



Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors
Sunday, April 25, 2010
Marriott Minneapolis West

President Green called the meeting to order at 8:00.

Roll call was taken and the following voting members were in attendance:

President Green	Vice-President Bakke	Vice-President Dickie
Vice-President Ford	Vice-President Margenau	Vice-President Meisner
Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo	Controller Bullard	Vice-President Stigen
Director Mickus	Director Nagan	Director Dornfeld
Director Jacobs	Director Kephart	Director Hewitt
Director Rakness	Director Timm	Director Hill
Director Oleheiser	Director Bushy	Director Elliott
Director Breu	Director Welles	Director Morris
Director Swenson	Director Eigner	Referee-In-Chief Olson

Non-Voting Members Present:

Coach-in-Chief Tearse	Director Emeritus Graber	Director Emeritus Odell
Director Emeritus Carter	Executive Director Snee	

Eligible voter present = 27 Simple majority = 14 2/3 Majority = 18

Motion by Director Elliott second Vice-President Meisner to approve minutes as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Agenda Additions/Changes

Committee Reports - update on District 9

Old Business - resolution to establish directorship for disabled hockey in Minnesota.

New Business - ratification of District 1 Affiliate Agreements

Phil Hernandez served as the Parliamentarian for the meeting.

President Green thanked everyone for the work at the banquet last night. He presented a Minnesota Hockey 5 year service award to Kevin Dickie, who was unable to attend the banquet

Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo reported that, as of March 31, 2010, Minnesota Hockey's cash & cash equivalents were \$944,560. This includes most of the deposits from the Advanced programs but the majority of expenses from those programs have yet to be received. As a result, the company currently shows excess revenues YTD of \$167,574, against a projected deficit of -\$ 11,726. With such big swings in revenue versus expenses, it's difficult to project how the fiscal year might end but early estimates indicate that the company will be very close to budget.

None of the program budgets seem to be out of balance at this time but as this is the time when some large invoices for ice rental and other program costs are expected, the budgets will be monitored closely to be sure there are no year-end surprises.

The Balance sheet looks strong, with key indicators such as accounts receivables, accounts payables being well within established guidelines. Currently, there are accruals for some payroll and depreciation but both of those numbers are accounted for in the excess revenues. After consulting with staff and auditors, the company has opted to remain on a cash basis for accounting purposes.

The Board accepted the report without objection.

President's Report

President Green gave the President's report, which is incorporated herein in its entirety:

The board of directors of Minnesota Hockey has accomplished many changes in the past (8) years. Just think about it; we now have a vibrant corporate sponsorship program that brings in thousands of dollars a year to help fund various programs we have statewide. We have gone out and surveyed our members to find out whether MH is meeting their needs. The revolutionary HEP program, which has become an effective education tool of all our members. We have addressed age change cutoff dates many times, but only changed once. We have changed our long-standing residency policy due to membership concerns relating to demographic changes, particularly in the metro area. We have implemented a fiscal structure and policies that make us the envy of volunteer organizations. And finally, we have done a major re-districting initiative, (hats off to all of you.) again, due to the demographic changes within the state. This is only to name a few of the changes taken place in Minnesota Hockey most recently; I know as well as all of you there have been many more and we should be proud of our work.

I am not going to stand up here and take credit for any of these changes, but rather, I can stand here and say I have been an active member on this board and many of the committees that have helped drive the stated changes. I have encouraged participation by all board members to help drive these initiatives; after all you are the board of directors who represent the constituency around the state, thus you should be involved. I am proud to be a board member, but I am especially proud that all of you have had the confidence in me to be president. It has truly been an honor and privilege and I have truly cherished the time. In addition, I have always tried to represent Minnesota Hockey in the best possible way when called upon.

I am thankful that I have been available for many of you when you needed support and or guidance on various issues. We may not have always agreed on all the issues, but together we have figured out a way to make things work for the betterment of Minnesota Hockey and our members. And when the day is done, that is all that matters. I have also been fortunate enough to observe other affiliates around the country and I can truthfully say Minnesota Hockey is by far the best-run state youth hockey affiliate in the country. And that is something we can and should be proud of.

