

DECEMBER 2023 MSHA BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes 12/14/2023

In attendance: President Eric Sabers, Board members: Ben Grenier (VP), Heidi Kludt (Sec), Mark Vaughan, Mark Johnson, Randy Zoss, Lindi Rauscher, Jeremy Puetz, and Josh Gebhart.

Also, in attendance was Mark Zens (State Representative), Lori Goldammer (Treasurer), Lana Loken, Nick Lemke (Boy's JV/Varsity Coach), Jesse Schlimgen, Tim Reitzel, Megan Sabers, Katie Strand, and Sonya Puetz.

Quorum Met: Yes

- Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm at MAC Media Room by President Eric Sabers.
- Motion to approve the agenda by Randy, 2nd by Josh Motion carried all voted aye.
- Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Mark J., 2nd by Jeremy . Motion carried all voted aye.
- Public Input –
 - Katie Strand talked about the Culture we want to portray for the Mitchell Marlins and the issues that have happened this year regarding comments made verbally and in writing to multiple referees on and off the ice including personal attacks.
 - Sonya Puetz talked about the issues they are seeing with the Boy's JV and Varsity teams with harassment from other teams and crowds regarding the Mitchell Baseball incident and how it has affected the teams and parents. They would like advice on how to protect the teams from this behavior. Eric provided an update on what has happened so far between the different associations from an administrative side and asked parents to complete and turn in incident reports so this behavior can be documented by witnesses. SDAHA Incident reports should be completed for away events and MSHA Incident reports for anything that would happen in Mitchell. Lana, Nick, Jesse, Megan, and Tim also spoke regarding the same topic.
 - Lana Loken talked about the player safety and how can we help to train the referees to control the game and make more consistent calls. There is so much variability between games depending on how the referees are calling the game. Players are getting hurts on the ice. South Dakota needs to do a better job at training the referees, so they understand all aspects of the game. She asked that the board consider putting a proposal together to take to the State Board meeting. South Dakota needs to find ways to improve the quality of our referees as other states are doing a much better job.
 - Tim Reitzel asked about alumni coming through the player door in the back and standing around the back ice near the player's locker rooms and what our policy or process is. Changes will be coming with limiting the player door to only players and having all others coming through the front doors and giving limiting access to the back area near the locker rooms to authorized people only.

President's Report (Eric)

- Tyler Graham has resigned from the MSHA Board due to personal reasons.
- SDAHA items –
 - Explanation was given regarding the recent suspensions.
 - Three video reviews were sent in to SDAHA and all were denied.
 - Only the Head Coaches are authorized to report player stats or scoresheet corrections after the game has completed to SDAHA. The President, Board members, or parents are not authorized to make these request to SDAHA.
 - The scoresheets must be signed by all coaches on the benches prior to the game starting to verify the rosters. Scorekeeper and Referees will sign after the game has been completed. Disputes about scoresheets should be handled at the scoring booth at the completion of the game, otherwise head coaches can contact the SDAHA executive director following the game as noted in the previous item.
 - The Mezzanine has been closed to all by the city due to the repeated damage that is happening in the area.

Treasurer's Report (Lori)

- Financials were reviewed. Motion to approve the November Financials Report by Randy, 2nd by Ben. Motion carried all voted aye.
- Booster Club account should be available very soon with CorTrust and all authorized signers will need to go in and sign the cards.
- ACH payment process is going well with the coaches.
- Reviewed fundraising chart showing budgeted goals and actual numbers in all fundraisers.
- A projected cash flow was reviewed for the year. It is projecting we will be short approximately \$12,401 by April 30th. We do have one CD with CorTrust that will mature in March and will need to be cashed.
- Adult Hockey – Motion was made to pay the Lucky Devils Adult League \$1,520.75 for the budgeted amount for the fall Adult Hockey Ice by Mark V, 2nd by Jeremy. Motion carried all voted aye.
- The glass in one of the Toshiba doors was replaced due to a player breaking it. The parents of the player will be invoiced for the amount spent repairing the door.

SDAHA Delegate Report (Mark Z)

- Mark has received calls from other associations' State Representatives regarding the behavior of Mitchell players and spectators on and off the ice. This behavior must change, and we are not setting the correct culture or representation for the Mitchell Marlins.
- No response was received regarding the questions that was sent out to all associations about available medical staff or what procedures each association has available for medical help if needed. Coaches should be prepared with supplies as none may be available on away games.

Old Business

- Handbook Amendment Proposal – Physicals Policy reviewed and discussed. This will be tabled to get more answers on the liability from legal counsel if the policy is removed.

New Business

- None

Committee Reports:

- Buildings Report (Mark V) – 14U and BJV locker rooms (A & 5) have been painted and will have partitions installed soon.
- Coaching (Kris P) – None
- Culture Committee (Ben) – (Meeting held 12/07/23) - Meeting minutes were reviewed. The committee has a couple of new people that have recently joined. They have had a lot of success with their events.
- Executive Committee (Eric) – None
- Financial Development (Heidi) – (Meeting held 12/12/23) - Gun raffle has less than 75 tickets left to sell, Spirit Wear just closed their 2nd order for the year, Scrip needs help with a go-to person for the lower levels to help with the fundraiser communication and training, PTR has \$4,200 in sponsorship and 25 baskets for raffle, online bidding will start soon, presented a new fundraiser idea and the details called 30 cash prizes in 30 minutes raffle which can be tied into the Adult League Tournament.
- Governance Committee (Steve) – Discussion was had regarding the current disciplinary process. Input was given regarding suggestions to improve it with more clarification on the steps.
- Programs Committee (open) – (Meeting held 12/05/23) – Locker room monitors for the girl's locker rooms were discussed. They have requested additional dibs for the hours put in. The board have decided at this time to leave the dibs as approved prior.

Executive Session

- An executive session was request by Eric Sabers at 10:01 pm. Motion was made to go into Executive Session by Mark J, 2nd by Ben. Motion was made to end Executive Session at 11:27 pm by Ben, 2nd by Jeremy. Motions carried all voted aye. No further action taken.

Information/Discussion

- January Board meeting will be Thursday 1/11/2023 - 6:30pm @ MSHA Ice Rink

Motion to adjourn at 11:28 pm by Jeremy, second by Ben. Motion carried all voted aye.