

President's Report

President Green distributed copies of the of legislative proposals to be presented to the USA Hockey Board of Directors at their Annual Congress in June, 2010

President Green looked back at the positive points that the board has worked on over the past few year specifically mentioning the Participation Rule, Redistricting, Age Change, Acceptance and growth of Disabled Hockey, Reformation and focus of the Minnesota Hockey Foundation, Recruitment and retention initiative. He commended everyone for their passion, enthusiasm and leadership for all their work on these issues and for all they do for Minnesota Hockey.

Parliamentarian Altman gave us training 104 in our continuing education process on parliamentary procedures for our meetings. Everyone received a handout on the information that was covered.

Ron DeGregorio President USA Hockey, attended the meetings and congratulated everyone on Hockey Day in Minnesota. He commended Minnesota on being at the top of recruitment and retention list for USA Hockey. He thanked everyone for having him at the meeting. President DeGregorio informed the board that he gave a President's Award to President Green at the USA Hockey Winter meeting for all his work not only with Minnesota Hockey but also with USA Hockey. .

Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director's report provided by Executive Director Snee is incorporated into these Minutes by attachment

Relative to the report on Hockey Day in Minnesota, President Green commented that we need to start working now to capitalize on this event today for next year. Director Nagan asked if we could look at the possibility of not having a board meeting on the same weekend as Hockey Day in Minnesota.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Written committee reports are not included in their entirety within these Minutes. The full reports are attached herewith and can be found on the Minnesota Hockey website www.minnesotahockey.org

President Green reminded everyone that we had all the discussion yesterday on the items being presented to the board and we should limit the discussion today.

Administrative Management

Meeting scheduled for Wednesday to talk about Let's Play Hockey Show at the boys' high school tournament.

Adult

The Adult Committee report provided by Director Swenson is incorporated into these Minutes by attachment

Adult Women

Director Welles reported that March 18 – 21 will be the state tournament held in Blaine. WHAM used online registration completely this year with a combination of the USA Hockey web site and the WHAM web site.

Audit

Nothing to report.

District Directors

Director Timm announced that a referee from District 10 will be a referee at the Olympic games in February.

Diversity

Nothing to report.

Executive Committee

President Green reported that there is interest in reforming the Minnesota Hockey Foundation. Mike Snee and Hal Tearse have done the work to put it in place. Motion from the committee to proceed with the Foundation study and to provide up to \$5,000 for fees required to complete the study. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Committee feels that, because of its recent dramatic growth, Disabled Hockey should have a vote on the board of directors and carry constituent votes. The Board was advised that the Executive Committee will bring a motion forward to create this directorship during the spring meeting.

The committee was also asked to look at a matter of potential conflict of interest concerning Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo having a part time job with the Duluth Heritage Center as President and CEO. President Green was happy to report that after review of materials it was decided that this is not a conflict of interest. Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo will recuse himself from any votes that appear to be a conflict of interest. President Green asked for ratification of this action. and it carried unanimously.

Finance and Budget

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo reported that the Finance/Budget Committee unanimously recommendation that an amended budget from the Disabled Hockey Committee be submitted to the Board for approval. Approval of this amended budget will increase overall budgeted revenue by \$17,500 and expenses by \$18,100 or a total revenue deficit of (\$600). The current Disabled Hockey budget has a revenue deficit of (\$550), meaning that the net effect of this amended budget will be an increase of the current projected budget deficit by (\$50), bringing the total budget deficit for the year to (\$3,276). The Motion was approved unanimously.

The Committee announced that during the process of a routine audit, it was determined that an error was made when submitting the initial budget for the Vice President, Hockey Operations. The budget submitted for approval in June of 2009 was not the budget submitted by the Vice President, Hockey Operations but, instead, was a committee work sheet that was prepared to consider budget alternatives. The Committee moved that this oversight be rectified by approving the originally submitted Hockey Operations budget, with the understanding that this approval would increase the overall deficit spending by the amount of (\$8,250.) Motion carried with two abstentions Director Morris & Vice-President Ford.

Grievance

Committee Chair DeMeo reported that committee has addressed two issues. One was a family that disputed a waiver denial on the basis that the denial of the waiver was in violation of District rules regarding team formation. After reviewing the information submitted in support of the grievance, the committee determined it was, in fact, a waiver issue and not part of their jurisdiction.

