

MISSOURI HOCKEY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 24, 2024

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Durso, Tom Woolf, Craig Ragland, Bob Howenstein, Charlie Busenhart, Bill Baker, Goran Patrick, Mike Rynes, Tim Deimeke, Scott Smith, Shawn Deaver, Julie Jordan, Chris Peterson.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Teresa Jenkins.

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chris Durso at 7:01 pm. A quorum of voting members was present.

1. **Prior Minutes.** Minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed by all present. Motion to approve as written by Bill Baker, second by Goren Patrick. Motion passes by vote of 11-0-0.
2. **Registrar's Report.** Report submitted by Deb Hellwig of the latest registration numbers for the review of all present.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Tom Woolf reports that the affiliate and special activities accounts both balanced/ reconciled to the 6/31/24 statements. Main account balance is \$295,044.75. Special Activities account balance is \$57,023.67. Affiliate CD balance is \$203,322.86 and Festival balance is \$50,830.71. All utilities paid for the month of June. A transfer of registration fees has been received from USAH for the 24-25 season on 6/27/24 in the sum of \$8,933 (989 members). YTD total fees received are \$20,994. Still no paperwork for the Safesport coordinator, Kevin Boschert. Tax return completed and filed with the IRS. Fee was \$900 and paid this month. Posted on web site. Deb Hellwig's laptop died and 7/16/24. Was replaced and running by 7/16/24. The cost was \$750 after a \$450 savings. Tom suggested that we also replace the office desktop computer which is over 5 years old. The cost of the desktop will be \$700-800. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Craig Ragland, second Bob Howenstein. Passed by vote of 11-0-0. Motion to allow Tom to purchase desktop computer up to \$850 by Craig Ragland, second by Charlie Busenhart. Passed by vote of 12-0-0.
4. **Website.** Form for travel permits for 24/25/Season added.
5. **Rules & Disciplinary Report.** We have a couple of match penalties in the adult leagues. They are letting them run for 30 days and then letting the player go back to playing without a hearing. Also, the racial slur penalty has been taken care of. He went back to playing with a 3-year probation as of July 6th.

6. **SafeSport Report.** We have 31 SafeSport cases pending. Chris will interview 2 vendors who wish to take this job over for pay. He will make a recommendation, and we can pick one by electronic vote. The 2 vendors are Tom Langan and Scott Gray.
7. **Player Development Report.** All of the national festivals are over for this season. Next year the Central District will be held in Wisconsin.
8. **Youth Division.** They are pushing forward with the usual preseason activities. They are having discussions regarding laceration protection. They are also putting together their Board Rosters and team rosters for the upcoming season.
9. **Mid-States High School.** They have added neck guard rules. They have approved playoff brackets for next season as follows: Challenge Cup- 8 teams, Wickenheiser Cup-12 teams and Founders Cup- 15 teams. They will be using Games Sheets for scoring for the upcoming season. Varsity will have 35 teams, and their season will start November 1st. JV will start the week before. They will be adding coaches liaison's. One this season a second will be added next season. They will be staggered and will be from different conferences. There will also be a discussion with regard to "pool players". They will discuss concerns over free agent goalies. Several proposals will be presented.
10. **MVCHA High School Report.** They are putting together their board rosters. They have a new rule to the effect that a junior who plays Central States cannot play on a JV team.
11. **Disabled Hockey Report.** To date we have no grant requests.
12. **Committee to Review Officiating.** They have a meeting coming up soon.
13. **Referee Game Reporting.** At the last meeting Tom Woolf submitted a proposal re suspension reporting. All suspensions need to be reported into the USA Hockey reporting system. Applies to all USA games and tournaments. Game reports can be edited once they are put into the system. Match penalty reports to include a readable copy of the scoresheet. Motion to approve the proposal by Scott Smith, second by Goran Patrick. Passed by vote of 12-0-0.
14. **Try Hockey for Free.** This will be coming up on November 2, 2024 and February 22, 2025. Chris encourages our youth programs to participate.
15. **World Girls Hockey Weekend.** October 11-12, 2024. Chris encourages participation by local clubs.
16. **Funding Request.** There will be an affiliate presidents meeting October 25 -26 in St. Paul Minnesota. Chris would like to attend and is asking that the affiliate pay for his air fare and hotel. Motion by Charlie Busenhart, second by Scott Smith to pay those expenses. Approved by vote of 12-0-0.
17. **Sanderson Scholarship Request.** Committee met and considered request from 4 boys and no girls. Committee recommends granting 3 scholarships of \$2500 each. Motion to approve by Bob Howenstein, second by Scott Smith. Approved by vote of 12-0-0.
18. **Hockey Hall of Fame Dinner.** We have been asked to purchase a table to the awards dinner. The cost is \$1,000. Motion to approve by Tim Deimeke, second Scott Smith. Approved by vote of 12-0-0.

19. St. Louis Hockey leadership Conference. Chris would like to have a leadership conference in the Spring of 2025. He is going to prepare a budget and get back to the board for further discussion.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon motion of Scott Smith.

Respectfully submitted:

Larry H. Hellwig

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Secretary
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