

## **Minnesota Special Hockey**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**4/14/2025**

In Attendance: Jane Cashin, Jen Lynch, Holly Tchida, Keith Kloubec, Linda Rogentine, Cathy Carter, Scott Foley, Tia Graves, Toni Gillen and Jared Wieseler  
Members Absent: Tom Schuneman, Brock Buckellew, Kay Morris.

Secretary's Report: Kay not present. Members in attendance reviewed March's meeting minutes. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as written.

Treasurer Report: (a) All Wild Foundation Split the Pot raffle deposits are in for a total of \$22,637. (b) Travel costs increased over \$6,000. (c) \$36,045 net profit with a healthy \$242,589 in operating funds. (d) Motion made, seconded and approved for approval of the financial report.

Toni's USA Hockey Report: (a) USAH will pass a lower flat rate fee for diversified hockey. The 1<sup>st</sup> year is still free, and other rates will be adjusted but not until the end of August. Urge our members to not register for USAH membership until the end of August when the new lower fee rates are official. Members who register before the new rates will not get an adjustment or refund. Jane and Holly will get an announcement in the newsletter regarding this. (b) USAH will meet in June. This is Toni's last term and there will be an election for her position. MSH will get the number of votes that we have as registered players. (c) The USAH rule regarding devices on the ice will be voted on in June. Toni said the rule, when voted on in June, will state: "No apparatus on ice during USA Hockey sanctioned games." (d) There is now a St. Cloud sled hockey team that had 12 players participate.

USAH Rep Position: Discussion of Toni leaving her USAH position and who would/could fill her spot. Jane will ask Toni for a job description.

Volunteer Scholarship: Prior to meeting, Holly distributed summary of three eligible volunteer scholarship applicants. Discussion was that all three were very qualified and deserved the scholarship, so was there a possibility of awarding a scholarship to all three. With three board members absent, Holly would send an email outlining the board's discussion and get feedback from those absent members (Tom, Kay, Brock). No decision or vote on the winner(s) was made at the meeting.

Hendrickson Festival: Holly will circulate a signup for board members to volunteer at the MSH table Friday through Sunday of the Festival. Still working on coaches for all teams and makeup of the 12 MSH teams. MSH is responsible for 12 silent auction baskets. Holly and Cathy are working on getting each team to sign up for one basket. Board members will fill in where teams haven't stepped up. Jane has ice hours for the MSH games. Celebrity game is 5pm on Saturday.

Board Positions: Cathy will continue as Team Manager Coordinator. Scott is up for reelection as Fundraising Coordinator. The Treasurer position is open, and no candidates have applied. Two applicants have voiced interest in the Ice Coordinator position. We have put a May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for applications. Holly will contact one of the applicants for the Ice Coordinator to see if they would be interested in the Treasurer position. Jane will work on updating the description of the Ice Coordinator position to reflect the time/hours expectation.

Summer Picnic and Annual Meeting: Metro picnic scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at Rosland Park in Edina. Jane will work on getting an outstate host/date/location. Cathy will look into a possible appearance by a MN Frost player.

Eva Erickson/Survivor Contestant: Eva has raised over \$2000 for MSH through sale of her Fiji Hockey Club merch. She will referee a game at SHI in Boston, as well as participate in the HF celebrity game. The MSH web page on Survivor needs to be updated as Eva continues to go forward in the game.

SHI Festival: no updates

Marketing: Jared is working on a one-pager highlighting our program. Jen received a \$1000 donation to MSH from Sibley Hockey Booster Club. Members discussed the cost and effectiveness of putting an MSH ad in either tournament or high school programs.

Summer Skate: Scott recommends just one jersey order this year approximately two weeks before the start of the first clinic. Scott has three committed summer skate sponsors, with two others he's waiting to hear back from. Lakeville has committed to providing the ice but are waiting on times. SLP ice times are locked in. Discussion of proposed cost for the summer skate clinic as \$50 with the jersey and \$25 without a jersey. Discussion of possibly using the Frost jersey colors (purple/white).

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.