The second issue was one of an association not following rules in regard to its tryout and team selection process. A decision has not been reach yet and will be forth-coming.

High School Boys and Girls

Director Morris reported that the Girls Jr Festival will be June 15 – 18 at Wakota Ice arena and the Freshman/Sophomore Festival will be June 20 – 25 up in Breezy Point.

Hockey Ops

The Hockey Operations report, together with those from its subcommittees, are incorporated into these Minutes by attachment

Handbook

Nothing to report.

Jr Gold

Nothing to report.

Juniors

The Junior Committee report provided by Director Breu is incorporated into these Minutes by attachment

MIAMA

Nothing to report.

Planning

Chairman Bakke reported that he is appointing Director Kephart as member of the Planning Committee as a Gold Director to correct an inadvertent violation of that portion of Minnesota Hockey Bylaw Article 7 defining committee structure.

Vice-President Bakke moved that the Board grant a waiver from Minnesota Hockey Bylaw Article 7 so that John Perry, as a former Maroon Region director, be considered as the Planning Committee representative from the Maroon Region, with a second from Director Dornfeld. Prior to discussion taking place, Vice-President Bakke requested to withdraw this Motion. Motion to withdraw carried unanimously.

Vice President Bakke announced that the Maroon Region representative on the Committee will be District 3 Director Dornfeld. Mr. Perry will continue his service on the Committee also.

Vice President Bakke stated that his committee unanimously recommends that the Board approve the proposal coming from the committee for the redistricting of Minnesota Hockey. The Motion was opened for discussion. All district directors present stated that they have communicated with their associations to inform them of the changes that are being proposed. Vice President Stigen spoke for District 15 Director Bushy, stating his belief that all of the District 15 associations have been informed. President Green asked if there is an implementation plan and if it includes whether a new District 9 would be part of the Gold or Maroon Region. Vice President Margenau reported that an implementation plan was in the final stages of development and has considered regional alignment for the new district.

Motion from Vice-President Ford and second from Director Morris to take a 10 minute recess. A show of hands denied the motion.

Director Kephart moved to call the question. Second by Vice-President Dickie. Motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo moved to recess to research whether or not this Motion represents a change to the Minnesota Hockey governing documents and requires a 2/3 majority vote. After counseling with the Parliamentarian, it was unclear whether it is or is not a change of governing documents. Absent clarity in this issue, the Board voted to show its preference relative to interpretation. Upon tallying the vote, the Board was unanimously determined that this was not a change in its governing documents and that the issue could be accepted by a simple majority.

With that issue being settled, the Board voted on the redistricting plan. Motion to accept redistricting plan carried unanimously.

Vice President Bakke referred to the age change issue by stating that the report stands as given during Saturday's meeting.

President Green asked Vice-President Margenau, Vice-President Bakke, and Director Timm to create a document that Director Timm can send to St. Cloud and the other District Directors regarding the criteria used for redistricting.

Publicity

The Publicity & Promotions Committee report provided by Executive Director Snee and various Committee members is incorporated into these Minutes by attachment

Vice-President Meisner amended the report to include the dates for Hockey Day Across America (Jan 29-31) and the date for the Women's NCAA Final Four (Mar. 19-21). He apologized to the board for this oversight.

Recreation Hockey

The Recreation Hockey Committee report provided by Vice President Ford is incorporated into these Minutes by attachment

Referees

Minnesota District Referee-In-Chief reported for Minnesota Hockey Referee-In-Chief Eric Olson, stating that official registrations are up almost 5% from last year and Minnesota Hockey continues to be the leader in the number of registered officials. Only one USAH district overshadows us and that is a multi-state district. There is a problem in the metro area with more officials than games. Minnesota will have two officials from Minnesota going to referee the Olympic games.

Regional Coordinators

Vice-President Stigen – nothing to report

Vice-President Margenau – nothing to report

Rules

Chairman Halverson presented proposed change B1 to Minnesota Hockey Bylaw Article 7, authored by Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo, which would extend terms of outgoing officers from April meeting to August 31 so as to coincide with the end of the fiscal year. Director Nagan moved that the Motion be changed to exclude terms of District Directors from the original Motion. Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo accepted the change to remove and Directors from the proposal. Second to amendment made by Director Timm. Motion strike "and/or Directors" from the proposal carried. Motion as amended carried with two nay votes.

