



**Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors
Sunday, September 21, 2014
Cragun's Resort – Brainerd, MN**

Meeting was called to order by President Dave Margenau at 8:00 AM.

Guests in Attendance: North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association President Greg Evanson.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Elaine Halverson and Ralph Jasinski.

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Rhonda Madsen.

Board Members Present:

President Dave Margenau	Past President Dennis Green	Vice President John Perry
Vice President Scott Gray	Treasurer Doug Kephart	Vice President Dave Stigen
Secretary Rhonda Madsen	Director Tom Mickus	Director Jake Reinseth
Director Scott Dornfeld	Director Mark Jacobs	Director Steve Gapinski
Director Brad Hewitt	Director Rich Rakness	Director Tom Christenson
Director Colleen Donovan	Director Pete Hill	Director Steve Oleheiser
Director Dennis Bushy	Director Nancy Wefler	Director Dave Swenson
Director Antonia Gillen		

Staff Present: Executive Director Glen Andresen, Financial Administrator Kathy Hayes, Marketing Assistant Derek Ricke

Minnesota District Representatives:

Dave Margenau, Director	Steve Oleheiser, Director	Steve Tatro, Referee-in- Chief
Dennis Green, Director	Bruce Kruger, Risk Manager	Toni Gillen, Disabled Hockey
Scott Gray, Director		

The voting quorum was announced. With 22 members present, simple majority is 12, two-thirds majority is 15.

Minutes for the June 22, 2014 meeting were distributed electronically. One correction was noted from page 10, which was a sentence that should have read under the USAH Reports: "Director Oleheiser, Director Margeneau, Referee-in-Chief Tatro, MN District Registrar Ytuarte, and Risk Manager Krueger were given on Saturday June 21, 2014 and submitted written reports which are attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes". The minutes were approved as distributed and posted with the noted correction.

Minutes for the August 4, 2014 special meeting via teleconference to act upon request for Tier 1 Sanctioning were distributed electronically and were presented for approval. The minutes were approved and posted as distributed.

Agenda Additions or Changes: New Business item – Act upon Coaches’ Exceptions to MH rule that prohibits Board Members from coaching a traveling team, was added.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Kephart reported the Financial Statements through August 31, 2014. Report is unaudited and subject to adjustments. The balance sheet total assets were \$1,648,770, with \$1,580,426 in checking and savings. The receivable amount of \$59,282 is primarily sponsors and golf tournament sponsors. Deferred revenue consists primarily of grants that will be coming in for the 2014-2015 season. Anticipated net income, after FY 2014 year is closed out, is approximately \$200,000. The financial statements will be submitted for audit.

President’s Report: President Margenau expressed thanks to all who participated in the meetings this weekend for the energy and passion that was expressed during the discussions. Friday evening we discussed the significance of preserving and strengthening our community based model and the importance of retaining that model so we can best serve our members to promote youth hockey. Thank you for the work that the New Program Business Development Committee, the Tier 1 Committee and that each of you do on a day to day basis to insure we serve our members in the 2014-2015 season.

An article “Putting Kids Back into Kids Sports” was distributed in the meeting packets. President Margenau encourages everyone to read the article.

Executive Director’s Report: Executive Director Andresen submitted a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes.

Committee Reports

Administrative Management: President Margenau reported that in accordance with our by-laws the Committee is bringing to the Board a motion to hire a student intern to assist our staff during the peak time of January - April. The ideal candidate would be in a Masters Program for Sports Management and would be graduating in June. This position would average 25 hours per week and would be compensated at \$10 per hour. Some of the duties would include assisting with live scoring, player profiles, the hockey expo, posting tournament brackets and the awards dinner. The committee is bring forward a motion to hire a student intern. Director Oleheiser expressed his frustration with the process of bringing this action to the board. With no further discussion, the motion carried with a 19 yeas to 3 nay vote.

Adults: Director Swenson reported that the Classic Tournament in Duluth was cancelled
A bid has been submitted to host a State Tournament next spring.
Recruitment and retention – still working on out-state programs.
The non-sanctioned league that was being run out of the Twin Cities has folded. Four of the five teams are being absorbed by other sanctioned leagues.

Adult Women: Director Wefler reported that they added an A-Elite, which will be run by Winnie Brodt-Brown.
Hockey 101 for beginners is growing.
There will be a C-League referee training for new female adult referees.
October 12, 2014 the Richfield Arena will be hosting Try Hockey for Free in conjunction with their C2 tournament.
A lot of interest has been expressed for the A-Level national tournament in Green Bay. We may possibly send 2-3 teams.

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Disabled Hockey: Director O'Brien-Gillen submitted a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes.

