

OCTOBER 2023 MSHA BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes 10/12/2023

In attendance: President Eric Sabers, Board members: Ben Grenier (VP), Heidi Kludt (Sec), Steve Laufman, Jeremy Puetz, Tyler Graham, Mark Vaughan, Lindi Rauscher, Mark Johnson, Randy Zoss, Josh Gebhart, and David Hatwan. Also, in attendance was Lori Goldammer (Treasurer), Sonya Puetz, Kris Polreis (Coaching Director), Mark Zens (State Representative), and Stacy Murtha (Adult League Coordinator).

Quorum Met: Yes

- Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm at MAC Media Room by President Eric Sabers.
- Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of adding a Bantm 3rd tournament request to New Business by Tyler, 2nd by Lindi. Motion carried all voted aye.
- Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Tyler, 2nd by Jeremy. Motion carried all voted aye.
- Public input
 - Concern was brought to the board's attention from Sonya Puetz regarding issues that may come to the hockey season following the Post 18 baseball issues and how the board will handle it. President Eric explained they have already spoke at the state meeting and asked for help from all associations and the Referee in Cheif. They all agreed and will take it back to their associations.
 - Sonya also reported Siouxland Sled Hockey is the senior's pick for the second beneficiary of Pink the Rink funds raised.
 - Stacy Murtha reported there are several Mitchell Technical College signing up for the adult league this year. He gave history on the league and that they are separate from the MSHA Association but work together. Lori Goldammer explained how the registrar worked with USA Hockey and issues we had in the past with the adult league registering with USA Hockey and not having a team listed with them. President Eric reported he was working with legal to help the Adult League get liability issues cleared up. Stacy and Eric will work the details out and research what money was prepaid last year per team for 2024-2025 ice expense.

President's Report (Eric)

- Blue Line Club is hiring two MTC students to help with marketing to alumni members.
- Registration Stats for Oct 2023 vs 2022-2023 were reviewed for each level.
 - 8U – 45
 - Squirt – 25
 - Peewee – 21
 - Girls 14U – 19
 - Bantam – 17
 - Girls Varsity -13
 - Boys JV/Varsity – 25 Total = 165

Treasurer's Report (Lori)

- Financials were reviewed.
- Tyler discussed new sponsors coming on and a couple that need to be invoiced.
- 15U Tournament payments received were discussed.
- Venmo is now an option but fees will be an issue. Discussion was had on how to handle and when to offer it.

SDAHA Delegate Report (Mark Z)

- SDAHA Board fall meeting recap given.
- Answered any questions regarding Sioux Falls withdrawal from SQ/PW/BA for 2023-2024 season.
- New SDAHA Subcommittee was created with a rep from several local associations, V.P. French, and Sec. Scheel to work with Sioux Falls regarding their withdraw and how to improve the relationship.

Old Business

- Bylaw Amendment Proposal reviewed- Booster Fundraising & Disbursements: This would be for Varsity levels only....Money would be in separate checking accounts owned by the Association with authorized signers for each account. Receipts would need to be provided for all purchases and given to the Treasurer each month to reconcile the accounts. New accounts will need to be opened once authorized signers have been approved by the board.
Motion was made to approve the Fundraising Rules Bylaw Amendment Proposal as written by Tyler, 2nd by Mark V. Motion carried all voted aye.

New Business

- Handbook Amendment Proposal – Physicals Policy
 - Discussion was had regarding the need for physicals and when they were added to the handbook and why. This proposal has been tabled for more clarification on the history of the policy. Board will ask Jackie – Player Safety Coordinator to research the need for the policy and provide clarification to the board.
- Concessions vending machine purchase request:
 - Proposal for a used concession vending machine was presented for \$450. This machine can be purchased from D&E Vending. D&E will help with set up and configuring the machine. Board agreed this is what we were looking for and approved the purchase of the machine to be taken out of the concession stand supply budget. No vote was needed.
 - New vending machine will go under the LiveBarn TV in the waiting area while the new pop machine will go in the Innovative lobby. The donated air hockey machine will be switched to receiving quarters and the final location is undetermined. A crane machine and ATM machine will possibly be coming in also as these are all fundraisers for the Association at no cost.
 - Howies hockey supply quote proposal for \$1,963.78 was reviewed again since we now have a vending machine secured. In order to get the best discounts a larger order is needed.