As many of you know, my decision not to run for re-election as president was made (3) years ago when I ran for re-election. I won the election at that time and announced this would be my last term as president. I reinforced that decision a year ago, because I sensed the board was not taking me seriously. Thank you for your confidence in my abilities. Many of you are also aware my platform from day one has been change. Never said we had to change, but we needed to constantly keep accessing our programs, our demographics, and our membership to consider changing any and all of these if needed.

And that goes for us board members as well. Dr. Bill Green, Superintendent of the Minneapolis Public Schools recently stated how I truly feel about leadership. He said; "As a student of history, (Believe it or not but I do dabble in history) I have observed that a leader must feel the pulse of time and sense when it is time to begin to make room for a new kind of leadership. If a leader doesn't sense when the time has come for him to pass along the reins to a different leader, the institution suffers. To do that would go against my commitment to this organization." I truly do love this organization and or family we call Minnesota Hockey, for all of its richness, diversity, hard work, potential and commitment by all of you, the board of directors.

I have lived by a saying that was relayed on to me during my Navy days by my division officer. He said; Life is like having your hand in a bucket of water. If you take your hand out of the bucket, does the water stay separated? No, it all comes together, a little wavy at first, but it all calms down in time. As stated above, I have sensed the time has come for me to take my hand out of the bucket, and it is time for change. Since change has been my platform, it is time this board elects a new leader for the organization and its future. As always, change can be hard (wavy) but I am confident your new president will provide the qualities and leadership this proud organization so richly deserves and the water will become calm.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve each and every one of you as the president of Minnesota Hockey these past (8) years and I look forward to serving the new president, who ever he/she may be.

Respectfully

Dennis Green, President, Minnesota Hockey".

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Snee stated that his report given during the Publicity & Promotions Committee on Saturday stands as given and is incorporated into the Minutes of that committee meeting.

Committee Reports**Administrative Management**

President Green reported that the committee has not met since January, 2010.

Adult

Director Swenson referred to his written report, which is incorporated into these Minutes in its entirety by attachment.

Adult Women –

Director Susan Welles reported that the organization saw continued growth during the past season. They used online registration for WHAM and hired a full time administrator. During the WHAM annual meeting yesterday Nancy Wefler was elected as the new director to the Minnesota Hockey board.

Audit

Committee Chair Mark Elliott had no report

Disabled

Committee Chair Boelter referred to her written report, which is incorporated into these Minutes in its entirety by attachment.

District Directors

D1 – Director Mickus reported that matters are moving forward with redistricting and will have elections in June for the new district board. Associations leaving District 1 have been meeting with their new districts. There will be a new limited affiliate agreement for each association affected by this action.

D2 – Director Nagan reported things are going well. Highland has moved to D2 and begins participating tonight. A new district director will be elected during the next district meeting.

D3 – Director Dornfeld reported that he has met with incoming associations and things are going well. Affiliate agreements are taken care of and things are moving smoothly.

D4 – Director Jacobs reported that the newly reorganized district meets tomorrow night and things are going well

D5 – Director Kephart reported that they are moving forward with redistricting with affiliate agreement in process and looking forward to a relaxing summer

D6 – Director Hewitt reported that redistricting going well and new board is in place

D8 – Director Rakness reported that redistricting going well

D10 – Director Timm reported that redistricting going well. D10 will sponsor a hole at the golf tournament

D11 – Director Hill reported that attention will be structuring of Mites and is looking to get a coordinator. Affiliate agreements will be redone

D12 – Director Oleheiser reported that the district is enjoying a good summer

D15 – Director Bushy reported that the redistricting going well with Little Falls remaining in D15. New coach-in-chief will be Randy Shaver and have two candidates for ACE Coordinator. The district meeting will be held in May in Alexandria and will work on handbook to update and the Mite level.

D16 – Director Elliott reported that things are going well. The district will meet a week from Monday in Roseau.

