

**Mankato Area Hockey Association
Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 9, 2009, 7:00pm
North Mankato Fire Dept.
1825 Howard Dr., North Mankato, MN**

Board Members attending: (X = present, E= excused absence)

Jason Westerlund, Pres.	X	Dave Breiter	X	Holli Loe	X
Jeff Nickels, V.P.	X	Darren Bruns	X	Cyndi St. Pierre	U
Sue Salzle, Treas.	X	Lynette Cline	X	Joe Sieberg	X
Traci Hays, Secretary	X	Tim DeSutter	E	Chad Sisco	E
April Austin	X	Ruthann Kragh	E	Char Rivers	X

Other Members

Dan Devenport, Ops. Mgr.	E				
Jo Nickels, Gambling Mgr.	E				

Meeting Called to Order:

President Jason Westerlund called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Attendance

Special Guests in attendance: Kent Bengtson, Chad Lebert, Tresa Lacina , Shaun Reddy and Steve Zellmer

Review and Approve current agenda

Motion to approve agenda

M/S/P:

Review and Approve Minutes of last regular meeting

Establish new Board of Directors. Due to default of non attendance Cyndi St. Pierre is no longer a Board member. We need a minimum of 15, set number of directors. We will use these guidelines to establish our new Board.

Minimum number of Directors will be 15.

M/S/P: Jason/Darren

Recap 2008

- Year of transition, Operations Manager position
- Number of participants in the Association are stable
- Sponsorships, haven't lost any, hope to obtain more
- Treasury, getting \$10,000 transfer from the Gambling side. Hope to get \$15,000 to \$20,000 from the Stag.
- Hosted the PeeWee A Regional Tournament. Thank you to all that worked and helped out it together.

Goals for 2009

- 1) Operations Director position

- 2) Attempt to grow youth numbers
- 3) Equipment and Starter kits
- 4) Retain sponsors. Send out thank you's and let them know we appreciate them.
- 5) Retain – maintain stable gambling proceeds.
- 6) Successful fundraisers
- 7) Do not raise registration fees
- 8) Work with the City to upgrade outdoor ice
- 9) Include registration format – reduce delinquencies
- 10) Clean up equipment room
- 11) Host post season tournaments (Districts, Regions, State)

Thank you to all those currently on the Board and those that will be joining.

Elections:

White ballot all existing Board members who wish to remain shall be re-elected.

M/S/P: Darren/Lynette

New Individuals Running for the Board:

- 1) **Ken Bengtson** – spoke as to why he would like to join the Board. He has children in hockey and would like to help in continuing the enthusiasm.
- 2) **Shaun Reddy** – Has coached for 8 years in the association, played hockey in Burnsville, would like to give back to our program and possibly the liason between the MAHA Board and the ASA Board.
- 3) **Chad Lebert** – Has two children in the association and wants to do his part to improve and maintain the association. Also would like to help with the collection of registration fees.
- 4) **Tresa Lacina** – Has 2 boys in the program and has been a manager of a traveling team. Loves to help out and wants to be of service.

Motion: 4 individuals Ken Bengtson, Shaun Reddy, Chad Lebert and Tresa Lacina become Board members.

M/S/P: Jason/Holli

May have a few other individuals who might be interested in joining the Board of Directors. If necessary, we can hold a special election.

Elections of Executive Board Members:

- 1) **Jason Westerlund – President, statement of intent**
Finishing 2nd year, should he be reappointed this will probably be his last year. His youngest will be a second year Pee Wee.
- 2) **Jeff Nickels – Vice President, statement of intent**
Finishing 2nd year, should he be reappointed this will be his last term.
- 3) **Sue Salzle – Treasurer, statement of intent**
Hs been on the Board since September, will continue for a few more years.
- 4) **Traci Hays – Secretary – statement of intent**

Will have a U12 and a mite this upcoming season. Would like to remain on the Board and plan on staying for a while.

Motion: 4 Executive members stay in the positions that they currently hold.

M/S/P: Holli/Lynette

In the future we will discuss who will take over the position of President and Vice President.

Going forward – Transition Phase:

- Make Board members more accountable
- Jeff will make sure that all volunteer positions are filled and individuals are accountable
- E-Board will meet on a regular basis and communicate better as well.

Key positions: Reviewed by Jason Westerlund

Gambling Chair: Joe Sieberg is leaving this position so by default this position will be held by Jason Westerlund.

Fundraising Chair: April Austin will continue as the Fundraising Chair even though she is not a Board member. She would like a co-chair to help out. Char Rivers has expressed interest.

Registrar: Cyndi St. Pierre and Holli will work with this position. If Cyndi St. Pierre does not wish to remain the Registrar Holli Loe will take over. Char Rivers has expressed interest in working with Holli as well.

Gambling Chair: Chad Lebert will work his way into this position. Currently Jo Nickels does all of the work as the Gambling Manager.

Communications: Dave Breiter, he is his own committee and handles the newsletters and web updates.

Treasurer: Sue Salzle, Chad Lebert will help Sue with collecting delinquent payments and Traci Hays will help Sue with registration and any other duties requested of her.

Registration: Holli, Cyndi and Char will work on Registration. The Treasurer would like to have input on the registration forms.

Tournament Committee Chair: Traci Hays will remain the Chair. Her committee consists of Lori Allen, Jackie Campbell, April Austin and Tresa Lacina. Jen Sieberg will help in the transition if needed.

Sponsorships: Traci Hays, her committee will consist of Darren Bruns and Shaun Reddy.

Equipment Manager: Kent Hays will remain the equipment manager and Ken Bengtson will assist him when needed. Need to take inventory, reconcile who has rental equipment etc.

SKATE Program: Ruthann Kragh will continue to be the SKATE program coordinator and April Austin will assist her.

Expansion and Growth: Liason between Board and ASA and the City of Mankato and North Mankato. New Operations person may help with this and others may want to volunteer.

Arena Board Liason: Shaun Reddy will handle this position.

Risk Manager: Lynette Cline will work with April Austin to take over this position. Receive insurance documents on all aspects of the Association. Review contract for Alltel and New Ulm. This information is given to our District and approved before we can skate at any of these locations.

Apparel: Traci Hays, will set up the specifics with PrintWear Graphics and will communicate with Dan and Lynette Cline.

Annual Meeting Adjournment: 7:55 pm

Motion to adjourn

M/S/P: Joe/Lynette