

MITCHELL SKATING & HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - August 2024

Tuesday August 13th, 2024 – 7:30 pm



Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darcy Sabers (Pres) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Grenier (VP) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Gebhart |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Al Huls | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Johnson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Lemke |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Maeschen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jai Mimmack | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Sabers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Megan Sabers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Vaughan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dustin Warnke |
- Mark Zens (SDAHA Rep) Lori Goldammer (Treasurer) Kris Polreis (Coaching Director)

Guests: Lana Loken, Levi Loken

Quorum Met: Yes

- Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm at Blarneys Meeting Room by President Darcy Sabers.
- 00. Motion to approve the agenda by Ben, 2nd by Eric. Motion carried all voted aye.
- 01. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Nick, 2nd by Dustin. Motion carried all voted aye.
- 02. Public Input – None

03. President's Report (Darcy)

- USA Hockey's neck laceration guard rule change goes into effect 08/01/2024 as all players will need to wear them to be on the ice along with any referees under the age of 18. See USA Hockey link for more information (https://www.usahockey.com/news_article/show/1298379).
 - Governance/Programs committee will update the handbook re: the neck guards.
 - Randy Z. looking at cost to order neck guards for the rental equipment.
- Learn to Skate USA – Park & Rec program endorsed by both MSHA & Mitchell Skating academy. Will run thru Park & Rec, with representative/volunteer Sidney Lanning to be program supervisor. Both associations will provide 2 volunteers to help with on-ice lessons. Volunteers will be chosen by Sydney & association presidents. Cost/Profit of program will be split up as follows:
 - Darcy, figure skating association, and Sydney Lanning had a meeting with city Park and Rec to set this up. Park and Rec will market, we don't need to give equipment for this.
 - 6 sessions in 2 weeks - \$110 fee - \$10 from each registration goes to city, \$18 to Learn to Skate USA for registration fee, then remaining \$82 split equally between the 2 associations.
 - MSHA volunteers would get DIBS for each session – 6 one-hour long sessions – 6 DIBS
 - Motion to approve DIBS for MSHA volunteers by Jai, 2nd by Josh. Motion carried, all voted aye.

04. Treasurer's Report (Lori)

- Motion to approve the July Financials Report by Al, with 2nd by Mark J. Motion carried, all voted aye.
- Discussion – Lori would like to know tournaments ahead of time to invoice approx. 2 weeks prior for each player attending.

05. SDAHA Delegate Report (Mark Z) (not here tonight)

- Reminder that the fall meeting in Watertown is 9/14/24 if anyone wants to go with him.
- From last month's meeting the player transfer from Brandon to SF was denied.

06. Old Business

- Toshiba name change – Darcy talked to Dave Tronnes about it. As of right now we will keep all the signage and names the same because it was supposed to be a lifetime sponsorship.
- Olympias are going to Make it Mine this week to have them re-lettered/signs changed.
- Disciplinary committee items moved to New Business to finalize.

07. New Business:

- Discussion held on Scrip balances and being able to carry them over year to year without using them for each year's registration.
 - Currently if under \$10 they must carry it over to the next year.
- After discussion this topic was tabled with a plan to make some rules/guidelines for Scrip balances. Finance committee to head up with Darcy's help. **Tabled for next meeting.**
- Registration of kids under grandparents (discussed during April & May meetings):
 - Do we allow a parent of a current association player to register an additional (3rd +) skater under their name? This provides the grandchild a significant discount in registration fees, loss of raffle ticket funds, loss of DIBS hours.
 - Discussion was held regarding legal guardians vs. siblings vs. if this is a system issue or just one family. We need to add verbiage to the registration to allow grandparents to register, but the fundraising and Dibs areas would apply to siblings and not cousins.
 - Potential verbiage to be determined and brought back. **Tabled for next meeting.**
- Scoreboards: Meeting scheduled next week with Muth Electric for pitch of sponsorship.
 - Sponsorship includes, naming rights on scoreboards, which would pay for score boards and reimburse the cost of them back to the association.
 - Also include fixing all time clocks in locker rooms to work correctly with the scoreboard.
 - Entire proposal is approximately \$30,000 to be paid over six years. Includes materials, labor, and other items.
 - If Muth Electric declines the proposal it can be offered to TK Electric or others.
 - Eric is working on this proposal/meeting with Muth, Ben or Darcy to go with.
- IHDC (In-House Disciplinary Committee) members: from the board
 - Al Huls (set up and committee chair for this season) – non-voting.
 - 2nd or 3rd year term board member (expected to chair next season).
 - Josh and Jai volunteered.
 - Added to the voting re: code of conduct/discipline by the board at the end of the meeting.
 - Chair (board member) would be coordinating the IHDC committee meetings.
 - Coaching Director would be on the committee but would be a tiebreaker vote only.
 - Only coaches would be voting and plan for a coach representative from all levels (6 total).
 - Coach from the level involved does not vote.
- ODC (Outside Disciplinary Committee) members:
 - John Lord – already agreed.
 - Todd Kludt – already agreed.
 - Michelle Loecker has been in the past.