David Swenson reported for the new District 9. In February, officials from Minnesota Hockey met with approximately 50 representatives from 15 youth hockey association in Faribault to begin the process of forming Minnesota Hockey District 9. From that meeting, two working groups began the process of creating a new geographic hockey league in Southern Minnesota. A hockey operations group and an administration group met twice in the following month, which ultimately became on group that formulated the articles of incorporation and the first set of bylaws for Minnesota District 9 Hockey. On April 13, 2010, Minnesota District 9 Hockey held its first Board of Director meeting in Rochester. At that meeting, the board approved the bylaws, nominated candidates for officer and appointed positions and elected Tom Christenson as the first Director of District 9. On April 27, 2010, the District Board will meet again to elect officers and approve appointed positions.

Several committed hockey volunteers have worked very hard over the last several months to bring District 9 into existence. At this time, District 9 is in a good position to begin planning for the upcoming season. A new chapter in Southern Minnesota hockey begins and we look forward to working with Minnesota and USA Hockey.

President Green thanked everyone on the work done with redistricting and getting the job done and having a new district ready for the season this fall.

Diversity

Committee Chair Mickus reported that a request was received from Ramsey County for a program to continue for inner city kids, which will have approximately 260 kids in the program. The kids are picked up from school and are brought to the rink to learn hockey. Only 10% of them opt to join association hockey. Director Emeritus Graber asked if we have looked at other large cities to compare how we are doing with retention rates. Chairman Mickus responded that he talked with Dale Hume, a minister in Minneapolis, who is trying to get a team and asked for financial to get the kids registered with Minnesota Hockey so they could play hockey against other teams. Minnesota Hockey is considered a competitor with their park board program and they are not interested in talking to Minnesota Hockey without financial aid. Their kids pay \$75 per year to cover all their costs so it's hard to get them involved with the higher costs associated with our programs. Vice-President Meisner asked if this was time to get Willy O'Ree involved again to encourage more interest in Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey. Vice President Ford offered to get involved in conjunction with the Herb Brooks Foundation and other groups that may offer financial aid. Vice-President Margenau suggested that we get Kevin Erlinbach from USA Hockey involved, especially with seeing what other parts of the country are doing.

Executive Committee

President Green reported that the committee met on Friday night to hear an update on the Foundation. Hal Tearse provided this update, including the presentation of prospective bylaws, a mission statement and a conflict of interest statement. The committee reviewed the work done to date and approved moving to the next step of preparing final documents for consideration and approval of the Board during the June Meeting.

The committee discussed the status of the Air Quality bill being considered by the Minnesota state legislature and decided that the Board should not take a position on this matter because: 1.) Minnesota already has an effective air quality standard for its arenas that is not being enforced; 2.) The bill was drafted by politicians and not more knowledgeable people from the health industry and 3) through its affiliation with the Minnesota Ice Arena Managers Association (MIAMA), Minnesota Hockey had a knowledgeable "watchdog" who was in a far better position to take a position. Being moved and seconded by the Committee, the matter went directly to discussion. And vote. **Motion carried with one abstention from Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo.**

The Committee considered a draft of a proposal to administer to the interstate transfer of players. Several years ago, a policy was developed to govern the process of non-resident players coming into Minnesota to play hockey and resident Minnesota hockey players requesting transfers to play in other USA Hockey Affiliates. A search of the Board Minutes determined that, although drafted and approved, the policy was never placed in the handbook. The newly drafted policy is patterned after the earlier one and might be consistent with similar practices used by our neighboring USA Hockey affiliates. It is the intention of the Committee that the Rules Committee looks at the wording of the proposal and presents it to the Board during the June meeting

The Committee considered a suggestion from High School Boys Director Tim Morris, who is working with the Boys Scouts on an event for 7-10,000 scouts that is being held the third Sunday in May in the Brainerd area. Director Morris was curious to know if Minnesota Hockey wanted to be involved in the event. The committee questioned the timing and whether or not there was additional information needed to make a decision. The matter will be referred to the Publicity & Promotions Committee for consideration and recommendation

Peter Carlson, Executive Director for the National Sports Center addressed the committee to inform us that the Schwan's Super Rink is scheduled to become the home for the Skinner Hockey Academy, a program is intended to provide players of 9th & 10th grade age an opportunity to develop their hockey skills on a full time basis. Participants would receive room & board at the Center's dormitory units, practice hockey skills during most of the day and attend school in the evening at Spring Lake Park High School, through a special arrangement made with the school. The academy is open to all who are interested, including Minnesota residents.

