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Minutes of Mid West Amateur Hockey Association
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 21st, 2007

Call to Order. Pursuant to notice distributed by electronic mail and posting on the web site, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Ted Ohmart at 12:52 pm at Buccaneer Ice Arena, Des Moines, IA. Self introductions were conducted around the table.

Secretary Shelton called the roll in accordance with the official USAH “participant count” (See 070421pc.pdf, attached.) Seven associations with registered players were not represented: Ames Minor Hockey Association, Lakes Area Hockey Association, Waterloo Youth Hockey Association, Kansas City Fighting Saints, Kansas City Metro Area High School Hockey League, St Joseph Youth Hockey Association, and the Junior Program.

The Secretary reported that 70% of the directors eligible to vote were in attendance, satisfying the specifications for a quorum under the By Laws.

(See also sign070421.pdf for the sign-in sheet and role070421.pdf for the roll call with association numbers and entitled votes.)

President Ohmart distributed the agenda. (See agenda070421.pdf)

Minutes. The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, held August 19th, 2006, previously distributed to the Board, were reviewed. Corrections were offered.

Motion: To accept the minutes as corrected. (VP Teplicky/MWHSHL) MSC. (See min060819.pdf)

President Ted Ohmart then introduced consideration of a revision to the By Laws. President Ohmart observed that, in accordance with the existing By Laws, a proposed revision had been in his hands the requisite thirty days before this meeting and had been reviewed in meeting of the Executive Committee on March 31st, 2007, and provided by email to members of the Board of Directors earlier this week.

Motion: That the By Laws be amended to provide for an additional Vice President and to provide for the ability to change the By Laws at any properly held meeting of the Board of Directors. Discussion ensued. Observation was offered that an additional officer carried additional cost. Observation was also made that an additional position would create more opportunity for participation. (VP Teplicky/Treasurer Strako) MSC.

After further discussion, consensus was that it would be more appropriate to defer election of the new VP to the next meeting, giving opportunity for people to express interest.

Motion: To defer election of the 3rd VP to the August meeting and that the position be posted on the MWAHA web site with invitation for interested individuals to submit bios to the Secretary for further distribution to the Board. (MWHSHL/VP Teplicky) MSC.

Elections. President Ohmart then opened the floor for nominations for the positions up for election in the current cycle. By acclamation, the following were re-elected to their positions:

VP Les Teplicky
Secretary Joe Strako.

Reports. President Ohmart then called for reports.

Coaching Director. VP Teplicky, serving concurrently as coaching director, presented his report. (See coach070421.pdf, clinic070421.pdf, clinicsaffiliate070421.pdf, directors070421.pdf.)

Discussion ensued about the reported failure to achieve total compliance with the USAH rule that all participants wear helmets on ice. As the miscreants are typically coaches, methods to achieve compliance were discussed.

Motion: The local association ACE Director and/or Board members are responsible to enforce the requirement to wear a helmet. For the 1st offense, a verbal and/or written warning is given by the observer.

1 For the 2nd offense, a two game suspension is to be imposed by the local association. (The games are
2 intended to be the next two games from the schedule existing at the time of the suspension. The coach may
3 nonetheless participate in practices during the suspension.) For the 3rd offense, the local association is
4 mandated to hold a hearing to decide the term of a total suspension to last no less than thirty days and no
5 longer than one year. (VP Teplicky/MWL) MSC.

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7 **Risk Manager.** Risk Manager Ron Byrd observed that the following associations have not submitted their
8 coach lists for screening: Des Moines Youth, Des Moines High School, Dubuque, KC Saints (Line Creek),
9 Wichita, Mason City, Topeka, St Joseph. The vendor, Axiom, charges \$21 per screen.

10 Discussion ensued about the importance of risk management compliance in the determination of whether
11 an association is in good standing. Several directors spoke pointedly to the issue and the responsibility of
12 the board to enforce compliance. President Ohmart observed that the newly authorized VP position may
13 well be tasked with overseeing compliance in this and other areas.

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15 **Treasurer/Registrar.** Registrar Joe Strako reported on the numbers registered in the affiliate. (See
16 070421pc.pdf, previously introduced.) Total number of players registered in the affiliate is 5681; of
17 coaches is 562.

18 He also reported on the success of affiliate teams in Central District season end tournaments. The Omaha
19 Gladiators' Tier II Bantam team and the Russell Stove Tier I Midget 18 teams prevailed in their divisions
20 and went on to nationals.

