

MITCHELL SKATING & HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – March 2025

Tuesday March 11th, 2025 – 6:30 pm - MAC Media Room



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 type="checkbox"/> Mark Johnson (absent) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Lemke |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Maeschen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Sabers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Megan Sabers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Vaughan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dustin Warnke | |

Guest attendees

- Lori Goldammer (Treasurer) Kris Polreis (Coaching Director) Mark Zens (SDAHA Rep)

Guests: Phil Lee and Jennifer Zens

Quorum Met: Yes

- Meeting was called to order at 6:28 pm at the MAC Media Room by President Darcy.
- 00. Motion to approve the agenda with no changes by Mark V, 2nd by Josh. Motion carried all voted aye.
- 01. A request was made to amend the February 2025 meeting minutes to show there are 10 seniors for the 2024-2025 season. It was previously noted that 6 or 9 seniors had qualified for Academic All State. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes with that revision by Nick, 2nd by Ben. Motion carried all voted aye.
- 02. Public Input – None.

03. President's Report (Darcy)

- Culture has announced the awards ceremony will be Friday, March 21st from 6pm – 7pm at the Masonic Lodge followed by COSMIC HOCKEY at the rink from 7pm – 9pm.
- Budget Meetings are planned for March 18th at 6pm at Blarneys (Outfield) and March 25th at 6pm at Bradley's. Board members are encouraged to attend.
- Discussion held on the plan for 3v3 or 4v4 and skills sessions for March/April 2025 and the registration plan. Hoping to start mid-March.
 - This was based on the association wide survey results of members wanting to have more structure and most were ok with some cost for the post season ice time.

04. Treasurer's Report (Lori – not present)

- Motion to approve the February Financials Report by Mark V, 2nd by Al. Motion carried, all voted aye.
- Al gave info to Darcy regarding Bank West home varsity goals which should have a separate invoice for Boys and Girls Booster Clubs.

05. SDAHA Delegate Report (Mark Z)

- Mark and Nick have been working on two proposals to send related to the varsity level handshake after games and the Freeze 10 rule.
- Discussion held related to varsity awards. Mark reported the state decided to announce the players at their tournaments for awards, but the awards will still be handed out at the Hall of Fame banquet.

- Mark is on the nomination committee for gathering names for President and Secretary at the state level. Duke Witte was nominated for president, the current Secretary, Jon Kotilnek, is running for another term.
- Discussion held for some other proposals/suggestions for Mark to bring up at the next meeting related to squirts game ideas for competitive games, peewees having player stats available, player rosters being available, and the potential for the Hall of Fame banquet to be the same weekend as the state tourney to have increased attendance.

06. Old Business

- Annual meeting/election of new members to take place in April 2025. In-person voting will be available at the rink with the April 8th board meeting after.
 - There are four outgoing board member positions with one other position unfilled from mid-season.

07. New Business:

- The Marlins will have a concession stand at the Mitchell Middle School during the Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament on March 29th & 30th. Ashley Johnson has a sign-up genius available for workers.
- Jersey/Uniform options. Discussion held on potentially changing to one format/style jersey for all levels under JV/Varsity, like other associations. This would include buying jersey(s) and keeping until its outgrown, then buying replacements as needed.
 - Costs would be transferred to parents rather than the association and jersey's become responsibility of parents/players.
 - Discussion held on how to handle player numbers.
 - Additional information and details to be presented either via email or at the next meeting for review.
- Discussion held to amend the April 3rd, 2022, board meeting minutes which included an incorrect listing of board member election results.
 - Motion to amend the April 3rd, 2022, board minutes by Nick, 2nd by Dusty. Motion carried with 8 ayes, 1 abstain.

Committee Reports:

- 08. Buildings Committee (Mark V)
 - Mark has everything cut/ready for staircase.
 - Locker room cubbies almost done with plan for painting of locker rooms before then.
 - Will have 1 locker room left to do for 8U. Discussion to add a shelf and/or hooks in there vs. cubbies.
 - City Mayor toured the facility with Phil L. and Nick L. this week. Mayor was open to doing roller skating on the concrete when there's no ice, city is looking at fixing the roof leaks, and he was open to potential changes and using the area above the locker rooms.
- 09. Coaching Committee (Kris)
 - Starting exit/end of season interviews with coaches next week.
 - Looking at a potential player survey to get an idea of what they're looking for from coaches/practices.
 - Looking into some coaching apps for practice plans and to have some uniformity with drills from the top down.
 - Nothing done with player development committee this year.
- 10. Culture Committee (Josh)
 - Reviewed committee minutes / No board action items.

- 11. Executive Committee (Darcy)
 - None

- 12. Financial Development (Mark J) (not present)
 - No report or meetings held.
 - Discussion held on fundraisers being done.

- 13. Governance Committee (Eric)
 - Board Election Nominee Slate:
 - AJ Bauer – 8U
 - Nick Backlund - 8U
 - Nichole Bussmus – PW & G14U
 - Phil Lee – PW (x2)
 - Planning to get an email out to MSHA members regarding the process to petition to be a board member. A form is available on the website and would need to be turned in by March 19th (20 days before the election).

- 14. Programs Committee (Eric)
 - Reviewed meeting minutes.
 - Board action items
 - Approve tournament fees to be included with registrations.
 - DIBs Allocations approved for
 - 8U Candy Cup Bake Sale.
 - 2024 1st Fridays, plan for a maximum 10 DIBS allowed per individual skater
 - Gun Raffle Coordinator, according to MSHA rules a raffle coordinator position is 20 DIBS.
 - 2025-26 Master Schedule Planning Meeting, planned for March 27th, 7:00 PM @ Bradley’s Meeting Room.
 - Goal of opening registration by June 1st, 2025, and plan to add late fees for late registrations.

- 15. Executive Session
 - None

Information/Discussion

- April Board meeting: 4/8/25 – MAC Media room @ 7:00 p.m. after new board member elections.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. by Mark V., 2nd by Dusty. Motion carried, all voted aye.