

MISSOURI HOCKEY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Durso, Pat Culiberk, Lloyd Ney, Bill Baker, Larry Hellwig, Charlie Busenhart, Bob Howenstein, Tom Woolf, Mike Rynes, Craig Ragland, Scott Smith, Jayne Lewis, Goren Petric, Julie Jordan, Shawn Deaver, Tim Deimeke, Chris Peterson.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Deb Hellwig, Joe Kalin.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chris Durso at 7:02 p.m.

1. **Prior Meeting Minutes.** Minutes from the prior meeting minutes were reviewed by the members present. Motion to approve was made by Pat Culiberk, second by Lloyd Ney. Approved by a vote of 14-0-0.
2. **Registrars Report.** Deb Hellwig reported that we currently have 10,945 coaches, which is up just under 200 from last year. The Brentwood adult league was claimed today.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Tom Woolf reported that we have the final numbers from the disabled festival. The amount is \$105,551.17. Travel permits this year to date are 602, they are up from 572 last year. We have more than \$500K in our account which means we will have higher fees. Charlie Busenhart made a motion to open a second account to hold affiliate funds to avoid the higher fees that would occur if our current account balance exceeds the \$500K threshold. Second by Scott Smith. Motion passed by vote of 14-0-0.
4. **Web Site.** Tom Woolf reported that everything is status quo with the web site. Receiving development camp registration. Have also issued a couple of refund checks.
5. **Rules & Disciplinary Reports.** Pat Culiberk reports that they have a new match penalty to work on. This year we have had a record high, 48 match penalties this season. Last year we had 31. The committee did a great job to get them handled in a timely manner.
6. **Referee's Report.** Board nominations for MIHOA elections next month. Still a couple of tournaments left to go.
7. **Election of High School Apportioned Director.** Goran Petric and Bill Wendall had been nominated to fill the vacant high school apportioned director. Chris Durso reported that Bill Wendall withdrew his name from consideration. Motion was made by Larry Hellwig, second by Charlie Busenhart to elect Goran Patric. Goren was elected by a vote of 16-0-0.
8. **CEP Report.** Chris Durso reported that Doug Deitz (district CEP director) that there have been too many requests for temporary coaching cards. He has been starting to deny some. We need to be more diligent with getting coaches trained.
9. **ADM Report.** Pat Culiberk reported that Kevin and his crew are planning to come back to St. Louis in the fall to put on another clinic.
10. **Safe Sport Report.** Kevin Boschert was not present, but Chris Durso reported that there are new reports coming in every week. Most reports are regarding locker room issues. He believes that other affiliates are fining clubs for locker room violations.
11. **Player Development Report.** Chris Durso reports that registration has been open for about four weeks. The camp is scheduled for April 11 - 14 at the Ice Zone. Registration is not as

robust as last year. Chris submitted a proposed budget for the camp. Motion to approve the camp budget made by Scott Smith. Second by Chris Peterson. Approved by vote of 17-0-0.

12. **Player Safety Coordinator Position.** We have been looking to fill this position. The name of Theresa Jenkins who has a history of working with healthcare claims. She has also done direct medical care. Motion to elect her to the position by Craig Ragland, second by Tom Woolf.
13. **Youth Division.** Scott Smith reports that the Blue Note Championship will be held next weekend. The season is winding down.
14. **Mid-States High School Report.** Craig Ragland reported that the Founder's Cup champion is Wentzville Liberty. The Wickenheiser Cup (Clayton v. Ladue) and the Challenge Cup (Marquette v. DeSmet) will be this upcoming weekend.
15. **MVCHA Report.** Championship games are upcoming.
16. **Girls/ Women Report.** Jayne Lewis indicated that they are disappointed that the America's Showcase has been cancelled.
17. **Adult Report.** Lloyd Ney reported that Dave Rapp is no longer the manager at Centene Rink.
18. **Disabled Hockey.** Various disabled groups have made (and will make) requests for money from our disabled festival fund. We are obligated to use the money to grow the game (disabled hockey). The board will need to review the various applications to decide whether they fall within the guidelines.
19. **Goalie Coordinator.** The committee has not been able to interview the applicants as yet to recommend a candidate to the board. Chris would like to have the position filled prior to the development camp.
20. **Scheduling Coordination Event.** Scott Smith reported that a meeting was held between representatives of high school, Tier I and Central States to try to settle scheduling issues. Things went well and further meetings to follow.
21. **Neck Laceration Protector.** A discussion was had regarding neck protection requirements. In Chicago, they will not start a game until the players all have neck protection. We need to put together our rules regarding neck protection. Chris suggests that we get guidance from USA Hockey.
22. **Grant Program.** We have money in the budget for grants to grow the game. Chris indicates that we need to put together a grant application form.
23. **Affiliate Fees.** Discussion as to whether we need to raise affiliate fees. It was agreed that a fee increase was not needed at this time. Motion by Charlie Busenhart to keep our fees at the current rate. Second by Scott Smith. Passed by vote of 17-0-0.
24. **Respect the Game-Sandwich Boards.** USA Hockey has sandwich boards to put in rinks regarding respect for the game and officials. We need 28 boards and posters which will come to \$5,600. We need additional posters as well. Motion by Scott Smith to approve budget of up to \$7,500 which should cover the additional posters as well. Second by Larry Hellwig. Approved by vote of 17-0-0.
25. **Incident Tracking.** Discussion for rewarding good behavior in clubs not just punishment for bad behavior. We should consider a committee to create incentives for teams and clubs to behave.
26. **United Girl's League Funding Request.** The league has requested funds in the amount of \$25,000. Motion by Pat Culiberk to deny the request, second by Charlie Busenhart. Request denied by vote of 17-0-0. If they designate specific amounts for specific purposes, we would reconsider.

27. **America's Showcase.** The tournament has been cancelled for this season. We had 5 boy's teams and 4 girls teams registered which was not sufficient.
28. **New By-Laws.** We will have a meeting to approve the new by-laws on March 27. Any submissions to change or add to the proposed by-laws which were sent to all members need to be submitted to the president on or before March 16. Motion to approve by Scott Smith, second by Larry Hellwig. Approved by vote of 17-0-0.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTAL RECORD OF EMAIL VOTES

The following are a formal record of the results of electronic votes take prior to the meeting of 2/28/24:

1. **Narce Leader Course.** Chris Durso notified the Board of the Narce Youth Leader Course presented by USA Hockey's Development and Program Services staff which is open to all directors, hockey administrators and youth hockey leaders. The course will provide attendees with tools and strategies to manage a successful hockey season by incorporating Long Term Athlete Development and Coach Development principles. Participants will interact with USA Hockey staff and industry experts to discuss the essentials of managing a successful Youth Hockey Organization. The course dates are May 21-24, 2024. Chris would like to attend and sent out an email request for Board authority to attend. This e-mail was sent out by Chris requesting supplemental electronic voting on 2/16/24. Email responses received (by 2/18/24) were 11 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions. Authority granted.
2. **MVCHA request for four official system:** MVCHA sent a request to Missouri Hockey at 11:07a.m. on 2/8/24 requesting to use a four-man referee system for designated games. This request was sent by Chris Durso to all board members for approval. The request for approval was sent to the board via email of 7:06 p.m. on 2/8/24. The board response was 9 votes in favor and 2 votes against, no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted;

Larry Hellwig

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Secretary
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