

MISSOURI HOCKEY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 30, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Culiberk, L. Hellwig, Sivcovich, Smith, Greenbury, Deaver, Emerick, Busenhart, Sanderson, Durso, Woolf, D. Hellwig, Ney

ABSENT: Hayes, Boyd, Baker, Deimeke, Bumb, Dos Santos, Deidrich

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by Pat Culiberk at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Prior Meeting Minutes.** Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed by all present. Edit #3 – National Tournament – delete Motion to allow Lloyd/Laural to run it... change to Motion to allow Lloyd/Lance to run it... Also, edit Members Present adding Scott Smith as present not absent. Motion to accept modifications as written was made by Charlie Busenhart, second by Scott Smith. Minutes were approved by vote of 6-0-3.
2. **Registrar Report.** We currently have 11,036 total members, 8,230 coaches and players registered. We have 2,125 unclaimed players. There will not be a fee increase per USA Hockey. The Adult Leagues are starting, we should see an increase in player registration. Jordan Valley in Springfield are getting players registered.
3. **National Tournament.** Lloyd reports that things are moving along. Half of the teams will not know they are in until April 15. Massachusetts will not have a state tournament. The Hotels have been secured. Bruce Urban from USA Hockey will be here for the event.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Everything is status quo. Received payments from USA Hockey which takes us up to the end of January. No statement has been received for money invested with the USA Hockey Foundation. The cost for office renovation was about \$9,600 to \$9,700. Renovation is complete and everything has been moved back into the office.
5. **Possible Rule Changes.** 4 penalties (rather than 5) in game will result in a game misconduct. In addition, 3-4 penalties by one player in a game will get game ejection (misconduct). Rule 411 may now follow coaches as well as players. 5/15 rule as to coach getting game misconduct may well change to 4/12.
Sponsorship of Hall of Fame Golf Tournament. Motion made to sponsor the Hall of Fame Golf Tournament as he have done for years, in the amount of \$950, made by Larry Sanderson, second by Larry Hellwig. Approved by vote of 10-0-0.
6. **Website.** We are currently advertising at two Texas Roadhouse locations. We have had 12 hits on our site but no registrations as yet. A page for electronic filing of appeals is being put on the website. It will allow payment for the appeal online by credit card. This should greatly simplify appeals in the future.
7. **CEP.** Nothing to report.
8. **ADM.** Someone will be in town from USA Hockey in August or September to put on the annual presentation.
9. **Safesport.** A lot of work goes into this position and the requirements for reporting from USA Hockey are tedious. We need to consider a proposal to pay the person who has this position. Pat suggested a fee - \$3,000.00. This position involves time consuming investigation and writing

of reports. Not a popular position. Midwest pays \$5,000.00 per year for this position. AHA probably pays more. We need to find that out. Discussion to continue.

10. **Player Development.** Will be held April 9-11. Chris Durso reports that 177 players are registered. Evaluation staff in place and ready to go.
11. **Youth Division.** Blue Note Championship came off without a hitch. No big crowds like we had in the past due to COVID restrictions. Jamborees for 6U and 8U were added this year. They were popular but have increased the costs. Will need to find ways to pay for this.
Teams going to Nationals are:
14U – St. Louis Eagles
16U – Affton Americans
18U – Chesterfield Falcons
19U – St. Louis Lady Blues
14U – Lady Cyclones
18U – Car Shield
There were no COVID issues this year regarding the qualification of teams.
Central States Update – 9U may be coming next year. This is still in discussion. There is a feeling that this may not be appropriate for this level of competition. This is very likely being proposed because AAU pulling kids away from USA Hockey at the young ages. The Central States League is saying that if you don't put 9U team in then in you will not be guaranteed a team at other levels. The following rinks currently have AAU teams – Maryville, South County, St. Peters. Board members feel there is room for discussion as to format.
Tier I/Girls Issue – Car Shield wants a 16U girls' team. AAA Blues already have a team. We do not have the number of players necessary per the USA Hockey Tier I formula. With that being the case, our local Tier I committee can only send the request along to USA Hockey - Youth Council for consideration of an exception. It is basically left up to USA Hockey to determine if they get a team or not. It is for an additional team. Car Shield claims that they are not trying to take the Lady Blues' team. Motion made for Pat to submit the application for Tier I Girls 16U with a cover letter to the effect that the affiliate feels that we have insufficient numbers per the USA Hockey guidelines. The motion was made by Larry Sanderson, seconded by Lloyd Ney. Motion passed 6-1-4. Pat will write a letter and submit to board members for review.
12. **Referees.** No Report.
13. **Mid States High School.** Final Championship Game was on TV and done very well. There was a loss of \$140,000 for the Season due to COVID and its fan restrictions. Families were pleased with what was put on though.
14. **MVCHA High School.** Illinois is now open and they are putting on a Tournament which is going well. May 24th is the end date.
15. **Girls/ Women.** Central District Tryout is April 9-11. There will be a lot of new development opportunities for girls this Summer.
16. **Adults.** No report.
17. **September.** By-Laws – Pat will resend the latest draft to the members for review. To approve we will need to have a special By-Law Meeting. Meeting date needs to be sent out to members 14 days prior to meeting. Need 2/3 membership to vote on approval of new By-Laws.
18. **Next Meeting.** April 28, 2021.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

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Secretary, Missouri Hockey, Inc.