



**Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors
Sunday, June 28, 2009
Kelly Inn – St. Cloud, MN**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 by President Green.

Roll call was taken and the following voting members were in attendance:

President Green	Vice-President Bakke	Vice-President Ford
Vice-President Margenau	Vice-President Meisner	Vice-President Dickie
Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo	Controller Bullard	Vice-President Stigen
Director Mickus	Director Nagan	Director Dornfeld
Director Jacobs	Director Kephart	Director Hewitt
Scott Gray for Director Rakness	Director Timm	Shari Olson for Director Hill
Director Oleheiser	Director Bushy	Scott Riopelle for Director Elliott
Director Welles	Director Morris	Director Swenson
Director Olson		

Eligible voters present = 25; Simple majority = 13 2/3 Majority = 17

Non-Voting members present:

Director Emeritus Odell

A motion was made and received a second to approve the minutes from the January meeting as submitted. Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo noted the following correction: The interim term for the Vice-President Tournaments position, to which Kevin Dickie was elected to fill should be two years and not one year as listed in the minutes. He respectfully requested that this change be made to accurately reflect the interim term for that office. Without further discussion, the motion was passed.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

Under New Business add the Thoroughbred's Affiliate Agreement.

Greg Evenson President of North Dakota Hockey was present at the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo gave the following report:

1. Cash & cash equivalents as of June 26, 2009 total \$918,353.19, with \$200,000 being held in Certificates of Deposit.
2. Through our fiscal 2009, the cash position has improved to date by \$204,237. We expect our current position to decrease slightly as the final two months of business are concluded.
3. Through May 31, revenue is \$407,964 behind projection and expenses are \$722,495 behind projection. This difference is expected to close as invoices for handbooks, audit, ice rental, and other expenses associated with Advanced camps are received. Also, there will be some year-end revenue accruals for 2009-10 memberships and our USA Hockey Block Grant advance.

As a whole, the organization appears to have been extremely prudent when managing funds. Some programs are considerably under budget and some programs, like Boys Advanced 14 & Advanced 18 were never launched. Because of this, instead of a projected deficit for FY2009, the organization may again appreciate a position of earning excess cash.

Given the current cash position, the Committee feels it's timely to consider establishing the Minnesota Hockey Foundation and, to that end, Executive Director Snee, President Green and Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo will meet with legal counsel to obtain information to be shared with the Board during the next meeting.

At the Board's direction, the organization entered into a loan agreement with Minnesota Hockey District 2 in the amount of \$10,045 so they might pay expenses associated with hosting Minnesota Hockey tournaments. The interest rate was variable, predicated on the current status of the interest paid on Minnesota Hockey funds, not to exceed 1.5%. The note is due and payable on or before November 30, 2009. The note has been duly executed and is on file in the Business Office. The note is unsecured.

Motion was made by Director Hewitt that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented, seconded by Controller Bullard. The Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report

President Green recognized Parliamentarian Ginny Altman who gave the board a one-minute lesson on Proposing and Handling Motions. Ms Altman distributed a laminated card to the Board members with pertinent information.

President Green then recognized Susie Miller as representing the Disabled Committee in place of Toni Boelter. He also recognized guests John Miller – past president of District 10 – and Tom Slaird, president of the Metro Hockey League.

President Green reported that Minnesota Hockey is on the verge of making large changes to the organizations. He stated that the difficulty lies not in the new idea, but in escaping from the old ones. He recognized that old habits are hard to break and quoted from the book of Proverbs "Where there is no vision, people perish!" As leaders of this organization the Minnesota Hockey Board must be to look at it's membership and do what is right for the future.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Snee reported that the MNH golf tournament is on Monday, July 13th and there are a few spaces available. Interested parties may contact him or Kathy Hayes if you can help in any further way.

Feedback and suggestions on the web site have been good.

Mike thanked Kathy Hayes and the Budget/Finance Committee for their work on the 2009-10 budget.

President Green also thanked Mike, Kathy, and Justin from TST for all the work on the new web site.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Admin Management

President Green reported that there has been no meeting since last board meeting. They will be working on Executive Director Snee's annual review from now until September 1. If there are any thoughts on his performance or goals for next year, please submit them to President Green in writing.

