

**FINAL  
MID AM ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING  
JUNE 24, 2023 MINUTES**

**MEETING:** Mid Am District (District) Meeting was held in person at the Dublin, OH, Marriott and via Zoom conference call. The meeting was called to order Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 8:33 am EST, by President Paul Day. Nineteen Board members attended physically, and nine Board members and many associations attended virtually.

**ATTENDANCE** (in no particular order): Those attending in person: Paul Day, Tim O'Shaughnessy, Tom Gawlik, Biff Cummings, Tom Cline, John Karolcik, Kaye Pinkowski, Cathy Fievet, Beth Stalnaker, Michelle Miller, Chris Skowron, Bill Switaj, Jim Weaver, Ladd Wagner, Kathy Santora, Roy Davis, Roger Wallen, JD Hobbs, Gui Bradshaw, and Lori Billings. Those attending virtually: Keith Kenitzer, Dave Caruso, Murray Stall, Renee Loftspring, Doug Losure, Ed Gingher, Jim Smith, Gina Colligan, and Zach Hill,

**AGENDA:**

1. **Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the June 2022 Annual meeting minutes. Gina C. made the motion, and Roy D. seconded. The Board voted to approve.
2. **Financial Reports**
  - **Mid Am District Treasurer Report FYE 3/31/2023:** Mid Am Financial report, Tax returns, and Audit: Tom G. presented the treasurer's report and the Audit. The auditors indicated the report was "clean". Tom indicated that our income was equal to our expenditures. The Financial Report and tax return will be posted on the website. Gina C. motioned to approve and Zach H seconded. The Board voted to approve.
  - **USA Hockey Budget 2023/2024:** Paul provided a highlighted overview of the USAH Budget. Proposed budget is over \$57 million total. Overall plan is tracking close to budget. USAH anticipates a \$2.5 surplus with no fee increases this year. Insurance, litigation, and safe sport costs continue to increase. Budget is shared on the web site.
3. **Governance:** Paul D. reported that USAH reorganized. He also reported that MidAm considering reorganizing as well. Paul indicated that Kaye P. and Tim O. will handle R&R changes. They are expected to be completed by the end of the year.
4. **Youth Council - Nationals:** Kaye P. reported that Nationals are scheduled for April 3 thru 7, 2024. A proposal was made at Congress to change over time to 3on3 play for 10 minutes followed by a shootout. Hosts will pay 300 the USAH per team. Tier 1 - 130 will have 12 a team format at Nationals. Applications are currently being accepted for National hosts for 2025. Girl's Council had its first meeting at Congress.
5. **Discipline/Hearing Status and FAQ:** John K. summarized the number and nature of hearings his committee has dealt with over the past year. He reviewed his report that is on the Mid Am website. John reported that most supplemental discipline reports were related to hateful language-related issues. Match penalty resolutions took an average of 4 days. Kaye added a plea for organizations to monitor and curb social media abuse.

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**6. Section Reports (Posted at [www.midamhockey.com](http://www.midamhockey.com))**

- **Registration:** Keith K submitted a written report. He highlighted that USAH and MidAm registration numbers are near pre-pandemic values. Keith will be holding Zoom training for registrars. Rostering requires screening and SS training. Screening is for a year, and SS training is for one year.
  - **Safe Sport:** Murray reported that he is developing a plan to bring more local SS people into his process. He plans on having training in September. He submitted a report. He highlighted that MidAm has the largest number of SS reports but added that he believes a lot of the reports probably aren't SS issues. He also indicated social media, web page threats, and locker room abuses are problematic.
  - **Coaching:** Bill S. summarized his written report. He discusses the posting of clinics.
  - **Officiating:** Jim W. summarized his written report. He highlighted changes in the referee program at USAH. Mid Am will be hosting a level 3-4 clinic. Also, seminars lengths will be reduced.
  - **Girls Women:** Ladd W summarized the highlights of his report. He indicated that MidAm is the fastest growing girls/women's in USAH. We had 4% growth. Ladd indicated that the North Pittsburgh Wildcats received the Girls Growth Leadership Award.
  - **High School:** Kathy S summarized the highlights of her report. HS Nationals will be March 20 thru 24 in Philly, and that they are expanding girls participation.
  - **Disabled:** Renee L summarized the highlights of her report. She indicated that the section has new leadership. Registration numbers are rebounding from pre-Covid levels.
  - **Select Programs/Tryouts:** Tom C. summarized his online report.
  - **State Reports:** Reports are online.
  - **Billeting:** Paul D. reported that billeting is becoming a problem across the country and is coming under scrutiny.
  - **Hearing Procedure FAQ:** Paul D. discussed and emphasized that hearings must follow the process outlined in the annual guide.
  - **America's Showcase:** Kathy S. USA high school is looking at two applications, Dallas and St. Louis.
- 7. Roger Sharrer Awards:** Kathy S. discussed the basis of the award and provided the background of her father. She reported that 31 requests had been received, and 23 were

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approved. The total amount approved was \$61,000. Kathy's report is posted online. Kathy will be contacting recipients.

**8. Elections: Keith announced the winners of the online-based elections**

- **President:** Paul Day
- **Secretary:** Biff Cummings
- **Director:** Kaye Pinkowski
- **PA State:** Chris Stern
- **IN State:** Doug Losure
- **OH State:** Dave Caroso and ADM coordinator
- **Appointments:**
  - Paul announced that Howard Smith was appointed the new DEI Coordinator, replacing Gui Bradshaw.
  - Paul announced that Jim Black was appointed to PA State VP take the remainder of Rich Hixon's term.
  - Roger Walland was appointed as KY State VP
  - Dave Caruso was appointed ADM Coordinator

**9. Playing Rule Changes:** John K. reviewed proposed rule changes that will be voted on in Jan. 2024

**10. Old/New Business**

John K. made a motion to adjourn. Roy D. seconded. The Board voted to approve. The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 am.

Meeting minutes by Biff Cummings