Mr. Carlson said that Sean Skinner was currently out of the country but had indicated a desire to become a Minnesota Hockey affiliate. He planned to petition the Board for an agreement in the near future. Mr. Carlson asked that it be noted that he does not represent Mr. Skinner's venture in any way and that, other than being the renter of the facility, the National Sports Center has no affiliation with Mr. Skinner's program.

The Committee felt that such a program would not be complimentary to Minnesota Hockey's community based programs and would be hard pressed to conform to Minnesota Hockey's participation rule, but would not be unfavorably disposed to afford Mr. Skinner the opportunity to address the Committee in the future.

President Green told Mr. Carlson that where the players are living and attending school would determine their MN residency and that would determine where they would play. MNH registration requirements would be enforced if they chose to register the players/teams.

Finance/Budget

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo reported for the Finance/Budget Committee:

The Hockey Operations submitted a request to amend its budget for the High Performance program to be more reflective of the program's performance. A copy of this submission was provided to all Board members, showing revenues of \$21,500 and expenses of \$15,600, with excess revenues of \$5,900. The Committee recommended unanimously that the Board approve the budget as submitted. With no objection, the matter was open for discussion and a vote was taken. **Motion was approved unanimously**

The Hockey Operations also submitted its budget for the Advanced 18 program. The program was previously approved by the Board without a budget. A copy of this submission was provided to all Board members, showing revenues of \$9,900 and expenses of \$7,200, with excess revenues of \$2,700. The Committee recommended unanimously that the Board approve the budget as submitted. . With no objection, the matter was open for discussion and a vote was taken. **Motion was approved unanimously**

The calendar for 2010-11 fiscal year budget preparation was announced as follows:

May 15, 2010	Budget materials sent to budget managers
May 28, 2010	Budgets submitted to Business Office
June 7, 2010	Draft budget prepared for Finance/Budget Committee review
June 17, 2010	Draft budget sent to Board for study
June 27, 2010	Budget presented to the Board for approval

Girls League

Vice President Margenau reported that team declarations and leagues are created in early October. He will be requesting that the committee get together to establish ground rules on the structure for the leagues. District 16 respectfully declined participation in the league. Referee-in-Chief Olson asked if they could work on getting the schedules out sooner so that the referees can do a better job of scheduling.

Grievance

Committee Chair DeMeo reported that there was a grievance heard in March from Osseo/Maple Grove (District 3) involving alleged physical abuse of a player by a coach. The affiliate departed from their written protocol when conducting their investigation in the matter. The coach in question was suspended during the investigation. The affiliate found that the coach may have used unnecessary force when applying on-ice discipline and determined that the time served in suspension was appropriate for the action. They also refused to provide a written report of their findings, citing a pending legal action as their excuse for not doing so. The matter was heard at the District level, where it was determined that, although the exact protocol for the investigation was not followed, it had no material effect on the outcome of the affiliate's findings. Maroon Region Vice President Margenau recused himself because of a potential conflict of interest, referring the matter directly to the Grievance Committee. After hearing the matter, the Committee upheld the decision of the district director but found that the affiliate could have been more thorough when reporting their findings to the Grievant. The affiliate was required to be forthright in sharing its findings in the matter with the Grievant.

President Green asked Chairman DeMeo that meeting of the Committee of the whole be held to explain to everyone how the grievance procedure works.

