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Minutes of Tri State Hockey Association
Annual Meeting of Board of Directors
May 20th, 2006

Call to Order. Pursuant to notice distributed by electronic mail and posting on the web site, a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Ted Ohmart at 12:56 pm at the Ramada Inn, Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, IA.

Roll was taken. Answering roll call were:

Iowa

Ames	Tom Mormon
Cedar Rapids	Brian Kristiansen
Coral Ridge (Iowa City)	David Crews
Des Moines High School	Mark Erbstein
Des Moines Youth	Gene Denny
Dubuque	Bob Moldenhauer
Mason City	none
Quad Cities	none
Siouxland (S. City)	Mark Morehead
Waterloo	none

Kansas

KC Stars/MAHSHL	Mike Curry
KC Blades (Outlaws)	none
Topeka	none
Wichita Youth	John Robertson

Missouri

St Joseph	none
Kansas City (Line Creek)	none

Nebraska

Lincoln	Scott Smith
Omaha Gladiators	Roland Taff
Tri City	Dan Robertson
O.M.A.H.A.	Michael Hughes, Jack Anderson

Officers

President	Ted Ohmart
VP/Risk	Les Teplicky
VP/Coach	none
Treasurer	Joe Strako
Secretary	John Shelton
IHSL President	Shawn Spencer
Midwest League President	Scott Jones

Guests

Midwest League Past President	Ron Byrd
Des Moines Bucs	Michael Ball

(See ts_em060520.pdf for the sign-in sheet.)

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:

President Ted Ohmart
Secretary John Shelton
VP Brian Giachino

Treasurer report. Treasurer Joe Strako reported that USAH registrations were up in 03-04, then down 1% in 04-05. Tri State Hockey experienced similar results.

Minutes. The minutes of the annual meeting of August 27th, 2005, previously distributed by email were reviewed. Motion to accept (MHL/Dubuque). MSC

Associations in compliance. President Ohmart discussed provisions for governance appropriate to affiliates of USA Hockey. The standard articulated mirrors that of the national organization. The following is contemplated as a policy of Tri State Hockey:

The government and authority of each member association shall be vested in a board of directors composed of at least three representatives, as determined by the association, selected through an annual democratic election process by the membership. A majority of the board must always be composed of representatives selected by such election process. The officers of the association, selected by the board, shall include a president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer. Members of the association shall include, at a minimum, registered players (or the parent/legal guardian of minor registered players, as appropriate) in the association. Statement of revenues and expenses of the association should be readily available to its members. Similar statements of teams should be available to that team's participants.

We also need to resolve criteria for new associations and criteria for associations to be in good status.

He reported that a review of 1998 minutes indicated a statement of policy that an association agreement should include

Signed association agreement

Non profit status

Copy of by laws

Identification of home facility

Fine for missing TSA meeting.

Resolution of these issues was deferred to a future meeting.

Vice President Teplicky led an ensuing discussion regarding the need to conform certain positions within affiliates to current protocol of USA Hockey.

Motion: That associations amend their agreements to include four positions:

Ref in Chief

Risk Manager

ACE Coordinator

Registrar

(OMAHA/Gladiators) MSC.

Reports. President Ohmart then called for reports.

Risk Manager. Les Teplicky observed that risk manager reports just are coming in too slow. To some degree, deadlines can be changed, but the screening process doesn't allow much leeway. Discussed ensued regarding the responsibility of association risk managers. Also discussed was a report of association compliance. If the form says "concern", then attention is needed! For associations not in compliance, perhaps teams should not be registered. Discussion ensued about the budgetary impact of screening all coaches. (Treasurer Strako will research.)

Championships. The Midget U16(2) U18(1) got bye. See ts_ch060520.pdf for the championship report. Team disqualification occurred at advanced levels due to paperwork issues. Tier 2 team disqualified on residency and timely filing of documents. It was pointed out that the "20/10 rule" has to be established after USAH roster is signed. Query as to why so few teams pursued tier 2 national championship route. Query

also whether USAH is emphasizing Tier 1 at expense of Tier 2. Often, the affiliate has the authority to determine whether a team is truly “community based”. Query as to the relative importance: going to nationals or community based. See report on who has hosted recently.

Consider: All coaches must be at the required coaching level to participate in a championship game. Further discussion deferred to the next meeting.

Motion: All referees (but not linesmen) must be level 3. (OMAHA/Dubuque). MSC.

Coaching Director. VP Teplicky recommended that ACE directors be qualified at or above coaching level 3. He is currently reviewing this proposal with the regional coaching directors. They will do the local clinics. President Ohmart observed that the affiliate should bear the cost of attending advancement seminars required of regional coaching directors. See ts_cd060520.pdf. VP Teplicky referred interested parties to the ACE Director Handbook for the responsibilities of this position. (The relevant USAH link is <http://www.usahockey.org>.) An ACE Director Handbook will be sent to each association ACE director.

The use of temporary coaching cards was discussed. Within Tri State, we’ve allowed people to advance in an orderly fashion, but without necessarily restricting to one advancement per hockey year. Associations are asked to keep in mind that national championships require the permanent (not temporary) card and associations should not risk compromising a teams’ opportunity. The observation was made that photo id’s with attained level have been done in some jurisdictions. Perhaps some day technologies will overcome distance constraints and allow that to be done here. Student coaches (ages 13-17) have a legitimizing form (signed by parent).

A workshop will be conducted at the next Tri State meeting for ACE Directors. Work will be done on skills training (goalies, body checking etc)

Treasurer/Registrar. Treasurer Joe Strako reviewed budget, revenues & expenses. It expected that about \$10,000 will be carried over to the next year.

Web Site. Mark Erbstein reviewed redevelopment of the site over last year. He discussed challenges of maintaining integrity of the system and solicited suggestions.

Leagues.

Midwest Hockey League. (formerly Midwest League) Some teams opted out (e.g., bantam). Select grew, perhaps pulling from travel. All star games were conducted at the squirt, peewee, and bantam levels this year..

Midwest High School Hockey League. (formerly Iowa High School League) Name change occurred this year. The league is working to get increase size to 16 teams from the present 12. Cat eye goalie masks now illegal since don’t want to have to check if they’re certified. Varsity tourney this year was in Lincoln March 2nd-4th; junior varsity March 9th-11th. Dave Fox in Mason City is scheduler. Discussion ensued of the opportunity provided by this league.

Old Business.

Chicago Showcase. Reported on success enjoyed this spring. The team swept Pool C and advanced to the championship round. Tri State will play in Pool B next year.

New Business.

Community Base. Tier 2 traditionally implies community base and Tier 1 draws rom wherever. Do we want to maintain this perspective? Look for proposal at next meeting.

Logo & Name Change. The adoption of a new name was contemplated.

Motion: To change the name of the affiliate from Tri State Hockey to Midwest Affiliate (MHL/OMAHA). MSC

Discussion ensued about the possibility of purchasing a sled to benefit disabled hockey.

Motion: That Tri State donate a sled for the disabled hockey program. (Ames/Dubuque) MSC

Discussion ensued about the possibility of creating VP positions with responsibility for the year end tournaments and risk management.

A special meeting of the board of directors is scheduled for August 19th, 2006. Motion carried to adjourn. (Cedar Rapids/OMAHA).

Respectfully submitted,

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