

MID AM DISTRICT MEETING NOTES DECEMBER 2, 2023

CALL-IN MEETING: Mid Am Districts (District) Meeting was held via Zoom conference call. The meeting was called to order Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 8:08 am EST, by President Paul Day. Twenty-four members attended virtually.

1. **Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the June 2023 meeting minutes. Tom C. made the motion, and Tom G. seconded. The Board voted to approve. A decision was made to issue monthly meeting call-in notes. The notes should include essential items only.
2. **Treasurer Report:** Tom G. reviewed the treasurer's report. He indicated that we are in a solid financial position. Tom reported that we still have the \$300k CD that will come to term in weeks. There was a discussion about setting up funding for individual programs. Tom C. motioned to approve Tom's report, and Roy D seconded. The Board voted to approve. Tim O. motioned to have the Executive Committee decide on money management issues. Gui seconded. The Board voted to approve.
3. **Registration:** Keith K was present. He submitted a written report. He summarized that we are slightly ahead of where we were last year. Keith reported that automatic red-lining is currently in place. He added that a red-lined coach would need to be re-rostered to be reinstated.
4. **Youth Council:** Paul reported that they have a lot on their agenda, including billeting, prep schools, national tournaments, and associated costs.
5. **Web Site:** Paul led a discussion about the potential to use an outside developer to manage the web page. Several folks suggested that we move away from Sports Engine. Tim suggested we contact other affiliates about what they are using and managing their sites. Others offered that we need an individual to manage content. Paul offered to seek info from other affiliates at the Winter Meeting.
6. **Girls' Women:** Ladd W reported that private rink identities are impacting girls' development programs. The programs are taking girls out of PAHL. Keith added that this problem is cyclical. He suggested limiting the number of Tier II girls teams that go to Districts. He also suggested we limit the areas that girls can come from.

Ladd also mentioned that the Girls Council is dealing with issues with academies/residencies.
7. **Safe Sport:** Paul reported for Murray S. He indicated that Murry submitted a written report. We currently have three matters at the Center right now. One has been there for over a year.
8. **Disabled:** Renee L. summarized the highlights of her report. There are a lot of good things going on.
9. **Selects:** Tom C. summarized his written report. Planning for next summer's activities are in process. Tom suggested that May 10 and 11 would be a good weekend for holding our Spring planning meeting in Toledo.

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- 10. District Dates:** The District needs to have contact and rink information for District and States to be held March 7 through March 10. Districts are in PA. Nationals will be held from April 3 through April 7. 18U Tier 2 Nationals will be held in Delmont this year. Paul added that any Mid Am sponsored events must be run through the District finances.
- 11. Bid for Level 5 Coaching Clinic in Mid Am (Pittsburgh or Columbus 2025).** Paul reported we have a bid in to host. It will be held in late June 2025. Jim W. indicated that an officials' clinic might be nearby.
- 12. Adult Council:** Tom C. provided a written report.
- 13. USAH Rules Committee:** John K. reported that at the Winter Meetings, the Committee will propose mandatory neckguards at all levels.
- 14. Coaching:** Bill S. summarized his written report. He suggested MidAm consider hosting the Level 5 coaching clinic in 2025. Dave C. also presented a summary of the USAH initiative to develop USA goalies.
- 15. Officiating:** Jim W. summarized his written report. He indicated we will need to import and board referees for Districts and States this year.
- 16. Risk Management:** Mark Zukowski provided a written report.
- 17. DEI:** Paul D. indicated that he appointed Howard Smith as the District's new DEI Director.
- 18. High School:** Kathy S summarized the highlights of her report.
- 19. State Reports:** Written reports were provided.
- 20. New Associations Applications:**
 - **Indiana Association:** Roy D. presented a preliminary application. More details will be provided later.
- 21. Player Safety:** Shena Link reported on what is going on Nationally. MidAm is doing well processing return-to-play forms.
- 22. Publication on Suspensions:** Paul recommended we post suspensions on the District's web page. John K. suggested that we just post match penalties and not single-game suspensions not be posted. This will be voted on at the next meeting.
- 23. Next Meeting:** Next call-in meeting will be on Thursday, January 18, 2024.
- 24. USAH:** Paul updated the Board on USAH finances. He indicated that all groups are within budget. He also indicated that there were discussions about tying future increases to the cost of living.

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Attendance (in no particular order): The following attended in person: Paul Day, Roy Davis, Lori Billings, Tim O'Shaughnessy, Dave Caruso, Tom Gawlik, Biff Cummings, John Karolcik, JD Hobbs, Keith Kenitzer, Ladd Wagner, Chris Stern, Jim Black, Kaye Pinkowski, Jim Weaver, Tom Cline, Howard Smith, Gui Bradshaw, Michelle Miller, Renee Loftspring, Doug Losure, Jim Smith, Kathy Santora, and Murray Stall.

Roy D. made a motion to adjourn. Tim O. seconded. The Board voted to approve. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am.

Meeting minutes by Biff Cummings