



**Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors  
Sunday, June 27, 2010  
Treasure Island Resort**

President Margenau called the meeting to order at 8:03.

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

President Margenau	Vice-President Bakke	Vice-President Ford
Vice-President Gray	Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo	Controller Bullard
Vice-President Stigen	Director Mickus	Director Brennan
Director Dornfeld	Director Jacobs	Director Kephart
Director Hewitt	Dave Weimer for Director Rakness	Director Timm
Director Hill	Director Oleheiser	Director Bushy
Scott Riopelle for Director Elliott	Director Breu	Director Bittner
Director Wefler	Director Morris	Director Swenson
Immediate Past President Green		

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

District 9 Director Christianson	Director O'Brien
Executive Director Snee	Administrative Assistant Hayes

President Margenau introduced guests from other USA Hockey Affiliates:  
Don Mulder, President; Mike Connor, Vice President, Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association  
Greg Evanson, President, North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association

Eligible voter present = 25    Simple majority = 13    2/3 Majority = 17

Motion to approve the minutes with noted corrections. **Motion carried**

**Agenda Additions/Changes**

Affiliate Agreement for Duluth Clydesdales  
1 ½ minute penalty  
Extension of XL League Affiliate Agreement

**Treasurer's Report**

As of May 31, 2010, Minnesota Hockey's cash & cash equivalents were \$1,010,297, or an improvement of \$65,737 since the last quarter.

Year to date, the company currently shows excess revenues of \$264,700. The revenue is currently nearly static, while additional expenses are anticipated which will negatively affect the cash position but should leave the company ahead of budget, with excess revenues in the vicinity of \$30,000 against a projected deficit of -\$11,726.

Most program budgets seem to be in balance at this time but close monitoring is continued to be sure any year-end surprises are positive ones.

The Balance continues to be strong. There are no receivables; current liabilities are approximately \$6,000 due to timing issues. The company did incur approximately \$2,400 in bad debt due to checks with non-sufficient funds.

There are accruals for some payroll and depreciation but both of those numbers are accounted for in the excess revenues.

The report was accepted as given.

**President's Report**

President Margenau asked the Committee Chairs to get their committee members to Bob Halverson by July 7<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the handbook. He also asked each chair to have 2 or 3 long-term goals for their committee and to report on these at the fall meeting.

He thanked everyone for all their work this weekend and all the work done prior to make the meetings run smoothly.

**Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Snee provided a written report that is attached herewith and incorporated into these Minutes by attachment. He also referenced USA Hockey Marketing Council reports which are located on the USA Hockey website [www.USAHockey.org](http://www.USAHockey.org)

**Committee Reports****Administrative Mgmt**

President Margenau reported that the committee has not met but will be meeting in July or August.

**Adult**

Director Swenson reported that the programs in place at AHA and The Wild over the summer showed an increase in participation. He is working with National Sports Center to get the tournaments that they host to be sanctioned tournaments.

**Adult Women**

Director Wefler had nothing to report

**Audit**

Nothing to report

**Disabled**

Director O'Brien deferred her report to later in the Agenda

**District Directors**

Director Dornfeld is putting together a committee to work on an AA and A tournament,

Director Mickus – nothing to report

Director Brennan – nothing to report

Director Dornfeld – nothing to report

Director Jacobs – nothing to report

Director Kephart – nothing to report

Director Hewitt – nothing to report

Dave Weimer for Director Rakness – nothing to report

Director Christianson – District operational rules are up and running and getting schedules in place

Director Timm – nothing to report

Director Hill – nothing to report

Director Oleheiser – nothing to report

Director Bushy – nothing to report

Scott Riopelle for Director Elliott – nothing to report

**Diversity**

Nothing to report

**Executive Committee**

President Margenau reported that Minnesota District Coach-In-Chief Mike McMillan was elected to be USA Hockey's National Coach-in-Chief. A replacement is needed for the Minnesota District Coach-in-Chief position. The process is for Minnesota to send three names to USAH for appointment. Vice President Perry will Chair a committee consisting of Vice-President Ford, one District Director and one District Coach-in-Chief review potential candidates and to submit their names to USA Hockey. The names should be submitted to USAH in the September-October time frame.