District Directors: Director Oleheiser reported that the Competition Committee will review the structure of the AA association teams for resolution based on level of play and how they choose to change classifications. MSHSL Rule 411, which prohibits high school teams from competing with non-federation teams was discussed. Work with the high school AD for exception to the rule and get approval from Minnesota District registrar to allow appropriate teams to play games with high school teams.

There was a discussion regarding the Participation Rule Section 5. Referred to the Rules Committee for review.

The District Directors will be meeting in the near future to discuss redistricting.

District 1 – Director Mickus reported that they are close to completion with their Affiliate Agreements.

District 2 – Director Reinseth had nothing to report.

District 3 – Director Dornfeld had nothing to report.

District 4 – Director Jacobs had nothing to report.

District 5 – Director Kephart had nothing to report.

District 6 – Director Hewitt had nothing to report.

District 8 – Director Rakness reported that they have remodeling projects currently in progress at the Woodbury and South St. Paul Arenas.

District 9 – Director Christenson had nothing to report.

District 10 – Colleen Donovan had nothing to report.

District 11 – Director Hill reported that, due to his medical issue, all District Directors should consider having a back-up that could step in and run the district should an unfortunate situation arise for any other District Director.

District 12 – Director Oleheiser reported that their quarterly district meeting is scheduled for next Thursday.

District 15 – Director Bushy reported that their all district meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2014, 6:00 PM, Wadena.

District 16 - Director Elliott not in attendance. No report.

Diversity: Director Mickus had nothing to report.

Executive Committee: President Margenau reported that there were six applications received for the Legal Advisory position in which three were interviewed by President Margenau, Vice President Perry and Vice President Gray. Dan Beckman was selected and appointed to the Legal Advisor position.

Bylaw Review – Brian Schoenborn reviewed the MNH Bylaws in accordance with MN Statute 317. There was one major finding which was the practice of allowing member elected board members to name proxies for these meetings, which the statute does not allow for. There were also two lesser findings which were in regards to teleconferencing and membership classes. Legal Advisor Dan Beckman will work with the Rules Committee for resolution and present at the winter meeting.

Medical Attendants – currently medical attendance are required during tournaments but during regular league games. Doug Kephart, Steve Oleheiser and Dan Beckman will further review.

Tier 1 Programs – There are currently eight Tier 1 programs of which six have signed MOU's and LOU's. For "youth" classifications there will be a 5-team playoff for the 18U's, a 6-team playoff for the 16U's and one 14U team will be advancing to National Championship. The tournament will be held March 11-13, 2015 and Dennis Green has been appointed as the Tournament Director. For the "girls" classification there are 2 teams at the 19U level and 2 teams at the 16 U levels for playoffs to advance to the National Championship. The tournament will be held at the end February 2105 and Doug Foster has been appointed as the Tournament Director. There is no girls 14U Tier 1 team. Todd Elmer will be helping the teams with their registrations.

Grievance/Appeal Process – The process of streamlining and simplifying the grievance/appeal process will be further reviewed by Steve Oleheiser, Scott Gray, John Perry and Dennis Green.

Participation Rule – The definition of school and how it relates to the participation rule will be further reviewed by Bob Halverson, Dan Beckman and Steve Oleheiser.

MHOA Award – MNH will present a new award as it relates to a person connected with the grassroots development of hockey officials in Minnesota. The award will be funded by MHOA and will be presented at the MNH Annual Banquet.

Special Group Affiliate Agreement - We have a special group affiliate agreement that requires organizations to register all teams with MNH and USAH. An issue of should we be registering a single team or teams from an organization or not has come up. We need to review our practice. Dave Margenau, Dennis Green and Todd Elmer will be reviewing and bringing back to the board.

Finance and Budget: Treasurer Kephart submitted a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes and will constitute the official report.

The Finance/Budget Committee has three budget revisions to the 2014-15 budget they are bringing forward to the board.

1. Revision 1 is the tying of the stipend budget with our general budget. This will result in a net increase of \$2,845. The Finance/Budget Committee is bringing forth a motion for a budget revision in the amount of \$2,845 positive revenue due to the review of the stipend schedule. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Revision 2 is from the Tier 1 committee and their request of \$7,500. The Finance/Budget Committee is bringing forth a motion for a budget revision to fund the Tier 1 Committee in the amount of \$7,500. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Revision 3 is from the Administrative Committee for the hiring of a part time intern in the amount of \$7,500. The Finance/Budget Committee is bringing forth a motion for an addition to the budget in the amount of \$7,500 to allow the hiring of a student intern. Motion carried with a 19 to 3 vote.

