

Minutes of Midwest Amateur Hockey Association
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 26 2021

Call to Order. Pursuant to notice distributed by electronic mail and posting on the affiliate web site, and following a series of virtual breakouts in the days ahead, the (Virtual) Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Shawn Spencer at 9am via Zoom.

Agenda. President Shawn presented the agenda, previously distributed electronically. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

Roll Call.

President Shawn called roll:

Iowa

IAD1001 Quad City Sled
IADnnnn Siouxland Sled
IAH0117 Mason City
IAH0118 Sioux Center
IAH0119 Cedar Rapids
IAH0120 Lakes Area
IAH0126 Dubuque
IAH0136 Des Moines Youth
IAH0138 Waterloo
IAH0139 Siouxland (S. City)
IAH0143 Ames
IAH0144 Iowa Wild AAA
IAH0160 Coral Ridge (Iowa City)
IAH0162 Quad Cities

Aaron Remly*
Duane Duden*
Brandon Keeling*
Jeremy Van Den Berg*
Shane Gailushas*.
Brad Shumway*.
Sarah Henkels*, Jamie Lund*.
Scott Long*, Tyler Lainson*, Jade Pospeshil*.
Justin Kerns*, Justin Metcalf*
Honore Pittenger*
Chad Callen*
Ryan Bennett*
Paul Scott*.
Michelle Arndt*, Rich Oswald*

Kansas/Missouri

KSH0128 KC Youth
KSH0132 Wichita Youth
KS0133 Independence Adult
NoNmbr Nebraska Warriors
KS0134 Northland (Adult)
KSH0135 Wichita Adult
KSH0138 KCIC Adult

Tom Tilley*, Rob Brown*, Dan Carter*.
Michelle Gifford*
No page: NRP.
NP
Kevin Unger*.
No listing, no members claimed.
Mary Helmick*, Tom Prendergast*, Carolyn Maddox*

Nebraska (4y)

NEH0002 Lincoln

Adam Novell*, Eric Alexander*, Bruce Hiller*.

NEH0004 Tri City Youth
NEH0005 Fremont
NEH0133 Omaha AAA
NEH0134 Omaha
NoNmbr Tri City Adult

Kim Hedstrom*.
Garrett Poland*.
David Wilke*.
Doug Ziska*, Larry Mercier*, Matt Moragues*.
Dave Weiler*.

Notes:

**= Director

NRP = no rep posted on association's page of the MWAHA site

NP=Not present

Officers & Staff

Voting (The Executive Committee):

President	Shawn Spencer
VP Compliance	Todd Larsen
VP SafeSport	Doug Dorley
VP National Bound	Mike Dudzinski
Treasurer	Mike Hurd
Secretary	Melody Wright
MHSHL President	Todd Scebold

The President noted that a quorum of 42 directors (viz., in excess of the minimum 40%) is present via Zoom.

Non Voting:

Past President...	Les Teplicky
Registrar	Jason Sheehy
Web	Mary Helmick
Player Development	Doug Dietz

President Shawn advised for the record that all youth associations either compliant or making substantial progress toward compliance and are thus eligible to vote. He also attested that all youth association Directors present and answering the call are certified in accordance with the MWAHA Bylaws

President's Comments. President Shawn expressed appreciation

Minutes.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held June 20, 2020 were reviewed.

Motion

That the minutes be approved as presented.

Passed by acclamation.

Elections.

President Shawn opened the election of 'odd year officers'. In the normal rotation of Executive Committee positions, two Vice Presidents and the Treasurer were up for election. President Shawn and Mary Helmick served as clerks of the election who will monitor votes by computer. The Incumbents Todd Larsen and Mike Hurd noted their

desire to continue to serve. Mike Dudzinski has been nominated for Vice President. No other nominations being forthcoming, President Spencer asked for any opposition. Voting commenced via electronic balloting.

Motion

That Todd Larsen as Vice President, Mike Dudzinski as Vice President, and Mike Hurd as Treasurer be elected.

Approved by acclamation.

Positions begin July 1st, 2021

President's State of the Association and USAH Summer Congress President Spencer reported the USAH Summer congress occurred the weeks prior in a virtual format. National registrations decreased 15%, with MWAHA registrations down only 5%. Covid impact continued through the 2020-2021 season. Omaha Lancers won the Tier 2 National Title with honorable mention of Dubuque's high level efforts. Affiliate girls team was sent to the National Girls Tournament. A new association was given preliminary approval in Kansas City serving disabled veterans with 60 members. Ratification is required by the board in Proposal 3 on the ballot.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mike Hurd presented his report. Notable changes are increased costs in Central District Bantam camp due to air conditioning, girls jamboree based on USAH grant money, DEI USAH required \$3,000 spend, process changes with SafeSport screening responsibility to associations; all resulting in a zero sum net income budget.

Motion by Todd Scebold to approve and 2nd by Matt Moragues, Passed. Budget attached.