Adult

Director Swenson reported:

- Final Adult registrations for 2008/09 totaled 3,994. Due to the change in USAH registration dates the current year was a "stub" year and consequently new registrations for Summer 2009 programs will be reflected in the 2009/10 year.
- Adult Leagues with player registrations during the 2008/09 year are the Minnesota Wild League, Adult Hockey Association & Minneapolis Sunday Night League (Parade)
- Adult Committee Members for the 2009/10 year are as follows: David Swenson, Chair, Pete Carlson, Jim Greeley Steve Peterson & Pete Morrow

- The Adult Hockey Association in concert with the USA Hockey Adult Council is developing plans for a National Recreational Hockey Festival combining ice hockey with alpine skiing activities. The inaugural Recreational Hockey festival is scheduled for February / March 2010 in Vail Colorado at the Dobson Arena.
- A promotional event with the Adult Hockey Association and Minnesota Hockey is being jointly developed with Summit Brewing of St. Paul and the St. Paul Saints to be held Thursday August 20, 2009.

Adult Women

President Green welcomed Director Susan Welles who replaced Patt Ligman as the Women's director. Director Welles had no report

Audit

President Green reported that Director Elliott is working on the audit criteria

District Directors

No report

Diversity

President Green announced that Director Mickus would be replacing Director Rakness as Chair of this committee. Director Mickus had no report to give at this time

Executive Committee

President Green announced Disabled Hockey would be a standing MH committee, with Toni Boelter as Chair, and have an operating budget. The matter of a full Minnesota Hockey directorship representing Disabled Hockey, with voting privileges, will be discussed in the future.

There is an issue with identifying users of the MH teleconference services. Currently not all users are following the policy to report their use of this service to Kathy Hayes for proper expense allocation. To rectify this situation, the following is required from those using the service:

1. Copy Kathy Hayes on any teleconference notices
2. In the future, Personal Identification Numbers (PIN) will be assigned to certain authorized users of this service so as to enable proper expense allocation.

USA Hockey Women's Representative Lynn Olson submitted a request to host the 2010-2011 National Women's Tournaments. She reminded the Committee that it is customary for the hosts to receive an automatic invitation for participation in all age levels during these events and that currently MH has only permitted its teams to participate at the 16 & Under, and 19 & Under levels. The Executive Committee recommended that the Board approve the sending of teams to the Girls' National Tournaments at the 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & Under, and 19 & Under levels.

With the recommendation being duly moved and seconded by the committee, it was moved into discussion. The intent is to have representatives since we are hosting the tournament. Under our current rules, any team can petition to go to the National Tournaments but the Board would have to approve the request. Teams that choose to go would have to comply with the USA Hockey ages. Motion carried unanimously.

Minnesota Hockey has received a request from the new owners of the XL League for a special affiliate agreement. Vice President Margenau has been meeting with the XL League and provided the following report:

- In June of 2008, Josh Leddy who had run the league the previous year for Touch Point Sports, Inc acquired the league. Their budget for the coming season would give the group a profit of \$30,000. Dave's recommendations to the new affiliate agreement:
 1. The purpose of the XL Hockey League is to provide a recreation hockey experience.
 2. References to "geographical jurisdiction" and "geographic area" shall be replaced with state of Minnesota.
 3. Participation is limited to players in the PeeWee/12U, Bantam/14U and Jr Gold/19U age classification and attending school.

4. The governance of the league shall be through a Commissioner and administrative body with representatives from each team. Replacing III.B, III.C and III.D.
5. The Minnesota Hockey Maroon Coordinator CP shall fulfill the role of the District Director for the purposes of administrating the league.
6. Teams shall be registered as "house" teams and only be allowed to play other teams in the XL Hockey League.
7. The league shall operate under modified playing rules so as to facilitate the spirit of recreational hockey. All games shall be "no check".
8. The XL League will not be required to maintain a 501(c)(3) status.
9. Pursuant to III.E, the affiliate shall provide Minnesota Hockey and participants in the league full disclosure of fees and expenses.
10. A statement of the leagues format and rules shall be available replacing III.F
11. Coaches will be required to be a Level 1 CEP certified. Minnesota CIC will issue temporary certification to those who meet the minimum requirements.
12. The term of this agreement is one year and must be reviewed and renewed annually.

