

**MISSOURI HOCKEY, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**APRIL 27, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pat Culiberk, Shawn Deaver, Tom Woolf, Larry Boyd, Larry Hellwig, Deb Hellwig, Dave Sivcovich, Charlie Busenhart, Joe Kalin, Mike Rhynes, Larry Sanderson, Lloyd Ney, Laura Greenbury.

**Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by Pat Culiberk at 7:04 p.m.

1. **Prior Minutes.** Minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed by all members present. Motion to approve as written by Lloyd Ney, second by Dave Sivcovich. Minutes approved as submitted by vote of 7-0-2.
2. **Registrar's Report.** Deb Hellwig reported that we currently have 10,196 players and coaches registered. We are up 1,137 from last year at this time. This number does not include the unclaimed and the volunteers registered.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Tom Woolf reported that last week we received the final transfer of funds from USA Hockey for the season. Our total this season was \$87,191. This is up from last year about \$2,800. Tom indicated that all members have been sent a financial report. Our USA Hockey Foundation account is down about 6% due to the economic downturn. Our domain registration has been paid for missourihockey.org for the next 5 years.
4. **Gamesheet Scoring System.** Tom Woolf reported that the trial run of the system which was conducted at the America's Showcase Tournament went well. Steve Brickman got the scorekeepers. The system is easy to use.
5. **Rules & Disciplinary.** We have a hearing coming up next week re Coach Buha.
6. **Referee's Report.** Joe Kalin reported that last Sunday MIHOA conducted their annual election meeting. All officers ran unopposed and were therefor elected for another term. Seminars are coming up in June & July and also September & October. This season there were about 10,300 games to date. By the end of August that number will be over 11,000. Joe indicated that to date there have been no cancellations due to no referees present.
7. **Newsletter.** Laura Greenbury reported that a format for the newsletter has been created.
8. **District Player Camp.** Pat Culiberk related that we have had issues with a guy from Kansas City who is claiming that he is the Missouri affiliate goalie coordinator. The affiliate board previously voted in the past that we would not have one. The guy from wanted to take one of the affiliate spots at the camp. Pat has since been informed that he will not be going in light of the fact that he was not designated as such by our affiliate.
9. **Proposed Affiliate Scholarship Program.** Pat proposed that we put together an affiliate scholarship program. There would be one for boys and one for girls. He proposed three \$1,500 scholarships. Carlie Busenhart indicated that Mid States has two \$2,000 scholarships available. Pat proposed that the scholarships be made available for both college and trade schools.
10. **SafeSport.** Pat reported that he has been advised that they are working on 2 issues that may well be resolved by now.
11. **Youth Division.** Elections were held. There was quite a bit of turnover due to retirements and aging out. Exclusive rules regarding girls hockey were passed including a form of districting which will somewhat restrict player movement. New commissioners will be chosen next month.

12. **MIHOA Agreement.** Pat Culiberk indicated that he and Joe Kalin have been discussing the scheduling agreement with MIHOA. A change to the proposed agreement was made to not refer to MIHOA as an affiliated member. Motion to approve the amended agreement was made by Larry Sanderson, second by Charlie Busenhart. Passed by vote of 10-0-0.
13. **America's Showcase Tournament.** Deb Hellwig reported that the tournament went well. Centene Rink hosted it and the facility was great and liked by the teams that attended. We are getting great feedback except for minor issues with the hotels. Illinois won both the girls and boy's brackets. We had in excess of 50 scouts in attendance in spite of early issues getting them to register. Next year's dates are April 12-17.
14. **Girls/Women.** Our girls high school showcase team had a great time and did well. There was discussion over a potential upcoming girl's high school league and what that might look like. Discussion ongoing.
15. **Midstates High School.** Two schools have teams moving up from JV to Varsity. There may be other schools that will have teams as well. They are working with youth to avoid conflicts with the Central States and AAA teams. Last season there were a lot of players who had conflicts with Midstates games. Reported that last season's attendance was the best ever.
16. **MVCHA High School.** Mike reports that the new Edwardsville High School Rink will be opening in May. There is a locker room for officials.
17. **Adult Hockey.** Lloyd Ney reports that the adult leagues are still have problems with registration of players. He is meeting with them to discuss this.
18. **Disabled Hockey.** Lloyd went to Pittsburgh to check out this year's disabled festival and how it was being done since we will have the festival next year. He is checking with the Sports Commission for potential funding.
19. **Bi-Laws.** Pat asked Charlie and Tom for available dates to meet with Chris Durso to continue work on the Bi-Laws. Discussion regarding distribution to members in timely fashion before bringing to the full board for review and potential passage.
20. **Next Meeting.** Will be held on May 25, 2022.

There being nothing further to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

*Larry H. Hellwig*

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Secretary  
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