The Committee approved a Registration Task Team that will be chaired by Minnesota District Registrar Carol Carlson. Two District Directors will be asked to serve along with the Associate Registrars. The purpose is to

eliminate unnecessary paperwork and make the registration process easier. The Task Force will meet over summer and report to the board in September.

USAH Locker Room policy was discussed and President Margenau asked the Directors to ensure their associations are aware of the policy. Minnesota Risk Manager Kruger, Vice Presidents Gray and Ford will meet to put together a set of guidelines to be given to the associations so that they understand the policy. It can be in the form of FAQ. A copy of this policy may be found on both the Minnesota Hockey website at [www.minnesotahockey.org](http://www.minnesotahockey.org) or the USA Hockey website at [www.USAHockey.org](http://www.USAHockey.org)

### **Finance/Budget**

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo reported that Safety Committee Chair Hal Tearse has requested a line item shift of funds for his sub account 51M1 in the amount of \$400. He wishes to transfer \$250 from account no. 1820 and \$150 from account no. 1930 to account no. 1590, to cover professional fees paid for data collection. The Committee brought forth a Motion to request Board approval to grant the Controller the discretion to transfer funds from various line items within Sub account 51M1 to account no. 1590 for professional services. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Committee discussed the need to activate the policy to issue formal purchase orders for larger purchases, specifically for ice rental and program apparel. It proposes to implement this procedure for the 2010-11 fiscal year and will be forwarding additional information to all budget managers regarding this process.

The committee remains concerned about the receipt of NSF checks, especially when these checks are accepted from individuals that have previously issued NSF checks. It will develop guidelines for check acceptance and will circulate it prior to the start of fiscal year 2011.

The Committee will present the proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2011 under "New Business" later in the agenda. The Committee has reviewed this budget and attests that, to the best of its knowledge, it has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, adequately address the financial needs of this organization and is consistent with its published financial policies.

The Finance/Budget Committee for 2010-11 will consist of:

Secretary-Treasurer Jerry DeMeo  
Controller Jim Bullard  
Maroon Vice President John Perry  
Director, District 6 Brad Hewitt  
Director, District 12 Steve Oleheiser  
Director, District 2 Michelle Brennan

### **Girls League**

Vice-President Perry, President Margenau, and Greta Wedell have met and will be setting the date for the fall meeting.

### **Grievance**

Grievance Committee Chair DeMeo has been requested by President Margenau to provide a program to familiarize the Board with the grievance process. This will take place during the Committee of the Whole session during the fall meeting.

The Grievance Committee for 2010-11 will consist of:

Secretary-Treasurer Jerry DeMeo  
Director Emeritus John Carter  
Director Emeritus Phil Graber  
Maroon Vice President John Perry  
Director, District 5 Doug Kephart

### **High School Boys**

Director Bittner was appointed to replace Ty Eigner. He had nothing to report

**High School Girls**

Director Morris reported that the Coaches Association is partnering with the Defend the Blue Line program that offers scholarships to players who have a parent serving over-seas.

**Hockey Ops**

Vice President Ford referred to the written reports prepared by his subcommittee Chairs. Those that were submitted are attached herewith and incorporated into these Minutes by attachment.

**Handbook**

Committee Chair Halverson stated he prefers to get information for the handbook in email form. The cut off is July 7<sup>th</sup> for additions or changes in the book's content. If no changes are received, the information currently in the Handbook will remain. Executive Director Snee and Administrative Assistant Kathy Hayes will work with Chairman Halverson to prepare the calendar.

Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo asked the Committee to consider putting email addresses in the handbook. Chairman Halverson deferred to the Board for their direction as he feels this is not a committee decision. Director Kephart moved that email addresses be added to the 2010-11 Minnesota Hockey Handbook. Second by Vice-President Bakke. All board members can have a email address at minnesotahockey.org web site. Executive Director Snee will get an email out to board members on how to setup their email account. **Motion carried with 4 "no" votes.**

Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo moved that those that don't want their emails listed in the handbook have that option. Second by Immediate Past President Green. **Motion defeated.**

**Junior Gold**

Committee Chair Kruger had nothing to report

**Juniors**

Director Breu reported that the Wisconsin Mustangs withdrew their membership effective July 17th. The league's second annual showcase to be held in Blaine at the Super Rink, December 15 - 18. The organization started online registration at MNJHL.com.

**Planning**

Vice President Bakke referred to his Committee report given the previous day. A copy of that report is attached herewith and incorporated into these Minutes by attachment.

Executive Director Snee will put a note on the web site regarding the change of birth dates for registration

**Publicity**

Vice President Gray referred to his Committee report given the previous day. A copy of that report is attached herewith and incorporated into these Minutes by attachment.

**Recreational Hockey**

Program Chair Mickus reported the program is getting ready for next year. They remained concerned with the birth certificate issue.

**Regional Coordinators**

Vice-President Stigen reminded the Gold Region Directors he needs the list of their tournaments together with the properly executed hosting packages.

Vice-President Perry offered the same reminder for the Maroon Region directors.

**Rules**

Rules Committee Chair Halverson brought forth proposed Bylaw change B1 which amended that portion of Bylaw article 7 regarding Director Emeritus. The updated language indicates that the term of office for Director Emeritus is dependent on their involvement, but there is no definition on the level of involvement required or process to address it.

*"The term of office for Director Emeritus is ~~a lifetime~~, governed ~~only~~ by their involvement and the*

extent that health/age permit. After two years of no active involvement, the designation can be discontinued by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors."

Without objection, committee placed the matter on floor for discussion. **Motion carried unanimously**

Rules Committee Chair Halverson brought forth proposed Bylaw change B2 which amended that portion of Bylaw article 7 regarding nominations for directors and officers. The updated language is intended to modify and clarify the nominating process, indicating the methodology for declaring one's candidacy. The proposed language is:

*Elections:*

- 1. No less than two months prior to any scheduled MH election, the President shall appoint a nominating committee chairman who shall be a Board member (preferably a Director Emeritus). Individuals interested in being a candidate in an upcoming MH election shall notify the Nominating Committee Chairman. The Nominating Committee Chairman shall record contact information for interested candidates, and the date individuals expressed interest.*
- 2. The Nominating Committee Chairman shall notify all current Board members of the candidates that have been identified not less than two weeks prior to the annual meeting or other meeting at which an election will be held. The information shall also be posted on the MH website. If the two-weeks prior notice indicates that there is at least one identified candidate for a position, any additional individuals interested in being a candidate for that position must be nominated from the floor at the time of the election.*
- 3. In the event that no candidates have been identified for a position in an upcoming election when the two-week notice is generated, the Nominating Committee Chairman shall convene a Nominating Committee consisting of two District Directors, one maroon and one gold, and at least two Directors Emeriti. The Nominating Committee shall solicit candidates, insuring that there is at least one candidate for each open position, and notify all current Board members of candidates that have been identified at least two days prior to the annual meeting or other meeting at which an election will be held. Website info shall be also be updated, preferably as candidates are identified.*
- 4. Candidates meeting the deadline to express interest in running for positions being elected, and additional candidates identified by the Nominating Committee as described above, shall be placed into nomination by the Nominating Committee Chairman. Candidates may also be nominated from the floor by a Board member. Voting for new officers and representatives shall take place as the last order of business at the annual meeting or other meeting in which an election will be held.*

Without objection, the matter was placed on floor for discussion by committee. **Motion carried unanimously**

Rules Committee Chair Halverson brought forth proposed Bylaw change B3 that amended Bylaw Article 8 regarding the composition of the Administrative Management Committee. The updated language is intended to ensure that this committee conforms to others by having at least two District Directors, one from the Maroon region and one from the Gold region.