Vice-President Margenau moved that the board empower the Executive Committee to review the XL League and move forward with the project and bring the decision to the board for ratification. Second by Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo. Director Morris expressed concern about allowing a for profit group to organize and run a recreational league. Director Hewitt expressed that MN Hockey should get a piece of the pie if this is a for profit group and will be using the MNH name. The core group to work with the XL League will be Vice-President Ford, Vice-President Margenau, President Green, and USA Hockey Registrar Carlson. Vice-President Margenau explained that the profit would be to cover their expenses in running the league and to advertise it. Director Timm asked that the group be properly registered and that MNH have no liability for the league. Director Swenson expressed that he does not feel that it is our responsibility to dive into the financial management of a group. Motion carried with one dissenting vote.

Finance/Budget

Moved by Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo to approve the stipend schedule as presented. Second by Controller Bullard. Eight individuals were not allowed to vote as they receive stipends. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2010. He stated that during the Saturday budget discussion, it was noticed that the line item entries for the Girls 15 Advanced Camp and the Adult program were not consistent with the requests from the respective program chairs. These inconsistencies were deemed to be easily remedied, without materially affecting the budget proposal. He advised the Board that the Committee was unanimous with its recommendation that the budget be approved as presented, with the condition that the line item accounts for the Girl's Advanced 15 Camp and the Adult program be changed to more correctly define the revenue and expenses for those budgets. With the recommendation being duly moved and seconded by the Committee, the matter proceeded directly to discussion. President Green asked for clarification regarding the voting status of those receiving stipends. Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo responded that, because the vote for stipend payments had been taken separately, there are no conflicts of interest on that regard. Motion carried with one dissenting vote.

It has been brought to the attention of the committee that the ACE Coordinator's budget is in a deficit condition due to the unplanned purchase of USA Hockey Dry land Training DVDs for distribution among the district Coaches-in-Chief and District ACE Coordinators. The amount of the purchase was \$3,247.45. With this amount, the ACE budget will be exceeded by approximately \$450. Consistent with Minnesota Hockey's Financial Management Policy, the Board must ratify this deficit expenditure. Motion by Vice-President Margenau to ratify a purchase by the ACE Directors in the amount of \$3,247.45 that puts them over budget by \$450. Second by Director Oleheiser. Motion carried unanimously.

President Green expressed that he is very pleased with the work done by the budget/finance group to keep us fiscally responsible.

Girl's League

Vice President Margenau reported that the tentative date for the fall meeting is Sunday, October 11th in St. Cloud.

Grievance

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo reported that, according to Minnesota Hockey Bylaw Article 7, each committee shall have at least two district directors, one Maroon and one Gold, among its membership. Recently, a long-standing member of this committee, John Perry, opted not to seek re-election as the Director, Minnesota Hockey District 3, requiring the appointment of a new Maroon district committee member to replace John. The Committee feels that, although there is a lot of talent from which to choose in the Maroon region, Mr. Perry has a great deal of experience and a natural empathy for all Minnesota Hockey members. He has applied in a thoughtful, logical manner our forum. The Committee is unanimous in its desire to keep its membership intact so it may continue to provide our members a forum that is experienced, consistent, unbiased and thorough in its decision making process. To that end, the Committee requested an exemption from the requirement to form with two district directors as stipulated in Article 7.

Motion by Vice-President Bakke to exempt the Grievance Committee from the stipulation in Minnesota Hockey Bylaw Article 7 that required a minimum of two district directors so that John Perry could continue to serve as a member of the Grievance Committee. Second by Director Hewitt. This vote will require a 2/3 vote. Motion carried unanimously.

High School Boys

No report

High School Girls

Director Morris referred to his written report previously given to the Board. (Copy of the report is attached and incorporated herein.) He added that the high school girls are in support of having a post season high school showcase in Minnesota.

Hockey Ops

Vice President Ford referred to the written reports previously given to the Board. (Copy of those reports are attached and incorporated herein.)

Handbook

Committee Chair Bob Halverson reported that the deadline is the 10th of July for any information to be included. The book for the new season will be the same as last year unless changes are emailed to him. Vice-President Bakke asked Executive Director Snee to get the calendar completed to be included in the handbook. Executive Director Snee will do it this but needs the information sent to him. Director Nagan asked that the web site be updated with the new information in the handbook. President Green suggested that the calendar come out of the handbook and be replaced with the web site. President Green asked Vice-President Ford to update all the camps dates and anything to do with hockey ops. Vice-President Dickie is to update the tournaments. Controller Bullard and Director Emeritus Odell expressed that it is really great to have the handbook at the rink with the calendar. The calendar will remain in the handbook.

