



**Executive Committee
Friday, April 23, 2010
Marriott Minneapolis West**

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Green at 9:02.

Foundation Update: Hal Tearse & Mike Snee:

Draft copies of the by-laws and articles of incorporation for the foundation were emailed to all board members. The purpose of the organization is to be a supporting group to MN Hockey. The members of foundation board are not set in granite and can be changed from what is in the emailed information. This is an opportunity to bring in people from outside the board who would like to be involved in MN Hockey. Four out of the seven member board would be from the MN Hockey board.

Technically we would be a public charity and would be able to move money in and out of the foundation as needs require. A private foundation is one that is set up by a family and there are requirements that a certain percent of the money coming into the foundation must be spent.

Monies in the foundation that were given for restricted use would remain restricted in the foundation.

Hal emphasized that what we need now is to decide that we want to move forward with the foundation rather than discussing the specifics of boards members, etc.

The information will be presented to the board that the committee will come before the board in June for final approval.

Motion to accept the work done to date and ask the committee to continue with their work and have the final documents ready to be voted on by the board at the June meeting. Second by Dave Bakke. Motion carried unanimously.

Arena Air Quality Bill

Does MN Hockey want to take a stand in favor or against the bills that currently before the legislature?

Motion by the Dave Bakke to not take a stand on this issue. Second by Dave Meisner. Motion carried with one abstention from Jerry DeMeo.

Interstate Protocol Proposal

Interstate Transfer Protocol Proposal

The Committee discussed the situation regarding the interstate transfer of players. Several years ago, a policy was developed that would govern the process of non-resident players coming into Minnesota to play hockey and resident Minnesota hockey players requesting transfers to play in other USA Hockey Affiliates. A search of the Board Minutes determined that, although drafted and approved, it was never placed in the handbook.

To address this issue, a new policy was drafted for Board approval. The new policy was patterned after the earlier one and presented to the Committee for discussion. Secretary-treasurer DeMeo informed the Committee that our neighboring Affiliates were considering similar policies so that their protocol was clear to any player wishing to transfer in our out of a neighboring Affiliate.

After discussion it was unanimously determined that the policy draft be submitted to the Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors for their consideration, with the understanding that this policy, with relevant changes, would be placed on the agenda for adoption at the summer meeting.

Tim Morris Question

Tim is working with the Boys Scouts on an event for 7-10,000 scouts and was wondering if MN Hockey wanted to be involved in the event. More information is needed before a decision can be made and do we have enough time before the event?

Sean Skinner Academy

Peter Carlson, Executive Director for the National Sports Center addressed the committee to inform us that the Schwan's Super Rink is scheduled to become the home for the Skinner Hockey Academy. This program is intended to provide players of 9th & 10th grade age an opportunity to develop their hockey skills on a full time basis. Participants would receive room & board at the Center's dormitory units, practice hockey skills during most of the day and attend school in the evening at Spring Lake Park High School, through a special arrangement made with the school. The academy is open to all who are interested, including Minnesota residents.

Mr. Carlson said that Sean Skinner was currently out of the country but had indicated a desire to become a Minnesota Hockey affiliate. He planned to petition the Board for an agreement in the near future. Mr. Carlson asked that it be noted that he does not represent Mr. Skinner's venture in any way and that, other than being the renter of the facility, the National Sports Center has no affiliation with Mr. Skinner's program.

The Committee felt that such a program would not be complimentary to Minnesota Hockey's community based programs and would be hard pressed to conform to Minnesota Hockey's participation rule, but would not be unfavorably disposed to afford Mr. Skinner the opportunity to address the Committee in the future.

Tier 1 teams playing in invitational tournaments held in Duluth

The tournaments committee will be discussing this issue on Saturday as to whether or not Tier 1 teams will be allowed to play in invitational tournaments.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol D. Carlson