

# MISSOURI HOCKEY, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## September 25, 2024

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chris Durso, Scott Smith, Tom Woolf, Pat Culiberk, Charlie Busenhart, Bob Howenstein, Mike Rynes, Craig Ragland, Chris Peterson, Julie Jordan, Tim Deimeke, Goran Petric.

**NON-VOTING PRESENT:** Deb Hellwig, Teresa Jenkins, Joe Kalin.

### **MINUTES**

Meeting called to order by Chris Durso at 7:04 p.m. with a quorum present.

1. **Safesport Report.** Chris Durso indicated that he was in the process of finalizing our contract with independent contractor, Chris Gray to handle our Safesport issues. He hopes to have the contract signed by October 1, 2024.
2. **Player Development Report.** Chris Durso reports that the ice for this season's camp has been booked.
3. **Player Safety Report.** Teresa Jenkins reports that she has a meeting with the district safety coordinator, Jerry Kennedy, on October 5, 2024, at which time he will explain her role as affiliate player safety coordinator to her. Jerry has sent approximately 30 PDF files to Tom Woolf that he wants posted on our website.
4. **Youth Division Report.** Scott Smith reports that the declaration season is now under way. The first games were played last weekend. There were still 15 teams not fully registered. The regular season will begin the first weekend in November.
5. **Mid States High School Report.** October 22, 2024 they will have their general membership meeting scheduled. They have nothing from the UGHL (girls league) at this point. They will need to declare for high school nationals by the first weekend in November.
6. **MVCHA High School Report.** Mike Rynes reports that they have the schedule loaded on their website. Mike will contact Edwardsville to determine their interest in Nationals this year. Other than that, they are ready to go.
7. **Disabled/Special Hockey Report.** Tim Deimeke reports that he is still working on grants and the issue was tabled until next month.
8. **MIHOA.** Joe Kalin reports that seminars are wrapping up. Mentor program is getting going. They have over 700 games in September, so it is looking like another very busy season. Joe has sent out the game reporting policy to the officials and it is on their website. Joe feels that the multiple web addresses will be confusing, and we should consider streamlining the process. He feels that one link would be more successful. Tom Woolf will test the current system and report back.
9. **Prior Minutes.** All members have been sent a copy of the minutes from the last meeting. Motion by Scott Smith, second by Tim Deimeke to approve the minutes as written. Motion passes by vote of 11-0-1.

10. **Registrars Report.** Deb Hellwig reports that we currently have 8,874 players and coaches registered (up 149) and 12,249 total members plus unclaimed (up 201). Our number of teams is 534 which includes board rosters. Edwardsville wants to do an adult league which used to be the league that operated out of East Alton rink.
11. **Treasurer's Report.** Tom Woolf reports that the Affiliate and Special Activities accounts both balanced/reconciled to the 8/30/24 statements. Main account balance is \$367,557.62. Special Activities account balance to date is \$57,023.67. The Affiliate CD balance is \$205,032.57. Festival CD balance is \$51,258.14. The bills for electric, phone and internet have been paid for August 2024. A transfer of registration fees was received from USA Hockey for the 24-25 season on 8/28/24 for \$20,226.00 (2,242 members) and on 9/11/24 for \$7,920.00 (880 members). Year to date total fee is \$76,741.00 for 8,509 pad members. The invoice for our Business Insurance policy from Liberty Mutual was received. Our premium went up approximately \$700 (approximately 25% increase). Tom made a partial payment, and he will go out looking for other bids and report back. Motion to approve treasurers report by Scott Smith, second by Charlie Busenhart. Motion passes by vote of 12-0-0.
12. **Web Site Report.** Tom Woolf reports that all is going well. He will be working on getting the PDF's regarding player safety that he received from Jerry Kennedy up on the web site.
13. **Rules & Disciplinary Report.** Pat Culiberk reports that the number of issues is down recently and that all have been handled to date. He has a very good committee, however, Paul Zimmerman will not be staying on.
14. **ADM Report.** Pat Culiberk reports that we are looking at a December ADM visit which will include a skating clinic.
15. **Old Business-Officiating Committee.** The committee is wrapping up and we will get a tentative document/ proposal soon.
16. **Next Meeting:** October 23, 2024.

There being no further business to transact, motion to adjourn by Pat Culiberk, second by Tim Deimeke. Passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted;

*Larry H. Hellwig*

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