Mr. Halverson asked if we need to continue to print the same number of handbooks. President Green asked everyone to evaluate the number they are ordering. Registrar Carlson asked if MNH wanted to go along with USA Hockey in giving a limited number of handbooks to each association rather than one to each team? It was expressed that it is much better to have the handbook out there so there can be no excuse for people not knowing what is in the book.

Jr Gold

Committee Chair Kruger reported that the Metro Hockey League will be launching a new web site this fall.

President Green asked Mr. Kruger to check with the out-state teams to see if there is any interest by them to attend the National High School Tournament. Mr. Kruger stated that a poll of Metro League teams indicated that there is no interest, as the timing of the event competes with the interest of participating in other high school spring sports. He also cited participation costs as a negative consideration. He will check with non-Metro League teams to determine if any interest exists with them.

Juniors

No report

MIAMA

No report

Planning

Vice President Bakke stated that his report was incorporated into the Rules Committee report to be given later during the agenda.

Publicity

President Green thanked Kevin Erlenbach from USA Hockey for being at the meeting and making a presentation on methods for recruiting and retaining members on Saturday.

Referees

Referee-In-Chief Olson reported that the group completed MHOA Camp in conjunction with the Advanced 15's. An exceptional number of young referees attended the camp.

Regional Coordinators

Vice-President Stigen is working on regional tournaments.
Vice-President Margenau – will continue the restructuring efforts.

Scholarships

Committee Chair Lynn Olson thanked Director Morris for the certificates for the winners.

Screening

Committee Chair Scott Gray is working with USAH on the national screening endeavor. It appears that the affiliates would be allowed to opt out of the national program. The only obligation would be to report our data to their data base. Each affiliate would have to pay their own costs to take part in the national program. Director Timm asked to keep the web site updated on the screenings that are completed.

Safety

Nothing to report

Rules

The Rules Committee Chair Bob Halverson presented Bylaw changes B1 & B2 to the Board for action. As these recommendations came from the Committee, no motion was required:

Bylaw Change B1 amended the language for Bylaw Article 11 AMENDING/ADOPTING GOVERNING DOCUMENTS by adding the following statement:

Unless specifically stated otherwise, changes to Governing Documents approved during a season become effective September of the upcoming season.

Bylaw Change B2 amended the language for Bylaw Article 13 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY by changing the language in the following statement:

It is the policy of MH to provide an equal opportunity to all amateur athletes, coaches and officials to participate in competition without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap or nation origin. MH will take all necessary steps to comply with this policy.

Amendments to Bylaw Articles 11 & 13 were approved as submitted unanimously.

Mr. Halverson presented the following Youth Rules and Regulations changes to the Board for action. As these recommendations came from the Committee, no motion was required:

Youth Rules and Regulations

Proposal R1 amended the language in the preamble to the Youth Rules and Regulations section of the Handbook as follows:

For the purposes contemplated by these rules and regulations, Youth Midget and Youth 16 & Under divisions follow all provisions specified for the Youth Jr Gold Division. Girls 19 & Under and Girls 16 & Under divisions follow all provisions specified for the Youth Jr Gold division, Girls 14 & Under follow all provisions specified for the Youth Bantam division, Girls 12 & Under division follow all provisions specified for the Youth Peewee division, Girls 10 & Under division follow all provisions specified for the Youth Squirt division and Girls 8 & Under division follow all provisions specified for the Youth Mite division.

Youth and Girls teams playing at the same competitive level (A, B, C, House) are considered to be equal competitive levels and these like competitive playing levels shall receive equal treatment.

MH strongly recommends that playing rules as written by an association and/or district league rules should reflect the written reason for any different treatment between Youth and Girls teams of similar competitive playing levels. These rules should be based on fact (not opinion) and reflect the reasons why teams are treated differently. This includes any voluntary waiver of equitable treatment by the affected team or teams.

