

Minutes of Midwest Amateur Hockey Association  
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors  
June 25 2022

**Call to Order.** Pursuant to notice distributed by electronic mail and posting on the affiliate web site, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Shawn Spencer at 12:15pm.

**Agenda.** President Spencer presented the agenda, previously distributed electronically. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

**Roll Call.**

Secretary Westendorf called roll:

**Iowa**

IAD1001 Quad City Sled	Michelle Arndt
IADnnnn Siouxland Sled	Duane Duden*
IAH0117 Mason City	Brandon Keeling*
IAH0118 Sioux Center	Brent Suing*
IAH0119 Cedar Rapids	Jefferson Stack*.
IAH0120 Lakes Area	Darrel Ussery*.
IAH0126 Dubuque	Justin Muehlenkamp*, Eric Trausch*.
IAH0136 Des Moines Youth	Scott Long*, Brandon Ewing*, Tyler Lainson*.
IAH0138 Waterloo	Justin Kerns*, Justin Metcalf*
IAH0139 Siouxland (S. City)	Honore Pittenger*
IAH0143 Ames	Tim Lillwitz*
IAH0144 Iowa Wild AAA	Ryan Bennett*
IAH0160 Iowa City Youth	Molly Rose*.
IAH0162 Quad Cities	Michelle Arndt*, Rich Oswald*

**Kansas/Missouri**

KSH0128 KC Youth	Robert Brown*, Eric Schmitz*, Cody Williams*
KSH0132 Wichita Youth	Michelle Gifford*
KS0133 Independence Adult	No Director Present.
NoNmbr Nebraska Warriors	No Director Present
KS0134 Northland (Adult)	No Director Present
KSH0135 Wichita Adult	No Director Present
KSH0138 KCIC Adult	Mary Helmick*, Carolyn Maddox*

**Nebraska (4y)**

NEH0002 Lincoln	Eric Alexander*, Nathan Henke*
NEH0004 Tri City Youth	Mark Willis*

NEH0005 Fremont  
NEH0133 Omaha AAA  
NEH0134 Omaha  
NoNmbr Tri City Adult

Garrett Poland\*  
David Wilke\*.  
Matt Moragues\*, Bryan Knaus\*, Erin Sliva\*  
Dave Weiler\*.

**Notes:**

'\*' = Director

**Officers & Staff**

**Voting (The Executive Committee):**

President	Shawn Spencer
VP Compliance	Todd Larsen
VP SafeSport	Doug Dorley
VP National Bound	Mike Dudzinski
Treasurer	Mike Hurd
Secretary	Melody Westendorf
MHSHL President	Todd Scebold

The President noted that a quorum of 33 directors (viz., in excess of the minimum 40%) is present.

**Non Voting:**

Goaltending Coach	Brad Parker
Registrar	Jason Sheehy
Web	Mary Helmick
Player Development	Doug Dietz

President Shawn advised for the record that all youth associations are compliant and thus eligible to vote. He also attested that all youth association Directors present and answering the call are certified in accordance with the MWAHA Bylaws.

**President's Comments.** President Shawn expressed appreciation and emphasized the focus on diversity and inclusion efforts for the upcoming year as well as the work done in the past year.

**Minutes.**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held June 26, 2021 were reviewed.

**Motion by Hurd, Second Scebold**

That the minutes be approved with change for Iowa Wild Director change to Ryan Bennett for prior year.

Passed by acclamation.

**Elections.**

President Shawn opened the election of 'even year officers'. In the normal rotation of Executive Committee positions, President, one Vice President and the Secretary were up for election. Vice President Dudzinski and Mary Helmick served as clerks of the election.

The Incumbents Shawn Spencer, Doug Dorley, and Melody Westendorf noted their desire to continue to serve. No other nominations being forthcoming, Vice President Dudzinski asked for any opposition. Voting commenced.

**Motion**

That Shawn Spencer as President, Doug Dorley as Vice President, and Melody Westendorf as Secretary be elected.

