

## MN Special Hockey

2/12/2024

Zoom meeting

Members in attendance: Holly Tchida, Kay Morris, Brock Buckellew, Keith Kloubec, Alicia Acken, Amanda Reed, Scott Foley, Jane Cashin, Linda Rogentine, Cathy Carter, Jen Lynch, Jared Wieseler, and Tom Schuneman. Absent: Tia Graves and Toni Gillen.

Secretary's Report: Motion made, seconded, and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: (a) January split the pot winner has not been paid yet. (b) Holly will send an invoice to Linda for the USA V. Canada women's game. (c) Linda will create a new line item for jackets. This will separate the jackets from the uniforms. (d) Scott has summer skate funds to get to Linda. Scott will deposit it and get the details to Linda. (e) Scott will let Tom know if there is more funds to collect from summer skates. (f) Linda has submitted all the tax forms. (g) There was a check issue with old TCF checks. That has been resolved. (h) Linda must deliver large checks to the bank. It is not an easy process. Jane is willing to bring those checks to the bank. (i) Motion made, seconded, and approved as written.

Toni's Report: emailed by Toni.

In addition from the USA meetings:

1. No fee increases. We are working on a proposal to have a different fee structure for diversified hockey, so it will be discussed and we are hoping for reduced fees. Stay tuned.
2. We discussed and reinforced the rule that no wheelchairs, manual or power, are allowed on the ice at any time. This applies to practices, games, and scrimmages.
3. RFP's will be going out for future events. Disabled fest is no longer and event. Sled and Warrior Nationals will be held in the spring. Blind, special, warrior, and NHL sled classics in the fall. Looking for regional events for blind, special and deaf for the spring.
4. Due to delayed construction, we will not hold nationals here in 2026. We will bid for other events.
5. Upcoming events can be found in the USA hockey website.

1. Hockey without limits on Sunday
2. Diversified night with the wild 3/10
3. Neck guards will be mandated for next season. More to come after June mtg.
4. Received scholarship winner. Thank you
5. Next special classic mtg 2/29 at 6pm

(a) Kay will email Toni about roles for MSH athletes at diversified hockey night. (b) We might have a table there as well. (c) Kay, Holly, Cathy, Tom, and Amanda are willing to help the event.

(d) November 15-17,2024 is the classic in MN. MSH will host a social event that weekend. We are looking for sponsors for the event. HF is willing to sponsor/help. (E) If you would like to help, join the zoom meeting. (f) Exceptions for neck guards will be discussed in June. Tom will send an email to Toni with concerns. Tracheotomy and sensory issues. (g) Are our players over 18 required to wear neck guards? Are we considered a youth league? Is that why we require all athletes to wear full cages? (h) We need Toni to clarify the questions above.

Season Update: (a) A player was removed from MSH. There was a behavior plan in place for 1.5 years. The safety of other players was compromised. (b) There used to be a committee for player behavior. If anyone is interested, contact Amanda. (c) Players need to be removed if there is any violence. (d) Amanda will let coaches know behavior plans can be set up for players. A Google drive could be set up so all coaches can see players that are on a plan. This could be beneficial for jamboree games. (e) Amanda will review what our behavior plans look like and add communication and prevention guidelines. (f) There was a conduct issue within a family last weekend. Jane will reach out to Dad to discuss concerns over the behavior. Jane will let the coaches know she spoke with the family. (g) Coaches are encouraged to spotlight good behaviors and achievements on the ice.

Apparel: (a) Cathy will bring apparel to Alexandria. Cash only. We don't have a cube. (b) Do we make any money off apparel?

Festival: (a) 43 players going. 3 teams (2B, 1C). (b)Hotels are booked, Tia is working on the bus once we have arrived. (c) Tom will talk to Brock regarding rules and play in Boston.

Alexandria Jamboree: (a) 110 registered players. (b) Tom will talk to Dale about the pizza party. MSH board approved pizza for the athletes plus 1 guest.

Volunteer scholarship: (a) Spread the word through social media and the newsletter. Include qualifications. (b) April 15 is the deadline, and the board will vote at the May meeting. (c) Amanda will look at the questions on the application and modify as needed. Also adding references or letters of recommendations. (d) Amanda will email managers and coaches specifically for the scholarship. (e) A motion was made to fund 2 scholarships for \$500.00, seconded and approved. (f) Scholarships must be paid to an institution, not an individual.

Summer Skates: (a) Lakeville Sundays July 28 through August. (b) St. Louis Park will start in October and have 2 hours per day. (c) Tom will reach out to St. Cloud and see if they are interested in organizing a clinic.

Summer picnic: (a) Edina location July 28. Jane will make a reservation for the park. (b) Ask Alexandria, St. Cloud and Brainerd to see who would like to host.

Agenda item for March regarding buses arriving 2 hours early for games.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kay Morris, Secretary