Chairman Halverson presented proposed changes B2 & B3 to Minnesota Hockey Bylaw Article 7, authored by Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo, to revise the language relating to the responsibilities of the Controller as follows:

Controller: The responsibilities of the Controller are to manage the day-to-day financial affairs of the corporation and other duties as designated by the ~~President~~ **Treasurer subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.**

Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the records of the association, answer correspondence, issue notices of meetings and perform the duties usual to the office. In addition, he/**she or his/her designee** shall receive all moneys of the association and deposit same in an FDIC bank selected by the Finance Committee, and shall ~~oversee the keep~~ proper **keeping of the** books of accounts and **the paying of** all approved bills, under the general direction of the ~~Controller~~ **Board of Directors.**

Motion to approve the changes to Minnesota Hockey Article 7 as defined in rules proposal B1 carried unanimously.

Chairman Halverson presented proposed rule change R1, which would modify Youth Playing Rule I.A to eliminate the need for "House" teams to provide birth certificates. The language of the proposal follows:

Team Rosters Affiliates must complete a USA Hockey Roster Form for each team and submit along with proof of date of birth, proof of legal residency for non-US citizens and other required documentation (refer to paragraph entitled Credentials hereinafter) to the USA Hockey Registrar or designee for approval. **Teams categorized as "House" are exempt from submitting proof of date of birth, proof of legal residency for non-US citizens and all other required documentation.**

Motion to modify Youth Playing Rule I.A as defined in rules proposal R1 carried unanimously.

Chairman Halverson presented a proposed revision to modify Youth Playing Rule IV governing team participation. The language of the proposed revision is incorporated into the Rules Committee report and is attached herewith.

Motion to adopt Youth Playing Rule IV as proposed carried unanimously.

Director Nagan asked that a new Waiver form be created to reflect the changes in the Participation Rule. President Green assigned this task to the Discernment Committee, asking them to present their suggestion to the Board at the spring meeting.

Safety

The Safety Committee report provided by Chairman Tearse is incorporated into these Minutes by attachment.

Scholarships

Chairwoman Olson reported that the Application for Scholarship and Awards Program requirements are on the Minnesota Hockey website at www.minnesotahockey.org. Applications are due February 15, 2010. Those interested in serving on the Scholarship Committee for the selection process this year are encouraged to contact Ms. Olson. The Committee will meet via teleconference call after copies of the applications have been forwarded to the Committee.

Screening

Chairman Gray reported that the Committee screened 16,900 individual, DQ'd 11 and had one appeal and the DQ was upheld. 2,500 new people were screened. The committee is now following-up on DQ's to make sure that a person is participating before contacting them about the DQ. Meetings are done online due to distance that has to be traveled so the only time the Committee meets in person is to discuss appeals. The Committee

expanded the wording of screening to include those that pose a threat to the organization even though it may not be a violent type crime. The Board thanked the committee for all their hard work.

Risk Manager Kruger commented on the USA Hockey effort to come up with a national effort. A national screening program would cost MN \$27 per name which is a huge increase for MN. He continues to keep us from having to participate in a national program, with the understanding that Minnesota would share information with the national data base.

Tournaments

The Tournament Committee report provided by Vice President Dickie is incorporated into these Minutes by attachment

Vice President Dickie reminded the Board that Don Clark award nominations need to be in by February 15. He also reminded District Directors that they need to get their award requests in to the committee. President Green encouraged the Directors to use this award.

Ron DeGregorio talked about the USA Hockey Young Leaders Award and told the Board that he was confident that Minnesota would have some worthy candidates.