In summary, prior to the budget revisions the net was a \$3,066 deficit. After all of the budget revisions the net will result in a \$15,221 deficit.

Girls League: Vice President Perry reported that there is an upcoming meeting on October 5, 2014. All district girls' coordinators have been notified.

Team Declarations should be sent to Doug Foster before the October 5, 2014 meeting.

The IIHF World Girls Hockey Ice Hockey Weekend will be held on October 10-12, 2014.

Grievance Committee: Nothing to report.

High School Boys: Director Macho submitted a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes.

High School Girls: Director Morris reported that a fall clinic is scheduled for October 10-11, 2014 at the Schwan's facility in Blaine.

The list of coaches that was circulated to MNH was forwarded onto Jessica Christopherson and was deemed incorrect. All coaches are USAH registered. CEP requirements will be completed by all coaches by October 11, 2014. Background and SafeSport requirements will be completed by October 27, 2014. The problem they run into is that the CEP is not offered early enough, but shouldn't be an issue moving forward now that it has been addressed. Director Morris shared his frustrations of an ex-member creating such issues regarding the CEP. Coaches will not be paid until they have met all the requirements. All information will be forwarded to Todd Elmer.

The Premier Prep League continues to struggle with the Elite 1 League.

We are looking at another 25% coaching turnover, which is the fourth year in a row. We have found that there is a lack of support from Athletic Directors and Booster Clubs which prevents coaches staying at one school for very long.

When thinking of protecting your community based hockey, you should also think of protecting your community based arenas because there would be no incentive to keep the arenas without hockey. We need to think about this when it comes to Tier 1 Programs.

Hockey Operations: Vice President Evavold submitted a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes.

Handbook: Committee Chair Halverson reported that the 2014-2015 handbooks were printed and received late due to information not being submitted in a timely manner. Districts are encouraged to identify their tournament sites earlier. Thank you to Kathy Hayes, Derek Ricke, Glen Andresen, John Miller and Dave Margenau all assisted with the handbook in various ways.

Suggestion was made to remove the historical data from the handbook and put on the website.

Junior Gold: Committee Member Kruger reported that Moorhead will have two new teams – a Jr. Gold "B" and "16U" team. New Ulm is also considering a Jr. Gold "B" team this year.

Juniors: No report.

MIAMA: Director Rakness reported that there were 124 attendees at the annual fall conference in September.

Marketing and Communication: Vice President Gray submitted a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes.

Membership Development: Marketing/Communications Assistant Ricke submitted a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes.

A group from the New Prague Hockey Association has produced a video encouraging girls to play hockey that will be available this fall.

Nominating: Elections will occur at the April 2015 meeting.

Recreational Hockey: Director Mickus reported that the league is projecting a 3-team growth this season.

Coaches Education Program requirements should be condensed for the recreational league.

A Board was created consisting of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Level Coordinator and Hockey Operations. After this season, the recreational league is going to start to look at forming a league in St. Cloud/North area.

Referees: Referee Section Director Olson submitted a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes.

Districts need to send Eric their contact person who should be receiving the game reports for progressive penalties by October 1, 2014.

Regional Coordinators: Vice President Perry reported that there has been focus on team commitment rules, page 23 and encourages that they are read down through the Associations.

Grant Program - Last year was the best year for administering grants to Associations.

Host Agreements should be sent to Tim Sweezo and John Perry. A copy should be kept for the region and state tournaments. Mr. Perry attended the St. Paul Summit. All Associations are having struggles so it was very encouraging to hear that our grant process is being used by our Associations.

Rules: Committee Chair Halverson reported that the committee will have a meeting in November 2014.

Safety: Committee Chair Tarse submitted a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes.

Scholarship: Director Gray reported that the new committee chair is Nancy Wefler.

SafeSport/Screening: Director Gray submitted a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes.

Tournaments/Awards: Committee Chair Nyhus submitted a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes.

The committee would like to maintain a 3-hour rest rule for district, region and state tournaments when two games are played in one day.

USA Hockey Minnesota District Reports

Dennis Green, Director reported that he will be attending the Youth Council Meeting September 26-27, 2014 in Chicago.

Scott Gray, Director reported that he has been named to the Legal Counsel.

Steve Oleheiser, Director had nothing to report.

Dave Margenau, Director had nothing to report.

Diane Ytuarte, USAH MN District Registrar submitted a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes, which is regarding the on-line web based registration/roster process.

Christian Koelling, Coach-in-Chief submitted a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes.

Doug Foster, Girls and Women's Section Rep submitted a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these minutes.

