

SEPTEMBER 2023 MSHA BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes 09/14/2023

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, and Josh Gebhart. Also, in attendance was Lori Goldammer (Treasurer), Nick Lemke, Kris Polreis (Coaching Director), Mark Zens (State Representative).

Quorum Met: Yes

- Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm at Blarney's by President Eric Sabers.
- Motion to approve the agenda by Steve, 2nd by Tyler. Motion carried all voted aye.
- Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Ben, 2nd by Randy . Motion carried all voted aye.
- Public input – None

President's Report (Eric)

- President Eric and Mark Zens attended the Northern Plains District conference in Deadwood. They reviewed a summary of the notes from the event with the board.
- Reminder volunteer registration is open: all board members, coaches, committee members, etc. will need to get registered now. Clarification was requested on the need for Safe sport training and background checks on positions that have no contact with children. Eric will get clarification from the state.
- US Olympic Sled Hockey team will be practicing in Mitchell January 17-20, 2024. This event has been organized by David Tronnes with the city. We may need to reschedule a few practices to accommodate the team. This event is open to the public to watch.
- Old Olympia has been picked up by Northern Hills Hockey and they may be interested in our old Innovative scoreboards.

Treasurer's Report (Lori)

- Financials were reviewed.
- CorTrust CD renewed this month.
- Registration numbers are in line with budgeted numbers, but dollars are lower due to discounts given for the third skater and 1st year skaters.
- Invoices have been sent for sign and Zamboni sponsors with many already paid.
- Eric questioned the discount code process and Lori explained how it works.
- The 8U sponsor invoice will be sent out. Looking at calling this sponsorship the Legacy Sponsorship.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Randy, second by Mark V. Motion carried all voted aye.

SDAHA Delegate Report (Mark Z)

- State Fall Meeting preview was given regarding changes proposed and some approved to the SDAHA By-Law 3.9 -Player Transfers, 3.1 Player Association Participation, and playing rule 4c – Team splits.
- Sioux Center has requested to play down from PeeWee A to B. Discussion was had
- MSHA has put in an application to play down from Bantam A to B. Discussion was had.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Motion was made to give President Eric permission to sign the 2023-2024 SDAHA Affiliate Agreement by Heidi, 2nd by Josh. Motion carried all voted aye.
- AF Fuzz Smith application is due October 31st. A written proposal was reviewed to update the official's locker room by adding 4 more lockers like the current ones in the room so we can have closer lockers and enough lockers for the girl's coaches to use this locker room. Three vendor quotes were reviewed. Motion was made to give permission for President Eric to complete the AF Fuzz Smith application requesting \$5,000 with the money to be used for the Locker room project proposed by Tyler, 2nd by Mark J. Motion carried all voted aye.
- Concessions Proposal – Eric presented a request to purchase 2 new 2nd generation Square Stand terminals with new iPads. Existing Square stand could be moved to the ticket booth for repurposing. This would provide two checkout stations with quicker card readers built into the terminals. Three vendor quotes were reviewed. After discussion it was determined the concession stand has funds available to purchase the Square Terminal upgrade replacements. Lowest bid was with Amazon for \$847.46 and RaiseRight gift cards could be used to earn extra money back.

Committee Reports

- **Buildings** (Mark V)
 - Skate sharpening room has been painted and has new counter tops with the old shelves removed.
 - We are unable to put a roof on the weight room due to the sprinklers in the building needing access to the inside of the room.
 - Flags will be updated with the American flag in the center of ice, Brandon Valley flag will go up and Marlins flag will be removed to allow room for the Brandon Valley flag.
 - The floors in the player benches are still needing to be looked out and replaced.
- **Coaching** (Kris P)
 - Parent coaches' reimbursement for motels was discussed as we had a parent assistant coach request it. Options were discussed as we have 5 coaches that are dual non-paid parent coaches with one level being at league level. Motion to provide motel reimbursement at team block price for any non-paid coach who coaches dual levels and one level is at league level (Pewee and up) by Tyler, 2nd by Mark V. Motion carried all voted aye.
 - New coach applications were presented for board approval. It was decided to take this topic to Executive Session.
- **Culture Committee** (Ben)
 - 23 skater have registered so far for the upcoming Skater Clinic with many coming from outside our association. We would like to see more local skaters registering for the clinic also.
 - We will have a float in the upcoming DWU homecoming parade.
 - Question was asked whether the Culture Committee was to oversee the Alumni game

Thanksgiving weekend or not?

- 1st Fridays on Main Street has been very successful with good turnouts and a few new players signing up from contact from this event.
- Roller Hockey had 3 events and cleared \$65. This event was a lot of fun.
- **Executive Committee** (Eric) – No report
- **Financial Development** (Heidi)
 - Question was asked on confirmation of the PTR dated as the coordinator has not been officially notified of the date for this year. Eric was going to confirm and reach out to the coordinator.
 - Update on the new vending machines was discussed.
 - Difficulties are being had recruiting a leader to coordinate a new fundraiser. Board was asked to help spread the word and help find someone in the association as we are challenged with coming up with one or multiple fundraisers to raise an additional \$12,000 to make the budget. This fundraiser is an addition to the 30 Guns in 30 Days fundraiser.
- **Governance Committee** (Steve) – No report
- **Programs Committee** (Eric)
 - See minutes from 09/05/2023 meeting:
 - Team Coordinators are finalized.
 - Forms Turn In is September 17th 4-7pm.
 - Discussion was had regarding the numbers we will have for Pee Wee level this year.
- **Executive Session:**
 - An executive session was requested by Eric Sabers at 9:08pm to discuss personnel. Motion was made to go into Executive Session by Ben, 2nd by Tyler inviting Nick Lemke and Kris Polreis to attend. Motion was made to end Executive Session at 10:00pm by Randy, 2nd by Mark V. Motions carried all voted aye.
 - Following the executive session, the new coach application considerations were as followed:
 - Motion was made by Steve, 2nd by Josh to hire Sam Helloid as the Boys JV/Varsity Assistant coach at a rate of \$2,525. Motion carried all voted aye.
 - Motion was made by Steve, 2nd by Mark V to hire Nick Backlund as an 8U coach for Dibs. Motion carried all voted aye.
 - Motion was made by Steve, 2nd by Tyler to hire Ben Grenier as an 8U coach for Dibs. Motion carried all voted aye.
 - Motion was made by Steve, 2nd by Mark V to hire Neil Hardy as an 8U coach for Dibs. Motion carried all voted aye.
 - Motion was made by Lindi to hire Cody Denne as an 8U coach for Dibs, motion failed due to a lack of a 2nd.
- **Information/Discussion**
 - October Board meeting will be 10/12/2023 - 6:30pm @ MSHA Ice Rink.
- Motion to adjourn at 10:04 pm by Heidi, second by Randy. Motion carried all voted aye.