HS Boys

Director Eigner reported that the fall clinic Bemidji weekend after MEA. July 1 – July 7 is a dead period that will affect coaches and their STP Programs.

Hockey Ops

Vice President Ford referred his committee's reports from Saturday, which are incorporated into these Minutes in their entirety by attachment.

Handbook

Committee Chair Halverson had no report. President Green asked that after the elections today, all information on the committees be sent to Committee Chair Halverson for inclusion.

Junior Gold

Committee Chair Kruger had no report

Juniors

Director Breu reported that they will be hosting the USA Hockey 2012 national tournament in Rochester, MN

MIAMA

Director Rakness reported for MIAMA that the spring workshop will be held May 5 at Ridder Arena. MIAMA has had meetings on the air quality issues, which involve testing and getting the arenas and personnel certified. Weekly testing is required on the day with the most ice surfacing. MIAMA has a problem with the proposal because it is being prepared by legislators and not doctors. Safety is the foremost concern for the arena managers. The MIAMA position wants the requirements set by the Department of Health and not the legislators.

Planning

Vice President Bakke reported that the registration age change is being worked on and any changes would not be in effect until the 2011-2012 season. Registrar Carlson identified an estimated 3,500 kids that have June birth dates. An email will be going to all families to survey if the child started school on time or was held back. Minnesota Hockey ACE Coordinator Evavold will work with Registrar Carlson on getting the email out and collecting the data. Vice President Bakke asked the Directors to ask their constituents to respond if they get the email.

Publicity and Promotion

Vice President Meisner referred his committee's report from Saturday, which are incorporated into these Minutes in its entirety by attachment. He thanked everyone for the mentoring and support in his years of service as he is not running for re-election. He will continue his work as a USA Hockey Director-at-Large.

Recreational Hockey

Director Hewitt reported that four teams participated in the league, with registrations constrained by limited ice availability. The plan is for 10 teams next season and the process of getting ice purchased for next season is already under way. The committee will meet on May 8 at Perkins on 494 and France and hopes to have complete financials by that time. A new program director will be selected. This is a paid position of \$1,500.

Referees

Referee-In-Chief Olson reported that there are two retiring supervisors as of April 24, 2010; Bruce Carlson from District 10, after 14 years of service and Dan Dow from District 16, after 5 years of service He thanked Bruce and Dan for their years of service to Minnesota Hockey.

He announced two new supervisors as of April 24, 2010; District 4 – Scott Kuhl will replace Ryan Swafford who will become the supervisor for the new District 9; District 10 – Dave Weisjahn will replace Bruce Carlson

MHOA Camp will be directed by Dave Weisjahn again this year. There are 12 applicants for the camp to be held June 12-17 in St. Cloud.

Minnesota Camp will be held in St. Cloud June 26 – July 1. This camp is for higher level officials and is more rigorous than MHOA Camp. Steve Tatro is the camp director.

There were problems with the MHOA website vendor with how game reports are formatted. Quite a bit of information was lost when we switching vendors. The game report function needs to be addressed before next season in order to improve the flow of information to supervisors.

He was unable to compile the penalty summaries in the same detail as in past years due to problems throughout the first half of the season. When able to gather the numbers he will pass them along to the board for review.

Three MOHA positions were up for election this year for two-year terms. The new board positions are: South Vice President – Dennis Alm; Secretary – Roger Olson; Treasurer – Dave Nyquist

Both Adult Associations have received requests from Minnesota to verify employment so that when the referees are not working they can claim unemployment benefits. Eric responded that they are contract employees and receive 1099's.

Regional Coordinators

Vice-President Margenau added his praise for all those who worked on establishing the new District 9.

Safety

Committee Chair Hal Tearse referred to his written report, which is incorporated into these Minutes in its entirety by attachment

Scholarships

Committee Chair Lynn Olson reported it was challenging to select the winners this year from such a great group of participants. She thanked the committee for all their hard work.