- Possibly Lana Loken.
 - If any other names/suggestions let Darcy know.
- Updated Discipline policy & code of conducts.
 - Voting papers were provided to all board members to vote on each revision.
 - Ben tallied votes.
 - All revisions were approved, and Josh G. was voted to be the other board member of the IHDC.
 - Approved items will be updated in the policies & code of conduct.
 - Updated policy & code of conduct will be provided to members.
- TK Electric has talked about possibly sponsoring a new shooting cage floor. We would include their signage on or around the cage.
 - Nothing is finalized, just in discussion.

Committee Reports:

- 08. Buildings Committee (Mark V)
 - Update on projects that have been previously mentioned as being completed this summer:
 - Player benches, hoping to get at least Toshiba's rink done this year.
 - Innovative boards
 - Insulation tape repair/replacement– Jeremy to take care of that with the city.
 - Update on chairs purchased from Sneakers.
 - Discussion on a counter-top and bar stools above the ticket booth and selling those as reserved seats for games for one season only.
 - Looking at it as an annual fundraiser and likely an auction to sell them through an online raffle. Discussed selling each chair this year (which would include a season pass) and potentially expand in future years.
 - Next weekend Mark is planning to work in the rink.
 - Planning to build stairs above locker room 6.
 - Locker rooms to be done this year – Bantams and Peewees.
 - Will have 3 more the following year – Squirts and 8U.
 - Buildings Committee members: Mark V, Dustin, and Randy Z.
- 09. Coaching Committee (Kris)
 - Coaches from each level to have a rep for IHDC committee. Meeting to relay expectations & responsibilities.
 - Update on varsity coaches participating in Player Development program.
 - Coaches to be approved (all returning from last year):
 - Ryan Degen – Bantam and Peewee – Dibs
 - Eric Hohn – Peewee Head coach – Dibs
 - Tony Rezac – Peewee – Dibs
 - Matt Strand – Peewee, Squirts, 8U Head coach
 - Nate Maeschen – Peewee – Dibs
 - Ben Rauscher – Squirts – Dibs
 - Tyler Ladd – Squirts – Dibs
 - Steve Gates – Squirts – Dibs
 - Skylar Stahl – Peewees – \$1000
 - Bri Prickett – Squirts – Dibs
 - Neil Hardy – Squirts – Dibs
 - Mark Johnson – 8U – Dibs
 - Sara Thuringer – 8U – Dibs

- Dibs question re: locker room monitors. Eric researched other associations for their processes and will update handbook if needed.
- Season passes – In the past we've given coaches and their spouse a complimentary season pass. Plan is to continue that process. Motion to approve 1st by Ben and 2nd Mark V. Motion carried, all voted aye.

At 9:33 p.m., the board entered executive session on a motion by Ben, 2nd by Mark V.

At 10:00 p.m., the board exited executive session on a motion by Ben, 2nd by Mark V.

15. Executive Session

- Motion to approve a parent letter to be sent by certified mail by AI, 2nd by Dusty. Motion carried with 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain. Jai M. voluntarily left the meeting during the executive session at 9:51 p.m. and was absent for the committee vote and remainder of the meeting.

Information/Discussion

- September Board meeting: 09/10/24 – Blarney's meeting room @ 6:30pm.
- Motion to adjourn at 10:03 p.m. by Mark V, 2nd by AI. Motion carried, all voted aye.