

Minutes of Mid West Amateur Hockey Association
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 25th, 2009

Call to Order. Pursuant to notice distributed by electronic mail and posting on the affiliate web site, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Ted Ohmart at 2 pm at the KGGO Bucs Arena, Des Moines IA.

Role was taken. Answering roll call were:

Iowa

Ames	none
Cedar Rapids	Kyle Larson
Coral Ridge (Iowa City)	none
Des Moines High School	none
Des Moines Youth	Scott Long
Des Moines Buccaneers	Derrick Hickey
Dubuque	Brian Rieckens
Lakes Area	none
Mason City	none
Quad Cities	none
Sioux Center	none
Siouxland (S. City)	Rob Beller
Waterloo	Dave Lamb

Kansas

KC Stars/	Eric Herr
KC Metro	none
KC Blades (Outlaws)	none
Topeka	Chris Romine
Wichita Youth	Serena Brummett

Misso

St Joseph	Jason McManus
Kansas City (Line Creek)	none

Nebraska

Fremont	Evan Schinasi
Lincoln	Cary Gruhn*, Gene Summerlin
Omaha Gladiators	J.F. Carter
Tri City	Kurt Schmidt
O.M.A.H.A.	Neal Kraus, Jack Anderson, Stephanie Woodward JennaCuozzo Mike Vlassakis (Energy)

Officers & Staff

President	Ted Ohmart
VP/Coaching	Les Teplicky
VP/Player Devt	Doug Dietz
VP/Compliance	none
Treasurer/Registrar	Joe Strako
Secretary	John Shelton
MWHSL President	Larry Leigh
Midwest League President	Scot Jones
Referee-in-Chief	Jeff Huber
Rink Liaison	none
Risk Management	Ron Byrd
Web	none

Minutes. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of September 6th, 2008, were read and approved.

Elections. President Ohmart then opened the floor for nominations for the vacancy in the position of VP/Player Development created by the resignation of Brian Giachino. By acclamation, Doug Dietz was elected to fill the term ending May 2010.

Also reelected by acclamation were

VP Teplicky
Treasurer Strako
VP Taff

MSC

Old Business.

Logo. President Ted reviewed proposals for the new logo. After discussion, logo #9 modified to read “Midwest / Iowa – Kansas – Nebraska”. After a failed amendment to remove the state names

Motion:

That the logo of MWAHA read “Midwest / Iowa – Kansas – Nebraska”.

MSC

USAH Annual Meeting. Wednesday 6/3 through Saturday 6/5. President Ted invited a representative of an association to accompany the affiliate contingent. No one was able to commit at this time.

Disabled Hockey.

Block Grant. President Ted discussed the annual USAH grant, this year being \$4595. In the past, funds have been allocated to support to disabled hockey and the district camps.

Motion:

That the block grant of \$4600 from USAH be spent as follows:

Disabled hockey \$500

Girls Central District development camp \$1500

Boys Central District development camp \$2500

MSC

Annual Guide. Pres Ted observed that the Annual Guide publishing cycle turns on the USAH Annual Meeting. Associations should check their listing for accuracy. Treas/Registrar Strako also asked that number of rules books needed. VP Les observes that every registered coach should get a rule book, AG, and USAH insurance information pamphlet.

Player Movement. Pres Ted reviewed MWAHA protocol: a player moving from one Tier 2 program to another requires a letter signed letter by the former association for delivery to the new association saying that he has met all financial obligations and is in good standing. The new association should not roster without that letter. Problems occasionally occur. Extensive “what if’s” were discussed, especially if the player’s level of play is not offered by the old association.

New Business.

ADM/LDAP. President Ted discussed the American Development Model and Long Term Athletic Development principals, arising from cooperation with NHL. About \$2mill will go to national development team in Ann Arbor. NHL wants resources going to moving Americans into the league. Discussion at highest levels continue. This will be a layer between Tier 1 and junior hockey. The USAH Annual Congress will have discussions on this. High Performance Clubs will be a theme of emphasis. There may not be a Midwestern area that can mount a HPC. See USAH site.

High School Tournament. Pres Ted reviewed USAH plans for a H.S. national tournament. Bob Matheson, Chair, HS Section will manage. Details are yet to be worked out.

Year end tournaments. Proposal is now that each STATE can send a Tier 2 team to nationals. Details are awaited: expect posting on the USAH site.

Coaches' Association. VP Les briefed on Ames/Showcase Coach Chris Schmale's suggestion for a coaching association.

Staff Reports.

Coaching Director. VP Les Teplicky reviewed handouts: ACE Dir list & responsibilities, clinics held in affiliate, clinics coming up. MWAHA policy on coach advancement, codes of conduct, complaints (which go the "immediate governing body"... whether league, association, affiliate as appropriate).

Risk Manager. RM Ron Byrd reported on progress. All adults in contact with youths (including coaches, managers, board members, officials) must have a consent to screen filed with affiliate RM by 11/1 each year. An association not in compliance compromises it's insurance protection.

Treasurer/Registrar. Treasurer Strako reported a strong cash position of \$26,867.41, which will be substantially reduced by development camp, showcase, annual congress expenses. He discussed changes in registration patterns. He pointed out that 10% of the affiliate players are not claimed by an association. Registration starts for next year on 5/1.

Referee-in-Chief. RIC Jeff Huber discussed his efforts to visit each rink for referee development and feedback. He commented on observed parent behavior. He commented on the two year rule making cycle which comes up this year.

Women's/Girls' Hockey. Pres Ted expects six to eight girls will be sent to district camp. We hope to get more girls teams in the affiliate.

Player Development. VP Doug Dietz commented on 14, 15, 16, 17 select camps, deemed successful. Some move on to Central District bantam camp; some may go on to national bantam camp. Central District holds camps. Discussion ensued about how to get the word out.

Compliance. President Ted observed that only a few remaining associations are out of compliance. Progress continues in this area.

Winter USAH Meetings. Pres Ted reported his impressions.

Chicago Showcase. GM John Shelton reported on the additional resources (viz., coaches, ice time) dedicated to Showcase this year. Results were evident in that the team moved through the qualification algorithm with sufficient success to play up into Pool B next year.

High School Hockey. No report.

Midwest League. No report.

Regional Tournament. Pres Ted confirmed KC Stars will be running the Regionals in March '10.

Next meeting. The spring ("annual") meeting of the board of directors is scheduled for Saturday, August 29th, 2009.

Adjournment. Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John Shelton
Secretary
Ph 800.800.9165
john.shelton@opco.com