Proposal R2 amended the language in Section I of Youth Rules and Regulations section of the Handbook as follows:

1. TEAM REGISTRATION

C. Teams must be registered through the affiliate where 80% or more of its players reside. Exception: In cases where two or more affiliates enter into an agreement to combine their players in an age division for the purpose of forming teams in one or more competitive classifications, the 80% criteria shall not apply if such agreement has been pre-approved by the cognizant District Director(s) and the USA Hockey Minnesota District Registrar.

Discussion regarding the use of the word "reside" was held, with concern that this word might be confusing in light of the language used in the proposed Participation rule, should that rule be later approved by this assembly. Mr. Halverson stipulated that he would find an appropriate replacement for the word "reside" before this amended rule was inserted into the handbook.

Proposals R1 & R2 were approved unanimously.

Proposal R3 amended the language in Section IV of Youth Rules and Regulations section of the Handbook as follows:

IV. PARTICIPATION

A. PARTICIPATION POLICY

MH is a community-based amateur hockey program. Members in good standing are to participate on teams from their local affiliate (local association) based on where they attend school and the established MH affiliate boundaries as defined in the Affiliate Agreements. Mite-aged players are allowed to participate based on residence.

B. PARTICIPATION RULE

1. Youth Hockey players must play within the affiliate boundaries as defined by MH. If a player desires to play on a team outside of the player's affiliate boundary, the player must obtain written permission (waiver) from the president of governing body of both the releasing and receiving organization and receive the approval of the responsible district director(s). A player that participates without a necessary waiver is considered an ineligible player. Refer to the Section entitled Eligibility Provisions. A waiver must be obtained before a player can participate outside their affiliate boundary. A player that registers or participates with their affiliate cannot participate with any other affiliate without a waiver.

2. Starting with the 2009-2010 season, Affiliate Participation for Squirt-aged players and above is redefined as players attending school in the Affiliate's geographic area, rather than those who are residing in the Affiliate's geographic area.

a. Mite-aged players may choose to register in either their Affiliate of School Attendance or their Affiliate of Residence.

b. For school districts with multiple High Schools and multiple MH Affiliates, participation for Squirt-aged players and above shall be defined by one of the following:

- i) A player attending an elementary, middle or junior high school whose geographical attendance area is completely within the geographical attendance area of a single high school is a member of the MH Affiliate covering that high school's area.
 - ii) A player attending an elementary, middle or junior high school whose geographical attendance area overlaps the geographical attendance areas of multiple high schools is a member of the MH Affiliate covering the location of the residence of the player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
- c. Changing Schools; A player who newly enrolls in a school outside of the geographic boundary of their current Affiliate without a corresponding change of residence shall elect one of the following:
- i) Retain full eligibility to compete at any classification in their Affiliate prior to the new school enrollment for one (1) year beginning with the first day of attendance in the new school, after which time the player shall become fully eligible in their Affiliate of School Attendance; or
 - ii) Be eligible at the "B" classification or lower in their new Affiliate of School Attendance for one (1) year beginning with the first day of attendance in the new school.
- d. For the 2009-2010 Season, players that participated in their Affiliate of Residence for the 2008-2009 Season but attended school elsewhere will be given a one-time choice to continue participation in their Affiliate of Residence. This alternate participation determination will continue through that player's Youth or Girls' Hockey career unless the player moves outside of their Affiliate of Residence geographical boundary, at which time school attendance will be used to determine Affiliate participation.
3. A player who is denied a waiver by his/her affiliate may appeal in writing to the responsible District Director who, after investigation, will issue a ruling. The decision of the District Director is final. Also see Section entitled Eligibility Provisions.
4. Players having dual citizenship, one being the United States, must also conform to the Participation rule.

Proposal R3 was adopted by 2/3 majority vote

Proposal R4 amended the language in Section V of Youth Rules and Regulations section of the Handbook as follows:

V. ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS

A. Any team found to have an ineligible player that participates in any MH sanctioned on-ice activity will be suspended from MH District, Region and State Tournament play for the current season. This suspension may be reviewed by the cognizant District Director to determine if the severity of the suspension is appropriate and a less severe penalty may be imposed if the facts so dictate.

Proposal R4 was approved unanimously

Proposal R5 amended the language in Section VII of Youth Rules and Regulations section of the Handbook as follows:

VII. LEVELS OF PLAY

G. MH does not permit Mite Tournaments nor does MH permit Mite teams to participate in out-of-state tournaments. MH strongly encourages the skill level development of all players and especially at the entry level. This level player will play within their district only, except the District Director may, for convenience or to maintain continuity, permit a team to play outside the district. The District Director's decision is final.

