor. Further, it is understood that Minnesota Hockey shall not be responsible for funding the teams in any way without further Board action.

During discussion, Director Rakness asked if there were no Pee Wee A teams interested, could we send to Pee Wee AA teams. President Margenau responded that we most likely could not.

Director Mickus asked if it might be wise to bring the opportunity forth now to see which teams might be willing to attend if they qualified. President Margenau responded that this suggestion was worthy of consideration and should this Motion pass, it could be a topic for future discussion.

President Margenau called for a roll call vote. **The Motion was approved by a vote of 13 in favor and 2 opposed, with Vice President Evavold and Director Timm voting against the Motion.**

President Margenau informed the Board that Minnesota Hockey has been notified by the Minnesota Wild that we will need to vacate our business office located at 317 Washington Street, in an area also occupied by the Minnesota Swarm Lacrosse organization. The Wild has made arrangements wherein we could lease from the RiverCentre 425 sq/ft of furnished space consisting of an office and two cubicles. The monthly lease rate will be \$600, which includes all utilities, phone & internet service and traditional office equipment (copier, printer, computer, etc.). The term of the lease would be three (3) months, with a renewal option. This is a standard term for all space leases with the RiverCentre

Executive Director Glen Andresen reported that the space was adequate for our needs. He also stated that he felt there would be no problem renewing the lease and that if space opened up in the 317 building, we would be invited to return there.

We would need to amend our FY 2014 operating budget to include the lease expense.

A Motion was made by Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo, and Seconded by Vice President Perry that Minnesota Hockey enter into a lease agreement with the RiverCentre for 425 sq/ft of office space in the RiverCentre at the monthly rate of \$600, to include utilities, phone & internet services and traditional office equipment, with the understanding that the initial term of the lease is three (3) months, with renewal options. **Motion carried unanimously.**

President Margenau charged the Finance/Budget Committee with the task of working this expense into our FY 2014 budget and present an amended budget to the Board for approval at the January, 2014 meeting.

With no further business, the teleconference ended at 9:02 PM

Respectfully submitted



Gerald R. DeMeo  
Secretary-Treasurer.