USA Hockey Reports

Disabled Hockey

The Disabled Hockey report provided by Minnesota District Representative Toni Boelter is incorporated into these Minutes by attachment

Registrar's Report

The report provided by Minnesota District Registrar Carol Carlson is incorporated into these Minutes by attachment

ACE Administrator Report

The report provided by Minnesota District ACE Administrator Terry Evavold is incorporated into these Minutes by attachment

Risk Management Report

Minnesota District Risk Manager Bruce Kruger reminded that teams playing non-USA Hockey teams must be sanctioned through the Registrar and if not sanctioned there is no insurance coverage. President Green reminded the District Directors that they cannot approve these games

Coach-In-Chief

The report provided by Minnesota District Coach-In-Chief Mike MacMillan is incorporated into these Minutes by attachment

Girls/Women's Section Report

The report provided by Girls/Women's Section Representative Lynn Olson is incorporated into these Minutes by attachment

Referee-In-Chief

The report provided by Minnesota District Referee-In-Chief Steve Tatro is incorporated into these Minutes by attachment

District Director DeMeo

The report provided by Minnesota District Director Jerry DeMeo is incorporated into these Minutes by attachment

District Director Margenau

The report provided by Minnesota District Director Dave Margenau is incorporated into these Minutes by attachment

Director-At-Large Meisner

Director Meisner reported that the Legal Council discussed the Coaches Ethics Code and this will be kept very low key until the form is revised. They look at all the litigation brought to USA H through the year. They also do

protection of the logo. Mike MacMillan explained that the Coaches section is revising the Ethics document for submission to legal before it is implemented.

District Director Tearse

Director Tearse reported that he serves on the Finance Committee and feels that the financial information is much more open.

Executive Director Snee

Executive Director Snee serves on the Marketing Council. Main topic was sponsorship update and they look very good for USA Hockey. Talked about the Uni-Lever jersey program and Intel-Gym. He made a presentation on how Minnesota Hockey works with its corporate partners that was very well received by all.

District Director Green

Director Green reported that USA Hockey is trying to do a better job of getting all information out to the membership. He serves on the Youth Council where there was a lot of discussion about the ADM and Growing the Game.

He and Director Tearse met with the ADM people and the "Big 6" to discuss if the program is working and ADM was asking for input into the program. This year, the Big 6 (Minnesota, Michigan, Massachusetts, New York, Illinois & Wisconsin) -met in Florida rather than going to Detroit for a separate meeting. These meetings continue to be very productive and rewarding, with excellent bonds being formed.

Rules Committee Chair Halverson reported that a change to the District Operating Rules that needs to be brought before the District Board. Vice-President DeMeo raised a Point of order that this was business of the District Board to vote on this issue and should be handled at the spring meeting. The point of order was well taken and the motion was withdrawn.

OLD BUSINESS

The Charitable Gambling Legislative Proposal was discussed before the Board during a special session on Friday, January 22, 2010. The Minutes from that session are attached and are incorporated herewith. The special session was informative only and no action was taken.

Vice-President Bakke moved to post-pone the topic of age change issue to the spring meeting. Second by Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Elliott proposed that we have a day when various topics could be discussed and ideas could be shared in an open form involving the public. This would be similar to the road-shows that have been done in the past. He presented this proposal for discussion only and did not intend that the Board take any action until a formal proposal could be prepared. After a brief discussion, President Green asked Director Elliott to work with the other District Directors to formalize a proposal for further discussion during the spring meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo reported that the following Minnesota Hockey Board member terms will expire in 2010:

President, Vice-President of Publicity and Promotions, Vice-President Maroon Region, Women's Director (elected by WHAM membership, Coach-in-Chief.

Also expiring is the USA Girls/Women's Section Representative, a position to be filled during the Minnesota District meeting.

President Green asked Bob Halverson to Chair the Nominating Committee.

Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo expressed that since he has a new job he may not be able to finish his term, set to expire in 2011. He will notify President Green of his decision before March 1, 2010.

Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo agreed to help Mr. Halverson with the balloting process.

The expectations & responsibilities for each position will be posted on the web site. Interested parties, including incumbents, should notify Mr. Halverson to have their names placed on the ballots.

President Green asked for the terms of the District Directors and when they hold their elections. Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo polled the Directors in attendance and will contact those not at the meeting.

Director Oleheiser asked that all the information from this meeting be on the web site in a prominent position so that all can view it.

Moved to adjourn at 11:26 by Director Elliott with a second from Vice-President Dickie. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.

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 24th day of January, 2010

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