Proposal R5 was approved unanimously

Proposal R6 amended the language in Section VII of Youth Rules and Regulations section of the Handbook as follows:

VIII. PLAYING RULES

J. Team Rest - Teams shall not participate in more than two (2) on-ice activities per day, nor shall they participate in more than one tournament at a time (no overlapping days). On-ice activities include games, exhibition games and/or practices. There shall be a minimum of three (3) hours between on-ice activities on the same day and ten (10) hours between on-ice activities on consecutive days. The time is from the end of one on-ice activity to the beginning of the next.

Proposal R6 was approved unanimously

Proposals R7 amended the language in Section X of Youth Rules and Regulations section of the Handbook as follows:

X. DISTRICT, REGION AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

A. DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS – The conducting of district tournaments shall be the responsibility of the district directors and shall be held in compliance with MH Rules & Regulations. Each district shall bear its own expense. Special district league rules and penalties shall not apply to or carry over into regional tournaments. District representatives to the region tournaments must be selected by the Sunday prior to the start of the state tournaments.

Proposal R7 was approved unanimously

Proposal R8a amended the language in Section X of Youth Rules and Regulations section of the Handbook as follows:

F. STATE TOURNAMENT FORMAT - MH State youth tournaments shall consist of eight teams. The format shall consist of a championship single elimination with a consolation division. There shall be games to determine third place, consolation champion and state champion. There will not be a game to determine seventh place. The tournaments shall start on Friday and conclude on Sunday, with each team playing one game on Friday and one game on Saturday. On Sundays, no games shall be scheduled to begin before 9 am or start after 5 PM.

Proposal R8a was approved unanimously

Proposal R8b amended the language in Section X of Youth Rules and Regulations section of the Handbook to delete the requirement for state tournament hosts to hold a banquet for tournament participants.

After some discussion on this topic, Proposal R8b was approved by 2/3 majority vote.

Proposal R8c amended the language in Section X of Youth Rules and Regulations section of the Handbook as follows:

J. PLAYING TIME

1. In regional and state tournament play, games for Junior Gold and younger will consist of three 15 minute periods of actual playing time. Start times shall be scheduled at one hour and 45 minutes intervals (minimum). In district tournament play, games for Junior Gold and younger will consist of three 12 to 15 minute periods of actual playing time as determined by the cognizant district director.

Proposal R8c was approved unanimously

Proposal R10 amended the language in Section XII of Youth Rules and Regulations section of the Handbook as follows:

B. All on-ice officials must be registered with USA Hockey and their respective affiliate to officiate MH sanctioned games.

Proposal R10 was approved unanimously

Mr. Halverson then presented amendments to the Minnesota Hockey Screening Policy identified as S1, S2 and S3. These amendments were required to conform to USA Hockey policies and to accommodate certain changes that the Screening Committee deemed appropriate. Proposals S1, S2 and S3 were approved as submitted.

President Green asked for a document showing all amendments to be prepared and posted on the Minnesota Hockey website.

Tournaments

Vice President Dickie reported that his committee had conducted a brief study into the financial situations where hosts of Minnesota Hockey tournaments experienced significant losses from the event. While there were opportunities for certain

expense reductions, it seems evident that the requirement to host a banquet and the rising cost of ice rental were major contributors to these losses. Although the Board had already taken action to eliminate the banquet requirement and to reduce the game schedule interval by 15 minutes, additional steps are needed to ensure that these events won't be financial burdens.

Kevin Dickie moved that teams entering state tournament pay an entry fee of \$400. After much discussion on this issue the motion carried.

Vice President Dickie will work with Eric Olson so that all hosts understand the referee fees and will be the same for tournaments held throughout the state.

The committee will be looking at removing regions, having three regions, and looking at tournament sites that are listed in the handbook, not forcing districts to host tournaments if they do not wish.

Vice-President Meisner addressed the Board regarding his concerns about taking such drastic measures relative to these Minnesota Hockey events. His address is attached and incorporated into these Minutes

USA Hockey Reports

Registration

Registrar Carlson reported that eight of twelve Districts have been trained for the 2009-2010 registration season. A spreadsheet with the final numbers for the 2008-2009 season and very preliminary numbers for the 2009-2010 season were included in the packets for the meeting. A report on the USA Hockey Annual Congress was submitted and will be on the MNH web site.