**Approved** by acclamation.

Positions begin July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**President's State of the Association and USAH Summer Congress** President Spencer reported the USAH Summer congress occurred two weeks prior in Denver, Colorado. Emphasis for diversity and inclusion efforts will continue as has been the focus the prior year. Several communities within the Affiliate are in geographically homogenous areas and noted the emphasis remains with girls hockey to grow the game and the associations. Additionally, in 2022 disabled hockey has been another area identified as a growth initiative. Directors were notified that several volunteer positions need to be filled and is looking for candidates interested in various associations that are not currently involved at the Affiliate level.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Mike Hurd presented his report. Notable changes are decreased costs for background screenings, increase in growth, showcase fees, girls jamboree, Central District Camp, and DEI efforts. Registration fees are projected to be flat.

**Motion** by Todd Scebold to approve and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Metcalf, Passed. Budget attached.

**1<sup>st</sup> Proposal-Iowa Renegade Application for USA Hockey Association Status**

Request to grant USA Hockey youth association status to a current AAU hockey program based in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Motion** to approve Ryan Bennett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by President Spencer

**Discussion** was lively, lasting approximately 25 minutes with questions related to number of current members, age level, and need within the Des Moines area for an alternative to DMYHA. Vote placed on ballot

**Motion Failed**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Proposal-Kansas City Adult Womens Hockey League (KCWHL)**

Request to grant USA Hockey association status to a womens only league to grow the game of hockey for adult women of all ages and skill level as well as provide a place to play after their youth career ends.

**Motion** to approve Eric Trausch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Molly Rose

**Discussion** related primarily to the involvement with the girls youth program and assistance with coaching and skill development.

**Motion Approved**

### **Midwest High School Hockey League Report**

Todd Scebold reported for the upcoming season 8 varsity and 6 JV teams will compete for State Championship; reduce 1 day of expenses. 2021-2022 Varsity Champion Kansas City Jets and Junior Varsity Champion Omaha Lancers. Previously 1 team from each state was allowed into nationals, but going forward that will not be a guarantee. Scebold advised this is his last year as President of the high school league. The league is in its 46<sup>th</sup> season.

### **Goaltending Report**

Brad Parker offered to do goaltending clinic for an association via request.

### **MHL Report**

Scott Long reported a successful MHL season. 43 teams participated at 10u, 12u, 14u levels. Over 320 regular season games were reported. There were 67 games with 34 having a score differential of 2 or less. Several games went into overtime for the semifinals. The select division had 29 teams participate.

### **SafeSport Report**

Doug Dorley encourage associations to reach out to him as soon as there are potential issues for notification purposes to the USCSS and USA Hockey.

### **Girls Hockey Report**

Jade Pospeshil looking to be replaced for girls hockey leader.

### **Player Safety Report**

No report

### **Website Report**

Mary Helmick reported the need for updating the website with new association board members.

### **Referee in Chief**

Jordan Crowell provided information which was relayed through President Spencer. 3700 registered officials within the Central district so there wasn't a declared shortage for the 2021-2022 season. Some issues with USA Hockey from an IT perspective.

### **Showcase Team**

Dave Wilke reported a deficiency in goalies and the need for better athletes in the role, given it is the most important position for the team. Next year the showcase will be held April 12-19, 2023 in St Louis, MO. Would like to see a push for kids within MWAHA.

### **DEI**

Melody reported success in the growth of girls hockey for the affiliate. Affiliate growth was singularly girls teams and female participation. The approval of 2 policies the prior year helped to ensure dual rostering and player movement for all girls teams was easier to accomplish without approvals, which supports the growth of all female athlete teams.

### **Player Development**

Doug Dietz reported 180 kids tried out for the 14u Central district camp, with 17 making it from MWAHA. 2 MWAHA players went on to the national camp. Coaching clinics level 1-4 will be posted after national camp. September, level 4's will get posted. Online training will try to make

available to central district coaches July 15-September 1 to get an opportunity to sign up first before opening it up to the country.

**Registrar**

Jason Sheehy will provide training at a session for all registrars.

**New Business**

None

**Next Meeting.** In accordance with Bylaws, President Spencer announced the next annual meetings will likely be held after Summer Congress 2023 on June 24, 2023.

**Closing Remarks**

President Spencer expressed gratitude for all volunteers.

**Adjournment.** Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melody Westendorf 563-676-9395