Screening

Committee Chair Scott Gray stated he had nothing to report

Tournaments

Vice President Dickie brought forth a proposal from committee unanimously recommending that Minnesota Hockey Region tournaments will be double elimination bracket starting with the 2010-2011 season. With no objection, the matter was open for discussion and a vote was taken. **Motion was approved unanimously**

Vice President Dickie brought forth a proposal from committee unanimously recommending that Minnesota Hockey State Tournaments will be a two day event starting with the 2010-2011 season. With no objection, the matter was open for discussion and a vote was taken. **Motion was approved unanimously**

The Tournament Committee will meet in three weeks to discuss the new regional breakout including rotation. This will be brought to the June meeting for board approval. Director Rakness would like the 2010-2011 proposal with four regions approved so that the Districts can begin working now on setting up the tournaments.

Vice-President Dickie brought forth a proposal from committee, unanimously recommending that for the 2010-2011 season only, Regional tournaments will be setup with the bracketing that was handed out and the new rotation will be presented for approval at the June meeting. The regions would be three day tournaments. With no objection, the matter was open for discussion and a vote was taken. **Motion was approved by majority with Director Hill casting a dissenting vote.**

USA Hockey \$50 tournament sanctioning fees will be discussed with USA Hockey so as to determine whether or not their fees apply to invitational tournaments in which only Minnesota Hockey teams are participants.

The Tournament Committee will look at the requirement for goal judges at the state tournaments and JR Gold one site state tournament will be brought up at the June meeting for vote.

Rules

President Green informed the Board that the process to introduce rules changes in the past will no longer be used because Rules Committee Chair Bob Halverson is not board member and therefore cannot automatically place item on the table without a Motion coming from a Board member, unless there is no objection to his doing so.

Committee Chair Halverson brought forth several Bylaw and rule change proposals the precise language for which can be found in the attached Rules Committee report. He identified proposed Bylaw change B1, which would amend Bylaw Article 6, paragraph C. to limit the right to appeal to only those who have a standing in the matter. He informed the Board that the committee recommended its approval. The matter was placed into discussion without objection and submitted to vote.

Motion to adopt Bylaw amendment B1 carried unanimously

Chairman Halverson identified proposed Bylaw change B2, which would amend that part of Bylaw Article 7 pertaining to the election of Directors Emeriti and their service requirements to the Board. He informed the Board that the committee recommended its approval. The matter was placed into discussion without objection and submitted to vote. **Motion to adopt Bylaw amendment B2 carried unanimously**

Chairman Halverson identified proposed Bylaw change B3, which would amend Bylaw Article 7 to add the position of Director, Disabled Hockey to the Board, together with the criteria for electing a candidate to fill the position. He informed the Board that the committee recommended its approval. The matter was placed into discussion without objection and submitted to vote. **Motion to adopt Bylaw amendment B3 carried unanimously**

Chairman Halverson identified proposed Youth Rules & Regulation change R1, which would amend Section VII paragraph C to redefine both the "C" classification and the "House" classification and to add a playing classification for recreational hockey. He informed the Board that the committee recommended its approval. The matter was placed into discussion without objection and submitted to vote. **Motion to adopt Youth Rules & Regulations change R1 carried unanimously**

Chairman Halverson identified proposed Youth Rules & Regulation change R2, which would amend Section I paragraph C to exclude teams playing in the "Recreational" classification from the requirement to present birth certificates as proof of age & citizenship. He informed the Board that the committee recommended its approval. The matter was placed into discussion. Director Swenson moved to amend the proposed rule change to include adult classification. Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo raised a point of order, stating that our Bylaws required prior notification for rule changes and, therefore, we may not be able to amend this proposed rule change without prior notification or a suspension of the rules. President Green ruled the point of order valid and informed the Board that they could refer the matter back to committee for further study. without objection and submitted to vote. **Motion to send Proposal R2 back to the Rules Committee or further study. Second by Vice President Dickie. Motion carried unanimously**

Chairman Halverson informed the Board that proposed Youth Rules & Regulation changes R3 & R4 were withdrawn from consideration at this time.