Board approved the purchase of the hockey supplies for the vending machine as proposed knowing this would last a couple years and will come from the concession stand supply budget. No vote was needed.

- Bantam requested an exemption on the number of tournaments a team can participate in due to the lack of a state tournament for them as they would like to attend a 3rd tournament.

Motion was made to approve the Bantam team to attend a 3rd tournament with the parents being invoiced for the tournament fees and will be split between all rostered players on the Bantam team by Steve, 2nd by Randy. Motion carried as all voted aye.

Committee Reports:

- **Buildings** (Mark V)
 - New lights will be installed and the opening in the wall will be covered in the Skate sharpening room.
 - Lockers are currently being built for the next lockers rooms to receive them.
 - Paint is needed as they would like to paint the walls in some areas around the rinks.
 - The floor in the visitor's bench will be replaced soon.
 - The Innovative roof is leaking in 5 spots and the ice on the Innovative rink is bad along the boards with large gaps between the ice and the boards.
- **Coaching** (Kris P)
 - New coach applications were presented for board approval. It was decided to take this topic to Executive Session.
 - Ashton Reimnitz will no longer be a paid coach as his commitments have changed and will not be able to make practices but is willing to help on some weekends for games if needed and will be reimbursed for travel expenses according to the policy.
 - Comments were made about the coaching application and the need for updates to it.
- **Culture** (Ben)
 - Ben provided highlights of their activities – DWU parade had 17 players participate, Try Hockey had 32 on the ice participating, Pucks & Ponytails had 21 on the ice participating, Powerplay Hockey Camp has 40 players participated with 30 from Mitchell, 6 from Huron, and 4 from Yankton. They are also planning an Alumni Game for Thanksgiving weekend.

(David Hatwan left the meeting at 8:58pm)

- **Executive** (Eric) – 3 MSHA scholarship applications were approved for a total of \$970.
- **Financial Development** (Heidi)
 - Spirit Wear just completed their first order for the season with 202 items sold and a fundraising contribution of \$507. They will have a few more times in the season to order

more spirit wear while adding different items. New logo and 30th Anniversary logo were a hit.

- **Governance** (Steve) – Background checks and board member registrations was discussed and reviewed.
- **Programs** (Eric) – Reviewed minutes from 10/03/2023 meeting
- **Executive Session :**
 - An executive session was request by Eric Sabers at 9:11pm.
Motion was made to go into Executive Session by Steve, 2nd by Josh.
Motion was made to end Executive Session at 9:41pm by Ben, 2nd by Mark V.
Motions carried all voted aye.
 - New coach applications were as followed:
 - Motion was made by Steve, 2nd by Josh to hire Riley Brennen as the Bantam Assistant coach at a rate of \$1,515. Motion carried all voted aye.
 - Motion was made by Steve, 2nd by Mark V to hire Manuel Guevara as an 8U coach for Dibs. Motion carried all voted aye.
 - Motion was made by Lindi, 2nd by Tyler to hire Bri Prickett as an 8U coach for Dibs. Motion carried all voted aye.
 - Motion was made by Tyler, 2nd by Steve to hire Sara Thuringer as an 8U coach for Dibs. Motion carried all voted aye.
 - Motion was made by Steve, 2nd by Josh to hire Josh Enquist as an 8U coach for Dibs, motion failed with 3 voting in favor and 7 voting against.
- **Information/Discussion**
 - Player Transfer Policy for First Year Skater Registration Program was discussed. This program was created for 1st year skaters and not transfer skaters. This policy will be reviewed by Steve and brought back to the November meeting for discussion.
 - November Board meeting will be Tuesday 11/7/2023 - 6:30pm @ MSHA Ice Rink due to a conflict on the normal scheduled date.
- Motion to adjourn at 9:53 pm by Tyler, second by Lindi. Motion carried all voted aye.