

JULY 2023 MSHA BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes 07/13/2023

In attendance: President Eric Sabers, Board members: Ben Grenier (VP), Josh Gebhart, David Hatwan, Mark Johnson, Jeremy Puetz, Lindi Rauscher, Mark Vaughan and Randy Zoss. Tyler Graham arrived at 6:41 pm; Steve Laufman, arrived at 6:57 pm. Also in attendance was Lori Goldammer (Treasurer), Kris Polreis, Renee Polreis, Nick Lemke, Ryan Storm, Kristie Contreras and Andy Jerke

Quorum Met: Yes

- Meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM at Blarney's.
- Motion to approve the agenda by Randy, 2nd by Mark V. Motion carried all voted aye.
- Motion to approve June meeting minutes by Ben, 2nd by Randy. Motion carried all voted aye.
- Public input – Nick Lemke provided input on the following items:
 - Bantams summer training sessions with Emily Hohn
 - Looking into improving Avera training program participation and will meet with Avera.
 - Developing a reward program for small number JV/Varsity to participate with the weekly Lucky Devils practice sessions.

President's Report (Eric)

- Volunteer registration is open; all board members, coaches, committee members, etc. will need to get registered soon.
 - Board background checks due this season – Gebhart, Grenier, Hatwan, Johnson, Puetz, Rauscher, Sabers, Zoss
 - SafeSport certifications are now annual (vs seasonal). They will send renewal notices when due at 30/15/1 day(s) before expiration.
 - Minnesota Hockey is most likely going to change their SafeSport rules to require locker room monitors in their locker rooms instead of “be at arm’s length”. FYI for teams competing in MN this season.
- Northern Plains District Conference – Sept 8-10th in Deadwood. Open to all association administrators that wish to attend. Contact Mark Zens to RSVP.
- Marlins license plate decal order page is active – www.mitchellmarlins.com/licenseplates

Treasurer's Report (Lori)

- We've now transitioned to QuickBooks online, so the monthly financial report is an all-new format.
- Working on the new Venmo account and will be up shortly.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Randy, second by David. Motion carried all voted aye.

SDAHA Delegate Report

- Sioux Falls roster split punishment by SDAHA BOD was appealed to the Northern Plains District and was overruled based on limited enforcement from definition of the SDAHA rules.
- SDAHA Board summer virtual meeting - July 18th

- Boys Varsity state tournament bids to be considered/approved – Brookings was sole applicant for 2024
- Continued SFYHA roster split discussions
- SDAHA Board fall meeting – Sept 16th in Watertown
 - Mark & Eric attending.
 - Rule change proposals for 2024-25 season due August 13th.

Old Business

- 2023-2024 Registration
 - Tournament Fees approved at the last meeting – Boys varsity added another tournament to their schedule, which would require an increase to their tournament fee total for registration. Motion to approved Boys JV/Varsity tournament fees for registration from \$137 to \$200 by Ben, second by Mark V; Motion failed by vote of 3-7.
 - After further discussion, Motion to add verbiage to the registration pages to disclose that players will be invoiced in cases of shortages of tournament fees submitted by Ben, second by Randy. Motion carried all voted aye.
 - Payment Plan Installments – Discussion on the payment plan option needed to be discussed and set since this option had changed from last year. SportsEngine changes only allow for one payment plan option for X number of installments regardless of when registered. Motion to set number of payment plan installments to 5 (20% up front at registration + 4 subsequent auto-payments) by Jeremy, second by Steve. Motion carried all voted aye.
- 2023–24 City of Mitchell contract revisit – Andy Jerke (Park Board member) presented discussion of his original opposition of the contract changes and rationale of his eventual approval of the changes. The clause removed as part of the change was never invoked in the past and the checks and balances based on the Arena Director’s discretion still are in effect.
- Bylaw Amendment Proposal (Fundraising Rules Discussion) – Eric provided input that based on his research of past administrations, the original spirit of Article 5, Sections 2 & 3 were to prevent the funding of independent Marlin teams that would participate in regional games and tournaments and not be a part of SDAHA league play. This bylaw change originated from the mid-2000’s. This essentially would allow teams to fundraise as a team so as long as the association deposited and tracked the funds per team. Consensus was to come up with a reworded amendment to clarify the position.

New Business

- 2023-24 Code of Conduct forms
 - Eric presented an updated version of the existing Player/Parent/Coach Code of Conduct, revised for grammatical and punctuation errors. Discussion was had concerning the effective timeframe of the code of conduct policies. The current version states effective dates are from the first day of school to the last association event in the spring. Motion to approve changing the effective timeframe of the Code of Conduct to 365/year-round starting upon signature of the 2023-24 CoC presented by Steve, second by Randy. Motion failed by vote of 3-7.
 - After further discussion, Motion to approve 2023-24 Code of Conduct as presented by Steve, second by David. Motion carried all voted aye.

Committee Reports:

- Buildings Report (Mark) – Summarized the planned projects to be completed before the season starts – Rebuilding the player bench flooring on both rinks, new partitions for the next two locker rooms (A & 5), and adding a covering/roof to the weight room.
- Coaching (Kris) – Presented a summary of coach interviews / 2023-24 commitments.
- Culture Committee (Ben) – Meeting held July 12th; numerous events and activities coming up.
- Executive Committee (Eric) – No report
- Financial Development (Heidi) – No report
- Governance Committee (Steve) – No report
- Programs Committee (open) – Meeting held July 6th; lots of scheduling being finalized.
- **Executive Session** - An executive session was requested by Eric Sabers to discuss employment/personnel with Coaching Director. Motion was made to go into Executive Session by Steve, second by Ben at 9:46 pm. Motion was made to exit Executive Session at 10:44 pm by Ben, second by Mark. Motions carried all voted aye.

Motion was made by Ben, second by David to approve the list of coaches and salaries as shown below. Motion carried all voted aye.

Boys Varsity

Nick Lemke	Head Coach	\$5,200
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Dave Hatwan	Asst Coach	Dibs
Nate Maeschen	Asst Coach	Dibs
Kris Polreis	Asst Coach	Dibs

Girls Varsity

Chris Tronnes	Head Coach	\$5,200
Cody Miles	Asst Coach	\$2,600
Dillon Miles	Asst Coach	
	14U Head Coach	\$3,300
Ashley Zimmer	Asst Coach	\$2,600

Squirts

Tony Rezac	Dibs
Matt Strand	Dibs
Ryan Degen	Dibs
Nate Maeschen	Dibs

Bantams

Will Dooley	Head Coach	Dibs
Ryan Degen	Asst Coach	Dibs
Mike Richmond	Asst Coach	\$1,560
Ashton Reimnitz	Asst Coach	\$1,560

8U

Matt Strand	Dibs
Steve Gates	Dibs
Mark Johnson	Dibs
Andy Prickett	Dibs
Cody Miles	Dibs
Josh Gebhart	Dibs

PeeWee

Eric Hohn	Head Coach	Dibs
Will Dooley	Asst Coach	Dibs
Ben Grenier	Asst Coach	Dibs

Sklyar Stahl was approved for \$1,000, but yet to determine the level he will work with (BA/PW)

- **Information/Discussion**
 - August Board meeting will be 08/10/2023 - 7:00pm @ Blarney’s Meeting Room
- Motion to adjourn at 10:47 pm by Steve, second by Josh. Motion carried all voted aye.