

JANUARY 2024 MSHA BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes 01/11/2024

In attendance: President Eric Sabers, Board members: Ben Grenier (VP), Heidi Kludt (Sec), Mark Johnson, Randy Zoss, Lindi Rauscher, David Hatwan, Josh Gebhart, and Steve Laufman arrived at 6:50pm. Also in attendance was Mark Zens (State Representative), Nick Lemke (Boy's JV/Varsity Coach), Jesse Schlimgen; Kris Polreis arrived at 8:40pm.

Quorum Met: Yes

- Meeting was called to order at 6:36pm at MAC Media Room by President Eric Sabers.
- Motion to approve the agenda (with addition of Girls Locker Room Monitor Dibs item in old business) by Randy, 2nd by Heidi. Motion carried all voted aye.
- Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Mark J, 2nd by Lindi. Motion carried all voted aye.
- Amendment to the 11/07/2023 minutes to record the approval of the Treasurer's Report left out of the minutes. Motion to approve the October Treasurer's Report by Heidi, 2nd by Josh. Motion carried all voted aye.
- Public input – None

President's Report (Eric)

- Jeremy Puetz has resigned from the MSHA Board due to personal reasons.
- Fuzz Smith Trust grant received; Officials room lockers will be ordered from Lockers.com as they now have the lowest price with an additional 30% off sale.
- City/Park & Rec Meeting – Recapped the meeting and discussed a few items from the meeting. Having a mid-season meeting each year between the two parties was discussed to improve the relationship for all.
- SDAHA Growth Committee- SDAHA has formed the Growth Committee and is looking for a representative to be nominated by the board as the Growth Coordinator to represent Mitchell. This position will be a liaison between USA Hockey's Program Services department, the Affiliate, and local association to help acquire and retain youth hockey players in the 4 to 8-year-old age range. The representative should be a past board member or a member with extensive committee experience. Ben will work with the Culture Committee and come up with possible candidates for the position.

Treasurer's Report

- Financials were reviewed. Motion to approve the December Financials Report by Randy, 2nd by Ben. Motion carried all voted aye.
- 1099's – Lori is able to complete the 1099's with the new QuickBooks and asked the board if they would like her to do so. The board agreed it would be best to have Lori send out the 1099's as that would save time and money for the association.
- Account Receivable was reviewed with many coming from NSF's or auto payments declined. All have received multiple invoices or a statement and are not responding to the Treasurer. Letters will be sent out to the members from the board.
- Comments were made regarding the stick fundraiser at the PTR night as that is a fun fundraiser

and could possibly be a fundraiser, we could do during league games.

SDAHA Delegate Report (Mark Z)

- Recent SDAHA BOD Virtual Meeting (12/27/23) – Discussed items from the meeting including reminder to monitor spectator behavior to all associations and that player behavior on and off the ice towards each other needs to be monitored by each association.
- Save the Date List:
 - 01/13/24: Hockey Day South Dakota
 - 02/12/24: SDAHA Senior Scholarship Deadline
 - 02/16-02/18: Peewee & Girls 14U State Tournaments
 - 02/23-02/25: Bantam State Tournaments
 - 03/01-03/03: Girls Varsity & Youth JV State Tournaments
 - 03/08-03/10: Youth Varsity State Tournament
 - 03/20-03/24: USA Hockey High School National Tournament
 - 04/03-04/07: USA Hockey Tier II/I National Tournaments
 - 04/12/24: HOF/SDAHA Awards Banquet
 - 04/13/24: SDAHA Spring BOD Meeting
 - 04/26-04/29: SDAHA Boys/Girls Development Camp
 - 05/16-05/19: NP District Development Camp
- SDAHA would like each association to sponsor a table and a raffle basket at the Hall of Fame event each year. We will need to budget \$1,000 in the budget for this event each year.
- Gold Medal USA Sled Hockey team will be in Mitchell January 17th-20th practicing twice a day with a Try Sled Hockey event and friendly scrimmage scheduled for the 20th. The public is welcome to these events.
- If MSHA would like to write any proposals for rule changes they should be working on them as they will be addressed at the spring board meeting.

Old Business

- Cash Raffle Fundraiser – Heidi presented the details of a 30 Prizes in 30 minutes Raffle the Finance Committee has come up with to raise money for youth hockey. Three hundred tickets will be sold for \$50 per ticket. The drawing will happen during the social event during the Lucky Devil's Tournament in April. The board gave approval for Heidi and committee to proceed with the fundraiser.
- Additional Dibs request from the Girl's program for Locker Room Monitors – Discussion was had regarding the request and the details of the request. It was decided no changes will be made this year on Dib hours on Locker Room Monitors. It can be reviewed for next year prior to the handbook and all dibs approval for the year.