21 Treasurer Strako reported that the affiliate had a bank cash balance at the end of March of \$24,146.82. (See
22 070421bank.pdf.) He then reviewed the status of the 06-07 budget in the context of historical data from the
23 prior four fiscal years. (See 070421finl.pdf.). He expects to end the year on budget with a cash balance of
24 approximately \$19,300.

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26 **Player Development.** President Ohmart reported that the Bantam development camp for central district has
27 been awarded to the affiliate for three years. Fourteen year olds will now skate in this camp (with the
28 fifteen year olds).

29 Motion: To add a budget line item of \$3000 to support the bantam camp and \$1500 for a projector for the
30 coaching director. (VP Teplicky/Sioux City) MSC.

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32 **Web Site.** Mark Erbstein reported on the web site. # hits. He observed that some associations still have not
33 updated their information from the old format. Plan to move to midwesthockey.org.

34 35 **Leagues.**

36 **Midwest High School Hockey League.** MHSHL President Shawn Spencer reported that the major goals
37 from the strategic plan introduced several years ago have largely been met. The name has been changed to
38 properly reflect the sphere of influence of the the league, the centralization of tournaments has been
39 implemented, and growth continues toward a target of sixteen teams.

40 Discussion ensued on the potential for and ramifications of sanctioning a second team in the Kansas City
41 area. MHSHL President Spencer reviewed the limits on player movement that will be in place if a new
42 team is sanctioned. (See mhshl_kc070421.pdf.) He contrasted the difference in circumstances between the
43 Kansas City situation and that used in the recent past for a situation in northern Iowa.

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45 **Midwest Hockey League.** (????)

46 47 **Year End Tournaments.**

48 **Chicago Showcase.** Team Mid West General Manager John Shelton reported that Chicago Showcase
49 underway, with games being played Wednesday through Sunday. For the second year in a row, the team
50 (now in Pool B) is undefeated in pool play. Unlike last year, where a significant minority of the team
51 played on AAA teams as well as in local high school league, the team this year was made up entirely of
52 MHSHL players. GM Shelton observed that the team's performance made it likely that we would remain in
53 pool B next year.

54 GM Shelton observed that it would be appropriate to extend a realistic tryout opportunity to the high school
55 leagues in the affiliate that do not enjoy the visibility of the MHSHL (e.g., Kansas City Metro, Omaha

1 HSL, Des Moines HSL). He recommended next year's tryout be advanced two weeks to be held on
2 Presidents' Day holiday. It was observed, however, that Presidents' Day is not a holiday in the Omaha
3 schools. The solution recommended by other speakers was to tell the other leagues to simply schedule their
4 playoffs so that their players be free the weekend of the MSHSL All Star game. GM Shelton observed that
5 we might hold a conference call with administrators of the involved leagues to work out a solution.

6 **Affiliate Tournaments.** Director Pat Meschede reported on the administration of the tournaments needed
7 to qualify national bound teams. He reviewed the USAH rule which prohibits an affiliate from requiring a
8 team to participate in a league (e.g., MWL) to qualify for national competition. Accordingly, the affiliate
9 must hold an elimination tournament if teams not in MWL declare an intent to compete for a national spot.
10 Unfortunately, while teams were required to declare prior to December 31st, many pulled out (for various
11 reasons). Sometimes the withdrawal occurred the week of the tournament. Solutions such as requiring a
12 non refundable fee were suggested.

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14 **Old Business.**

15 **Community Base.** The question of community based teams and Tier I/Tier II was revisited. Anecdotes
16 were shared about the handling of these questions in other affiliates. Arguments were presented on the
17 benefit of allowing the affiliate to roster teams with players from various towns in order to compete with
18 other national bound teams, yet within the Tier II category. Other elements of the discussion reviewed the
19 movement between associations issue as it might be complicated by the former.

20 Des Moines Buccaneer Director Shawn Spencer described their program drawing players from many
21 communities for pre and post season play.

22 Motion: To allow Des Moines Buccaneers to recruit players without regard for residence for Tier II pre and
23 post season play. (MWL/Gladiators) MSC.

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25 President Ohmart then appointed a committee to review the Tier I/Tier II community based team issue for
26 the next meeting. Shawn Spencer (MSHSL), Pat Meschede (OMAHA), and Derrick Schmidt (Fremont)
27 agreed to serve.

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29 A special meeting of the board of directors is scheduled for August 5th, 2007. Motion carried to adjourn.
30 (Treasurer Strako/VP Teplicky).

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32 Respectfully submitted,

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