Chairman Halverson identified proposed Youth Rules & Regulation change R5, which would amend Section VIII paragraph H to define the process for credentials verification for replacement coaches. He informed the Board that the committee recommended its approval. The matter was placed into discussion without objection and submitted to vote. **Motion to adopt Youth Rules & Regulations change R5 carried unanimously.**

Chairman Halverson identified proposed Youth Rules & Regulation change R6, which would amend Section VIII paragraph P 1. & P.5 to clarify the process to use Fair Play points to determine final standings for tournament bound teams, where the number of games played by the teams tied may have been unequal. He informed the Board that the committee recommended its approval. The matter was placed into discussion without objection and submitted to vote. **Motion to adopt Youth Rules & Regulations change R 6 passed with majority vote, with two dissents.**

Chairman Halverson identified proposed Youth Rules & Regulation change R7, requested by Edgcombe Hockey, which would amend Section XI, paragraph H.1 thru H.4. to permit teams playing at a higher classification in a Minnesota Hockey invitational tournament. He informed the Board that the committee recommended not approving this proposal. The matter was placed into discussion without objection and submitted to vote. **Motion to adopt Youth Rules & Regulations change R1 was defeated unanimously**

The Committee held a general discussion on the Tier 1 and Tier 2 issue and the teams playing each other in both games and invitational tournaments. The committee had no recommendation for the Board on this topic. President Green asked that this issue be on the Rules Committee report for discussion during the June meeting, together with their recommendations on the issue.

OLD BUSINESSResidency Waiver Form Approval

The same Waiver form will be used for any type waiver and form was given to board members for consideration. Director Nagan moved that the new participation waiver form previously presented to the Board be approved for use starting with the 2010-2011 season. Second from Director Timm. Director Morris asked that the term "Gaining District Director" be changed to "Receiving District Director". This language change was accepted with no objections. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Age Change Consideration

Vice-President Bakke moved to postpone until the June meeting. Second Vice-President Meisner. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Minnesota Hockey Member Forum

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo moved that President Green assign an Ad Hoc committee to refine Director Elliott's Minnesota Hockey Member Forum plan for presentation at the June meeting. Second by Director Timm. **Motion carried unanimously**

Disabled Vote

Motion by Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo to adopt the resolution to grant the Director, Disabled Hockey with full voting rights and privileges accorded to the Board; Second by Director Timm. During discussion, it was clarified that, although the current Director, Disabled Hockey was an appointed position, when its term expired in 2012, this directorship would be elected by those duly registered USH Hockey/Minnesota Hockey members participating in the Disabled Hockey Program. **Motion carried unanimously.**

New BusinessPenalty Minute Time

Director Nagan moved that the Minnesota Hockey district delegation to USA Hockey request approval of a pilot program to reduce minor penalty time from 2 minute to 1.5 and major penalty time from 5 minutes to 4 for games of 15 minutes in length and under. Second by Director Hewitt. **Motion carried unanimously.**

District 1 Affiliate Agreements

Vice President Margenau moved that the District 1 Affiliate Agreements for Langford Park, Edgecumbe City of Lakes, and Dino Mights. be amended to reflect their limitation for participation at the "C" level classifications. Second by Vice President Dickie. During discussion, several questions regarding the proposed language were raised for which there were no definite answers. Moved by Director Timm to refer the project back to the respective District Directors and the Vice President Maroon Region to resolve these questions and present the proposal during the June meeting. Second by Director Elliott. **Motion to refer carried unanimously.**

Elections

President Green informed the Board that we will change our election process to better conform to Roberts Rules of Order. Because Nominating Committee Chair Bob Halverson is not board member he cannot conduct nominations but will focus on the collection and tallying of ballots.