1st Proposal-Girls Rostering Language

Melody Wright introduced a proposal where language be expanded for girls dual rostering. Current language states:

*Roster Policy (17 September 2019) - Any affiliate team made up only of players residing in the affiliate may register as Tier I, Tier 2 or other classification in accordance with the USA Hockey rules. Any affiliate team with player(s) residing in another affiliate must register as Tier 1. **Girl's teams can request an exemption.***

New proposed language states:

*Roster Policy (17 September 2019) - Any affiliate team made up only of players residing in the affiliate may register as Tier I, Tier 2 or other classification in accordance with the USA Hockey rules. Any affiliate team with player(s) residing in another affiliate must register as Tier 1. **Girl's only teams are exempt from this rule where female athletes have no option for an all-girls team within their assigned association.***

Motion to approve Todd Scebold, 2nd by Justin Metcalf

Discussion with Shane Gailushas clarifying girls could dual roster. Vote placed on electronic ballot

Motion Approved

2nd Proposal-Girls Dual Rostering Language

Melody Wright proposed adding language to support girls hockey. Current MWAHA policy is silent on the matter and USA Hockey defers to the affiliate.

Proposed language:

Roster Policy –Female athletes are allowed to dual roster-i.e play on a Youth and All Girls team in the same season. Dual rostering may not be a consideration in the youth team selection process

Motion to approve Justin Metcalf, 2nd Nick Cecerre

Discussion-Paul Scott sought clarification on if it applies to teams within the affiliate and Associations

Motion Approved

3rd Ratification of the Kansas City Warriors

Executive Council preliminarily approved the separation of the Kansas City veteran participants from the Omaha Warriors given their size and location. Board is seeking ratification of the adult association.

Motion to approve Nick Cecerre, 2nd Rob Brown

Discussion-Kansas City emphasized how great the program is

Motion Approved

Alternate Voting Procedures

Ballots were sent to all directors on the above matters. Given the nature of the meeting being remote, votes were submitted via electronic ballot and results were compiled by Mary Helmick with President Spencer verifying their accuracy. This variance in procedure was due to the continued ongoing Covid-19 restrictions to ensure safety for all participants. No objections existed as to the alternate procedures necessary to conduct business. The confirmation as to the alternate procedures was motioned by Doug Dorley, 2nd by Todd Scebold with none opposing. Ultimate outcome of votes is listed under each proposal.

Playing Rules

Les Teplicky reported on various playing rule changes including updates to checking and body contact, reduced penalty minutes in various youth ages, icing the puck, game misconduct for players and coaches, and match penalties. All specific details will be posted on the website.

Coach in Chief Central District

Doug Dietz reported coaching clinics were posted and are available via Zoom. Working out in person ones. Seeking more coach developers for NE and KS to conduct clinics. Seeking a womens coach in chief for central district. CEP's level 4 expires, but not level 5. Level 5 will be in Duluth.

Central District

Al Deming and Les Teplicky re-elected. Working to become a 501c3. Mike Hurd treasurer for Central District.

Midwest High School Hockey League Report

Todd Scebold reported Kansas City won the Varsity title and Oak Leafs won the JV title. Tournament looking to move to the new facility in Des Moines for the 2022 State Championships. Nationals in Dallas next year and 1 team from each state can declare for it. Omaha won the Tier 2 National Title with Dubuque reaching quarterfinals.

Goaltending Report

Brad Parker not present but all clinics were cancelled for in person. Bronze clinic was being added and associations were encouraged to reach out to Brad Parker for coordinating goalie training outside of Des Moines.

SafeSport Report

Doug Dorley reported change in screening process and coverage. Anticipate January 1 true up for re-payment of screening fees according to the number in each association. Screens are good for 2 years. Attempting to handle appeals expeditiously but anticipate some challenges. Clearing of backgrounds may take some time. If applicant gets message they are not eligible, it means there is a valid background already in the system.

Registrar

Jason Sheehy reports a reminder that coaching education expires December 31 of each year. Tournament sanctioning was \$50 and is now going to \$250 flat fee. Training will happen via zoom closer to the season start.

Girls Hockey Report

Jade Pospeshil reported MHL had 10 teams in 3 divisions for a total of 125 girls participating. Would like to expand and include some outside of the affiliate teams. Girls Jamboree was held in Des Moines with 33 10u participant and 34 12u participants. Girls THFF events have been held and have had some success.

MHL Report

Scott Long reported a successful MHL season. 44 teams participated at 10u, 12u, 14u levels. Over 300 regular season games were reported with the 1st girls only division added. Looking to add board positions for the MHL and to develop a youth league that mirrors the MSHSL. Registration will be due by September 15, 2021

Website Report

Mary Helmick reported the update to the website. Larger presence of MHL and the officials on the website for visibility. Each association can update their own webpage and must update the directors on it.

Player Safety Report

No report

Sled Hockey Report

Kevin McKee unavailable due to being on the ice for the Olympics. Head and asst coaches for sled hockey must be level 1 coaches. Laura Johnson is the District Registrar for disabled hockey.

Referee in Chief

No report

New Business

Justin Metcalf requested consideration of a 2nd high school program, with less travel and for smaller associations that don't meet the qualifications of MSHSL or larger programs where kids don't make the cut. He volunteered to lead the panel.

Next Meeting. In accordance with Bylaws, President Spencer announced the next annual meetings will likely be held after Summer Congress 2022 on June 25, 2022.

Closing Remarks

President Spencer expressed gratitude. Training will be provided in smaller group sessions with compliance in August, Registrar in August/September, and SafeSport in August. Looking for more volunteers to support MHL and the Girls league. Necessary to expand the volunteer network. Election results will be released for certification.

Adjournment. Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 11am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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