

**MISSOURI HOCKEY, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**JANUARY 27, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Culiberk, Boyd, L. Hellwig, Sivcovich, Smith, Greenbury, Deaver, Baker, Emerick, Busenhart, Sanderson, Durso, Woolf, D. Hellwig, Kalin

**ABSENT:** Hayes, Ney, Deimeke, Bumb, Dos Santos, Deidrich

**MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order by Pat Culiberk at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Appeal.** Fox player accused of making ethnic slur. Used the term “Asian”. A three-man R & D committee heard the matter and suspended the player for the remainder of the season. The player appealed. Player's mother appeared and argued for the player. He is senior. He said “watch out for the Asian”. Motion by Scott Smith that the R & D Committee ruling was excessive and the suspension be reduced to time served (4 games) and he would be released to resume all team activities. Second by Bill Baker. Passed by vote of 8-0-3.
2. **Last Meeting Minutes.** Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed by all present. Motion to accept as written was made by Charlie Busenhart, second by Larry Boyd. Minutes were approved by vote of 9-0-0.
3. **Registrar Report.** We currently have 8,115 coaches and players registered. Last year at this time we had 8,986 which means that our numbers are down by about 10% from last year. We have 1,540 unclaimed players which is also down from last season.
4. **National Tournament.** The dates are moved. We are waiting to get locations. There will be some new locations.
5. **Central District Tournament.** They are moved back to the week before Easter. Information on the web site. Player development, April 9-11. Will be moved from Orland Park. In addition, the girls camp is also April 9-11 and is moved to Wisconsin (Cornerstone Community Center). The games to games played numbers to qualify for nationals is 10/14 for girls and 7/14 for boys.
6. **Treasurer's Report.** Reports were sent out to membership. Currently we are about \$43,000 ahead from last year. Our office rent went up to \$1,030. This was the first time that the rent went up in years. Next year it will go up another \$30.00.
7. **Office Improvements.** The office was emptied and all contents were put in a pod that is in the parking lot. This is so the new floor can be installed. This should be completed soon and the place will look great. Karen's desk broke while it was being disassembled. Tom has purchased two 6-foot work stations.
8. **Website.** Tom is looking for new information to put up. He is working on a page which will describe appeal rules and procedures. Also, you will be able to pay appeal fees on line.
9. **Rules & Disciplinary.** We currently have one match penalty coming up for hearing.
10. **Referee Camp.** Tim Peel has offered to run a referee camp again this year. Last year it was cancelled due to COVID. He asked for the same \$3,500 commitment that we were going to make last year. Motion to approve by Scott Smith, second by Larry Sanderson. Vote was 11-0-0 to approve.
11. **Youth Division.** NTQ rules are the same as last year only the dates have been changed.

12. **Referees.** Joe reports that they are struggling to cover on weekends especially when there are tournaments in town.
13. **Mid States High School.** Playoffs start tomorrow night. The finals may still be at Scottrade Center. They are checking with the Blues on that.
14. **MVCHA High School.** There have been no changes to date in Illinois guidelines. There was a discussion on having games played in Missouri but the membership seems to prefer staying in Illinois and want to support the local rinks.
15. **Girls/ Women.** There is the potential for having the U-18 World Women's Championship in St. Louis in either January of 2022 or 2023.
16. **Blue Note Cup.** Scott Smith reports that the youth division would like the affiliate board to contribute \$13,000 to the tournament this year. The budget for the tournament is up this season. We have given \$5,000 in years past. This is a one time request. The Blues put in about \$13,500. Motion to approve \$13,000 for this season by Larry Sanderson, second by Dave Sivcovich. Motion is passed by vote of 11-0-0.
17. **Texas Roadhouse Advertising.** Tom has gotten the information requested regarding the Texas Roadhouse advertising that we have discussed in prior meetings. Scott Smith makes a motion to authorize up to \$15,000 for the program. Second by Charlie Busenhart. Passed by vote of 11-0-0.
18. **Next Meeting.** February 24, 2021.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

*Larry H. Hellwig*

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Secretary, Missouri Hockey, Inc.