Bruce Krueger, Risk Manager had nothing to report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

District 1 Affiliate Agreements Approval:

- A. Vice President Perry and Director Mickus presented an amendment to the standard Affiliate Agreement with Eastside Hockey, adding changing paragraph 2 to read: The geographical area of Jurisdiction as defined in 11.1of this agreement shall be the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, unless an association in Minneapolis or St. Paul has a Jr. Gold program. Director Hewitt made a motion to accept the Amendment to the standard Affiliate Agreement with Eastside Hockey. Director Christenson seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.
- B. Vice President Perry and Director Mickus presented changes to a previous amendment of the Affiliate Agreement with City of Lakes changing the limitation of only fielding "C" teams to be able to field higher level teams instead of waiving kids out to do so. Director Hewitt made a motion to remove the previous amendment and accept the full service Affiliate Agreement from City of Lakes. Director Dornfeld seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.
- C. Vice President Perry and Director Mickus presented changes to the previous amendment of the standard Affiliate Agreement with Dino Mights changing their limitation of only playing "C" level hockey to that of a higher classification with approval from the District Director.

Director Christenson made a motion to modify the language in the previous amendment to allow the Dino Mights to have a higher classification than a "C" team with District 1 approval and if they play in a league they will need the District Director approval from that league as well.

Director Oleheiser seconded the motion. Discussion. Director Rakness expressed concern regarding the overlapping of boundaries and would also like to see the Langford and Edgecumbe voted on with the Dino Mites, as the language change is the same for all three. Director Rakness believes there should be approval from the Association with the Affiliate Agreement, the District 1 Director, and the District Director from the other program. Director Mickus added that the Dino Mights is a faith based program that recruits from the schools, providing transportation and tutoring opportunities for the kids. Director Rakness made motion to amend the amendment whereas approvals are needed when a higher than a "C" level team is classified from the District 1 Director and the Director of the affected Affiliate. Director Reinseth seconded the motion. Discussion on recruiting if it were to occur between the communities/schools if a higher classification was approved. Motion carried. A motion was made to change the language in the amendment, paragraph one, to read: Teams formed by the Dino Mights shall be limited to the lowest division offered at that classification, as defined in the current edition of the MNH Handbook, Section VII, "Levels of Play". Director Reinseth seconded the motion. Discussion regarding the lowest division being recreational versus "C". Director Rakness made a motion to change the language in the amendment, paragraph one, to

read: Teams formed by the Dino Mights shall be limited to the lowest competitive division at that classification, as defined in the current edition of the MNH Handbook, Section VII, "Levels of Play". Director Reinseth seconded the motion. Discussion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Kephart made a motion to postpone any action until the Directors have resolution and then bring it back to the Board. Directors involved are Rich Rakness, Scott Dornfeld, Tom Mickus and Jake Reinseth. Director Hewitt seconded the motion. Discussion. Motion carried to postpone the Dino Mights Affiliate Agreement changes.

- D. Director Hewitt made a motion to postpone any action regarding the Edgumbe and Langford Affiliate Agreement changes until the Directors have had the opportunity to meet and then bring resolution back to the Board. Director Stigen seconded the motion. Discussion. Motion carried.
- E. A motion was made to allow Edgumbe to field a Jr. Gold B or 16U B team for the 21014-2015 season with approval from the District 1 Director. Pete Hill seconded the motion. Discussion. Motion carried.

Advisory Board Member Confirmation: President Margenau presented the Advisory Board Members that were established at the June 2014 meeting to be reconfirmed at the September 2014 fall meeting. President Margenau asked the Board to confirm the following Advisory Board Members positions.

Legal Advisor – Daniel Beckman

Awards Committee Chair – Tim Sweezo

Rules/Handbook Committee Chair – Bob Halverson

HEP (Hockey Education Program) Committee Chair – Steve Morse

ADM Coordinator – Wes Bolin

ACE Coordinator – Mark Palmer

Membership Development Committee Chair – Jeff Wright

New Program/Business Development Committee Chair – Tom Slaird

Tournament Committee Chair – Nick Nyhus

Safety Committee Chair – Hal Tearse

Jr Gold Committee Chair – Bruce Kruger

By a unanimous vote the Advisory Board Members positions were confirmed.

Highland Hockey Association Request for a Name Change: Director Reinseth made a motion to change the name of Highland Centrals to the St. Paul Capitols. The motion was seconded by Vice President John Perry. No discussion. Motion carried.

Coaching Exceptions: A motion was made to make the following coaching exceptions – Scott Macho, Girls 10U; Dennis Bushy, Bantams; Eric Olson, Girls 10U; and Dave Margenau, Squirts. Motion carried.

President Margenau announced the winter meeting will be held January 23-25, 2015 at the Marriott West..

With no further business, President Margenau adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda J. Madsen, Recording Secretary