A new roll call was taken to verify the voting members present

President Green	Vice-President Bakke	Vice-President Dickie
Vice-President Ford	Vice-President Margenau	Vice-President Meisner
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Director Jacobs	Director Kephart	Director Hewitt
Director Rakness	Director Timm	Director Hill
Director Oleheiser	Director Elliott	Director Breu
Director Welles	Director Morris	Referee-in-Chief Olson
Director Bushy	Director Eisner	Director Swenson

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There are 27 present with the simple majority being 14. and a 2/3rds majority being 18. The election was conducted in accordance with Minnesota Hockey Bylaw Article 7

President Green opened the nominations for President. The current nominees are Colleen Donovan, Hal Tearse, and Vice-President Margenau. Nominations from floor were requested three times. With no more nominations

from the floor, nominations were closed without objection. Each of the three candidates was given 5-6 minutes to address the Board and to answer questions. Votes were cast by written ballot and tallied as follows: Colleen Donovan – 5; Hal Tearse – 12; David Margenau – 10

None of the candidates secured the required 51% of the votes to be elected. Ms. Donovan was removed from the ballot and votes cast for the remaining two candidates. Votes were cast by written ballot and tallied as follows: Hal Tearse – 13; David Margenau – 14. David Margenau was welcomed as Minnesota Hockey's new president.

President Green opened nominations for Vice-President Publicity and Promotion. The current nominees are Mike Murphy and Scott Gray. Nominations from floor were requested three times. Tom Slaird was nominated by Director Morris. Mr. Slaird declined the nomination. With no more nominations from the floor, nominations were closed without objection. Each of the candidates was given 5-6 minutes to address the Board and to answer questions. Votes were cast by written ballot and tallied as follows: Mike Murphy – 4; Scott Gray – 23. Mr. Gray was welcomed as Minnesota Hockey's new Vice President, Publicity & Promotions.

President Green opened nominations for Vice-President Maroon Region. The current nominee is David Margenau, who withdrew from the election. Nominations from the floor were requested three times. John Perry was nominated by Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo. Bob Halverson was nominated by Director Elliott, who declined. Director Timm nominated Colleen Donovan. Vice-President Ford nominated Greg Nagan. Referee-in-Chief Olson nominated Hal Tearse. With no further nominations from the floor, nominations were closed without objections. Each of the three candidates was given 5-6 minutes to address the Board and answer questions. All candidates denied the opportunity. Votes were cast by written ballot and tallied as follows; John Perry – 12; Colleen Donovan – 4; Greg Nagan – 4; Hal Tearse – 6.

None of the candidates secured the required 51% of the votes to be elected. Ms. Donovan and Mr. Nagan were removed from the ballot and votes cast for the remaining two candidates. Vice-President Stigen left the meeting so the number of votes changed to 26 and the simple majority remained at 14. Votes were cast by written ballot and tallied as follows: Hal Tearse – 8; John Perry – 18. Mr. Perry was welcomed as the new Vice President, Maroon Region.

President Green opened nominations for Minnesota Hockey Coach-In-Chief. The current nominee is incumbent Hal Tearse. Nominations from floor were requested three times. With no nominations from the floor, nominations were closed without objection. **Motion by Tim Timm to elect Mr. Tearse by acclamation. Second by Director Elliott.** There were no objections. **Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Tearse was welcomed back as Minnesota Hockey Coach-In-Chief.

President Green opened nominations for Minnesota Hockey Girls/Women's Section Representative to USA Hockey. The current nominees are incumbent Lynn Olson and Barry Ford. Nominations from floor were requested three times. With no nominations from the floor, nominations were closed without objection. Each of the candidates was given 5-6 minutes to address the Board and answer questions. Votes were cast by written ballot and tallied as follows; Lynn Olson - 9; Barry Ford – 16; one abstention. Barry Ford was welcomed as the new Minnesota Hockey Girl's/Women's Section Representative to USA Hockey.

Motion by Vice-President Dickie and second by Director Timm to destroy ballots. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to adjourn Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo and second by Referee-in-Chief Olson.

Meeting adjourned at 12:43.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol D. Carlson
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Recording Secretary

I have reviewed the above Minutes and confirm that they represent the proceedings of this meeting of the Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors, held on the 25th day of April, 2010

***Gerald R. DeMeo, Secretary-Treasurer
Minnesota Hockey***