New Business

- Board member vacancies – With recent resignations of Tyler Graham and Jeremy Puetz, we currently have 9 active members and the President on the current board. Article IV – Section 5 of the MSHA Bylaws indicate if any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors by death, resignations or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors at any regular meeting or special meeting of the Board of Directors. President Eric nominated Al Huls as an interim board member to fill Tyler Graham's position ending 04/2025. Motion to approve

the nomination of Al Huls to fill the open position by the resignation of Tyler Graham to end 04/2025 by Randy, 2nd by Lindi. Motion carried all voted aye.

- Vice-President Ben nominated Jeremy Morrison as an interim board member to fill Jeremy Puetz's position ending 04/2026. Motion to approve the nomination of Jeremy Morrison to fill the open position by the resignation of Jeremy Puetz's position ending 04/2026 by Heidi, 2nd by Mark J. Motion carried all voted aye.
- Awards Banquet & Annual Meeting planning –
 - 2023 Awards Banquet was on March 20th (Monday). Culture Committee will head the planning for this event. Looking at dates.
 - 2023 Annual Meeting was on April 13th as part of the April Board meeting. Will be planning something similar for 2024.
 - Bylaws & Handbook proposals
 - Board member recruitment committee for election candidates discussed.
 - 4 upcoming coming vacancies(David/Heidi/Randy/Steve (term limited))
 - Slate of nominees from Governance committee due 60 days prior to annual meeting (February 11th for the April 11th meeting) to be approved by the board 28 days prior to annual meeting (Ex: March 14th for April 11th meeting). If anybody has a person of interest, please contact Steve right away so he may contact them and put them on the slate by 02/11/2024.
 - Individual nominee petitions due 20 days before the annual meeting (ex: March 22nd for an April 11th meeting).

Committee Reports:

- Buildings Report (Mark V) - Lockers are up in the two locker rooms for this year. They both still need hooks added to them.
- Coaching (Kris) - Kris Polreis joined the meeting at 8:40pm.
 - One Bantam assistant coach doesn't have the coaching requirements met yet. He can't coach games but will help in practices and will be added to the Pee Wees practices to make up for the time paid but missed for Bantam games.
- Culture Committee (Ben) – (Meeting held 1/09/24)
 - Sled Hockey is looking for three board members to drive the USA Hockey Sled Hockey team back to the airport on Sunday, 01/21/2024. Heidi Kludt, Todd Kludt, and Mark Johnson volunteered as all others had players out of town.
 - 30th Anniversary Black Out raffles and t-shirt proceeds will go to the Boys Varsity Booster Club as they are the level organizing and donating the items this year.
 - Fish Tank is the new name given to the student section of the bleachers. A banner has been ordered and will be hung.
 - Pillow donation box for Sleep in Heavenly Peace event in February will be coming to the rink.
 - USA Sled Hockey will be at our rink 01/17/24 – 01/20/24 and are open to the public. Media will be coming to cover the event.

- Executive Committee (Eric) – None
- Financial Development (Heidi) – No meeting this month. Request was made that an inventory of the Raise Right gift cards be listed on the website for people to look at what is possibly on hand.
- Governance Committee (Steve) – Annual election process discussed. Tabs at the concession stand need to be eliminated as customers can load a gift card and use instead as it is too much risk to the association.
- Programs Committee (Eric) – (Meeting held 01/02/2024) – Minutes reviewed.
 - Reminder that team/association Ice scheduling needs to be run through Lisa for all events.
 - Candy Cup Mites Tournament registered team numbers were discussed.

Executive Session:

- An executive session was requested by Eric Sabers at 9:22 pm. Motion was made to go into Executive Session by Ben, 2nd by David inviting Nick Lemke, JV/Varsity Head Coach and Kris Polreis, Coaching Director to the meeting. Motion was made to end Executive Session at 11:38 pm by Randy, 2nd by David. Motions carried all voted aye.

Information/Discussion

- Age of volunteers working in the concession stand was discussed. Volunteers need to be 14 and supervised by an adult. New signs will be put up for clarification.
- February Board meeting will be Thursday 2/08/2024 - 6:30 pm @ Media Room

Motion to adjourn at 11:40 pm by Ben, second by Randy. Motion carried all voted aye.