

# MITCHELL SKATING & HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - October 2024

Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 6:30 pm - MAC Media Room



### Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darcy Sabers (Pres) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Grenier (VP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Maeschen (Sec)           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Gebhart        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Al Huls          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Johnson (6:35 pm) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Lemke          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Sabers      | <input type="checkbox"/> Megan Sabers                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Vaughan        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dustin Warnke    |  |

Lori Goldammer (Treasurer)    Kris Polreis (Coaching Director)

Mark Zens (SDAHA Rep) – (6:56 pm)

**Guests:** None

**Quorum Met:** Yes

- Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm at the MAC Media Room by President Darcy Sabers. Eric volunteered to take minutes for Jen.
- 00. Motion to approve the agenda with addition of New Business to discuss Team Splits Process by Ben, 2nd by Dusty. Motion carried all voted aye.
- 01. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Nick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al. Motion carried all voted aye.
- 02. Public Input – None

### 03. President's Report (Darcy)

- City Learn to Skate program had 6 registrants – all players and parents were happy with how their kids were progressing and the instructions they received. Sydney Lanning headed up the program and is going to be attending some 8U practices and would like to organize a spring session. Thanks to Reese Amick, Cooper Guenther, and Gavin Paul who served as assistants from the MSHA.
- New Skater Open Skate is set for Fridays in October at 6-7pm. We are also trying to add in a mandatory goalie practice from 7-8pm if we can get coaches to help.
- The Lucky Devils Power Play Clinic this past weekend was successful and had 50 participants with registrations from area towns like Watertown, Brandon, Huron, Sioux Center, Marshall, MN & Yankton.

### 04. Treasurer's Report (Lori)

- Motion to approve the July Financials Report by Mark V, with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh. Motion carried, all voted aye.
- Discussion – We will need to set a hard deadline for upper-level registration so that next year's handbook and registration can include verbiage about the upper-level jersey fees for late registrations since ordering jerseys for one-offs will be considerably more expensive when not included in the main order.

### 05. SDAHA Delegate Report (Mark Z)

- SDAHA Hall of Fame Nominations are due December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Mark gave a brief recap of the fall meeting discussions not included in his email.

## 06. Old Business

- Follow up on the task to issue the check to Blue Line Club for the remaining balance of their fund as they will have their own bank account under their organization.
- Fuzz Smith Grant App - Finalizing quotes & project details for the annual application. This year we will submit a request for improvements on the west end of the Toshiba rink by the locker rooms including adding rubber flooring and for materials to construct a staircase between locker rooms 5 & 6 for better access to the storage area above the locker rooms.
- Status update on the Legacy Sponsorship checks from the Lucky Devils and Blue Line Club - Eric from the LDAH will submit their check this week and the BLC is finalizing their bank account application, then they will be able to deposit their fund check and issue their sponsorship check.

## 07. New Business:

- Darcy submitted Sports Authority request for the hosted Squirt Tournament and Eric did an in-person presentation earlier in the day. The girl's tournament was cancelled due to conflicts with opening weekend of the SDAHA league schedule and will explore other possible weekends after the league schedule is set.
- Josh has volunteered to be the Growth Coordinator for MSHA at the SDAHA. Each association has been asked to have a representative and Eric was sitting in on Zoom calls previously. The committee will do a few virtual meetings per year to discuss best practices and barriers to growth and to brainstorm on ways to attract new players. USAH has set a goal of 2.5% player growth annually. Some pretty cool ideas around growth are being used in other affiliates or districts.
- Eric presented a technology asset report to show the current inventory of electronic devices in the association, including PCs/laptops, tablets, video/audio equipment, and scoreboards. Numerous laptops required hard drive upgrades and others were formatted/refreshed over the summer. An expense reimbursement extension was requested as hard drive purchases were done over 30 days ago when work was originally started. Motion to approve the extension by Al, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh. Motion carried all voted aye.
- Discussion was had concerning the process for determining team splits, which will be starting in about 2 weeks.

## Committee Reports:

- 08. Buildings Committee (Mark V)
  - Dustin will be installing new LED fixtures in the Toshiba locker rooms.
  - New rubber flooring for Toshiba benches arrived this week and will be installed soon.
  - New order of dasher plexiglass has arrived and Innovative dashers will be completed.
  - Toshiba staircase materials will be approximately \$2,500 and the design has been approved by the Arena Director.
  - The city's Olympias have been having mechanical issues which has been preventing them from getting new wraps done at Make-It-Mine. Should be resolved soon.
  - Annual locker room cubby project is underway soon and was decided to finish the project a year early by building cubbies for locker rooms 1 (Pewee), 2 (Bantam) and D (Squirt), with shelving and hooks being installed in B & C (Mites) instead of cubbies.
- 09. Coaching Committee (Kris)
  - Full coaching staff report was submitted with one additional request for Cory Marek at 8U for Dibs. Motion to approve the request by Ben, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark V. Motion carried all voted aye.

- 10. Culture Committee (Ben)
  - Reviewed committee meeting minutes.
  - Try Hockey Free and Pucks & Ponytails had 19 participants with 8 new registrants.
  - DWU Blue & White Days parade is this weekend with MSHA having a float and walkers.
  
- 11. Executive Committee (Darcy)
  - No report
  
- 12. Financial Development Mark Johnson
  - No meeting this month.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Spirit Wear session sales are being tallied at Sun Gold. Website issues are causing a slight delay.
  - The gun raffle is underway, and promos will be starting soon.
  - Looking ahead for a coordinator for the cash raffle event in the spring that coincides with the Lucky Devils Tournament in April.
  - Mark Vaughan is heading up the John Deere Gator Raffle and will be working with Ben to finalize the purchase agreement at C&B to begin promotion after the gun raffle concludes.
  
- 13. Governance Committee (Eric)
  - No report
  
- 14. Programs Committee (Eric/Jai)
  - Reviewed committee meeting minutes.
  - SDAHA has requested a full volunteer report with all Positions, Names, SafeSport expiration dates and background screen dates to ensure all volunteers are compliant. Report will be due Oct 15<sup>th</sup> and Eric has been working with Janel on the status reports from USA Hockey.
  - Board action required: Approve 2024-2025 handbook. Eric will be updating scoresheet sections after he completes the Gamesheet app training session on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. Lots of policy updates were done and all edits are noted on the last page of the handbook. Motion to approve the 24/25 Handbook by AI, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh. Motion carried all voted aye.

### Information/Discussion

- November Board meeting: 11/12/24 – MAC Media room @ 6:30pm.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. by Mark V, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark J. Motion carried, all voted aye.