

MISSOURI HOCKEY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 23, 2025

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Durso, Scott Smith, Tom Woolf, Larry Hellwig, Charlie Busenhart, Mark Pecoraro, Mike Rynes, Craig Ragland, Shawn Deaver, Chris Peterson, Bill Baker, Jayne Lewis, Goran Petric.

NON- VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Deb Hellwig

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chris Durso at 7:02 p.m. There were 9 voting members present at the start of the meeting. There were 12 voting members present at the conclusion of the meeting.

1. **CEP Director.** This position remains vacant and will need to be filled soon since we have a lot of seminars coming up. Doug Deitz, the Central District Coach in Chief will need help with upcoming seminars. Chris will be meeting with Doug soon to discuss.
2. **ADM Director.** No report.
3. **SafeSport Coordinator.** Chris Durso indicated that we received Scott Gray's bill and it has been paid.
4. **Player Development.** Chris Durso reported that player development camps were held this month.
5. **Player Safety Coordinator.** This position is currently vacant. Chris asked for board members to submit names.
6. **Youth Division.** They had a Board meeting last Tuesday. Scott Smith indicated that their Board needed to revisit their girl's hockey rules as they needed more governance. He was also concerned that the Central Girls Hockey League (based out of Ohio), which a St. Louis team is playing in, had no mention of USA Hockey on their web site. They want to expand to 14 teams from such places as Tennessee, Kentucky, and Ohio.
7. **Mid-States High School Hockey Report.** Craig Ragland reports that they are working on Division alignments to promote more competitive games, which should drive attendance. They will have a new cashless ticket system. They also want to have more "youth nights" like they had at Webster last season. They are planning to ask for a grant to help fund this initiative. They believe that this will help spur increased interest and attendance.
8. **Mississippi Valley High School Hockey.** Mike Rynes reports that they are gaining a new JV team and losing Vianey, so they have a net gain of 0.
9. **Girls/ Women's Hockey.** Jayne Lewis reports that she does not have any rosters yet. She is doing women's registration.

10. **Adult Hockey.** No report.
11. **Disabled Hockey.** No report.
12. **Referees Report.** No report. Chris Durso expressed concerns regarding last year's grant to MIHOA. There seems to have been a lack of monitoring last year regarding mentoring of young officials. We need to discuss the potential for the affiliate to take this program over rather than give grants in the future. Mark Pecoraro may be a good choice to take this over. More discussion to come.
13. **Review of Prior Minutes.** Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed by those members present. Motion by Scott Smith to approve as written. Second by Jayne Lewis. Approved by vote of 8-0-4. (Three additional members joined the meeting since the meeting was called to order).
14. **Registrar's Report.** Deb Hellwig reported that our final number for 24-25 season was 12,903 (with PPR's) and 9,677 (without PPR's). there are 11,673 players and coaches. So far Deb has not received any board member rosters for the upcoming season. Scott will remind the youth clubs and Craig and Mike will do the same for high school clubs.
15. **Treasurer's Report.** Tom Woolf reports that the Affiliate and Special Activities accounts both balanced/ reconciled to the 6/30/25 statements. The main account balance to date was \$336,596.86. The Special Activities account balance to date was \$16,523.67. The Affiliate CD balance was \$212,375.57. The Festival CD balance was \$53,093.89. Our USA Hockey Investment account balance is \$162,199.26 (\$11,526.24 increase from March 2025 statement). ACH transfer from USA Hockey on 7/8/25 for registration fees in the sum of \$14,945.00. Our total year to date is \$22937.00 thru 5/30/25. The electric, rent, telephone and internet have all been paid for June 2025. The USA Hockey Block Grant application paperwork has been prepared for submission to USA Hockey. Also, the tax returns for 2024 have been prepared by our CPA and returned to Missouri Hockey with an invoice for \$950.00. Finally, the scholarship winner check was sent to the school today.

Motion to approve treasurer's report by Scott Smith, second by Jayne Lewis.
Approved by vote of 10-0-2.
16. **Website Report.** Tom Woolf reports the new section for travel permits seems to be working well.
17. **Rules & Disciplinary Report.** None. It is believed that there are a couple of adult issues pending.
18. **Blues Coaching Symposium.** Chris Durso reports that we are waiting for the Blues to pick a date. Coach Montgomery did something similar to this in Boston when he was there.
19. **Hall Of Fame Dinner.** The dinner is on August 23. We have been asked to purchase a table, as we usually do. A table is 10 persons. Motion to approve the purchase of a table by Larry Hellwig, second by Craig Ragland. Approved by vote of 12-0-0.
20. **Central District Planning Meeting.** There will be a meeting in Cedar Rapids, IA on September 5 and 6. There will be discussion regarding the fact that we are underrepresented on sections and committees.

21. **Affiliate Presidents Meeting.** Will be in Buffalo, NY November 7-9, 2025. Chris will present a budget for this for approval at the next meeting.
22. **USA Hockey Block Grant.** Our application for our grant for the upcoming season has been sent to all members. Motion to approve by Craig Ragland, second by Scott Smith. Approved to send by vote of 12-0-0.
23. **Scholarship Report.** We had one application for the Sue Cooper Scholarship. Motion to approve by Chris Peterson, second by Scott Smith. Scholarship winner is Taylor Wensink. Approved by vote of 12-0-0.
24. **Next Meeting:** August 27, 2025.

There being no further business to transact the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Larry H. Hellwig
Secretary
Missouri Hockey, Inc.