Director Dennis Green – the USA Hockey report will be on the MNH web site

Risk Manager Bruce Kruger – the USA Hockey report will be on the MNH web site

Director-at-Large Dave Meisner – the USA Hockey report will be on the MNH web site

Women's Representative Lynn Olson – the USA Hockey report will be on the MNH web site

Director Jerry DeMeo – the USA Hockey report will be on the MNH web site

Coach-in-Chief Mike MacMillan – the USA Hockey report will be on the MNH web site

ACE Representative Terry Evavold – the USA Hockey report will be on the MNH web site

Director Hal Tearse – the USA Hockey report will be on the MNH web site

Director-Elect Dave Margenau – the USA Hockey report will be on the MNH web site

Executive Director Mike Snee – the USA Hockey report will be on the MNH web site

OLD BUSINESS

Recreational League

Director Hewitt stated that the league is ready to proceed. The item will move to the report section of the agenda.

The league will begin registering August 15. Funding for this league will flow through the Hockey Operations budget; therefore, no Board action is required and the matter is dropped from the agenda.

Code of Conduct

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo presented a revised Code of Conduct to be adopted in accompaniment to the MH Conflict of Interest policy. The original version of the document, as presented, was defeated on the basis that the language was too restrictive when defining the right of a Board member to speak publicly on a matter to which the Board member was in disagreement with the Board. The revision was made with the input of Director Elliott and appears to properly address any concerns the Board might have regarding such disagreements yet would not restrict the right of freedom of speech. Motion by

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo that the Minnesota Hockey Code of Conduct be adopted as revised. Second by Dave Margenau. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Halverson asked if the Code of Conduct belongs in the handbook. It was felt that it should be included. The rules committee will determine if this is a governing document and report back to the Board.

Records Retention Policy

USA Hockey is in the final stages of drafting their records retention policy and it may influence what MNH does. Motion by Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo to postpone action on this document to the next meeting. Second by Director Hewitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Nagan asked if the loan granted to District 2 requires discussion again at this meeting as it relates to the other tournament losses. It will be brought forth on the September agenda and President Green asked Vice-President Dickie to keep it visible.

NEW BUSINESS

Minnesota Crunch Affiliate Agreement Modification

A packet of information was included in the packets for all board members. Dan Clifton would like to be able to add players to his roster after they have been eliminated from the high school league section or state tournaments. The girls would only play on weekends and would not practice with the team. This means that the December 31st deadline for changing rosters would have to be waived for the Crunch. Director Oleheiser moved that the MN Crunch be allowed to put 2 or 3 players on his roster after the completion of their high school season which would be when they are eliminated from their Section or State tournament play. Second by Director Hewitt. Motion carried unanimously.

John Miller addressed the board and thanked the board for allowing him to participate in Minnesota Hockey.

Director Emeritus Nomination

Director Timm nominated Bill Gable to be Director Emeritus of Minnesota Hockey. Motion carried unanimously

Thoroughbred Affiliate Agreement

This issue will be handled by President Green and he will report back at the fall meeting. Lynn Olson asked if the MN Thoroughbreds could go under a local association and then not need an affiliate agreement. President Green confirmed that they would not need the affiliate agreement. If they fell under an association, all players would be required to have a waiver that is something that they are already doing as standard registration procedures. If either the Crunch or the Thoroughbreds fell under an association, they would be required to have 80% of their players from that association. Motion by Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo that the matter of the Thoroughbred Affiliate Agreement be postponed until the next meeting. Second by Vice President Margenau; Motion carried unanimously.

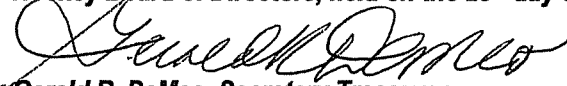
Motion to adjourn by Vice-President Stigen. Second by Director Timm. Prior to a vote being taken, President Green thanked everyone for all their hard work over the weekend. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol D. Carlson
Recording Secretary

I have reviewed the above Minutes and confirm that they represent the proceedings of this meeting of the Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors, held on the 28th day of June 2009


**Gerald R. DeMeo, Secretary-Treasurer
Minnesota Hockey**