The administrative management committee shall be a standing committee for the purpose of effecting and furthering the business affairs of the corporation. The committee shall consist of ~~five~~ seven members including the President, the Controller, the Chairs of the Publicity and Promotion, and Planning committees, two District Directors and one other person to be appointed by the President. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the committee. The committee shall have the authority to employ, on a part or full time basis, an employee, to be known as the Executive Director of the corporation, upon such terms and conditions as shall be mutually agreeable.

Without objection, the matter was placed on floor for discussion by committee. **Motion carried unanimously**

Rules Committee Chair Halverson brought forth proposed Bylaw change B3 that amended Bylaw Article 15 regarding the process for the election of USA Hockey Minnesota District Directors. The updated language added paragraphs 2, 3 & 4 to the Article. If approved, it is intended that the change become effective immediately.

- 1.** It is the intent of MH that its current president be a USA Hockey Director and serve as an ambassador for Minnesota Hockey at the national level. Accordingly, MH shall nominate its current president as a candidate for Minnesota District Director.
- 2.** USA Hockey (USAH) Minnesota District Directors shall be elected using the process outlined in the USAH Minnesota District Operating Rules.

3. MH Representatives indicated below shall cast votes in USAH Minnesota District Director elections based on their number of USAH-registered participants. The USA Hockey Minnesota District Registrar will determine the number of votes that each designated representative will cast. The MH President shall make a determination in the event of a dispute.

- a. District Directors Registered Youth and Girls programs players and coaches in their respective Districts
- b. Juniors Director Registered Junior program players and coaches
- c. Adults Director Registered Adult program players and coaches
- d. Women's Director Registered Women's program players and coaches
- e. Disabled Hockey Dir. Registered Disabled Hockey program players and coaches

The MH President shall cast votes for registered participants not fitting any of the above categories.

4. The MH representatives listed above may designate an alternate person to cast their votes, provided such designation is provided in writing (e-mail is acceptable) to the MH Secretary/Treasurer.

Without objection, the matter was placed on floor for discussion by committee. Director Morris asked for an amendment to B4 that the High School Boys and Girls reps are allowed to vote their member counts. Seconded by Director Swenson. **Motion to amend was defeated. Motion as originally made carried with two no votes.**

Rules Committee Chair Halverson brought forth proposed change R1 that amended Youth Playing Rules & Regulations Section I regarding the verification of credentials for Minnesota Hockey players. This proposal clarifies that we intended to eliminate documentation for \*players\* only, retains the right for us to ask for player date of birth and citizenship info if we want it, and adds the term "Recreational" to the rule, in keeping with the recently passed definition for the recreational level.

#### I. TEAM REGISTRATION

A. Team Rosters Affiliates must complete a USA Hockey Roster Form for each team and submit along with proof of date of birth, proof of legal residency for non-US citizens and other required documentation (refer to paragraph entitled Credentials hereinafter) to the USA Hockey Registrar or designee for approval. Players on Teams categorized as "House or Recreational" are exempt from submitting proof of date of birth, or proof of legal residency for non-US citizens and all other required documentation. This documentation may be required on an exception basis by the District Director, Registrar or local association.

Without objection, the matter was placed on floor for discussion by committee. Director Hewitt moved that an amendment to the language be made to the words "*District Director, Registration or local association*" to "*Program Director*". Seconded by Tom Mickus. Following a brief discussion, the Motion withdrawn by Director Hewitt with no objections from the body.

Rules Committee Chair Halverson caucused with his Committee and requested that the language in the last sentence of the proposal be struck and replaced with "*Documentation may be required by the Cognizant Director, Registrar or Local on an exception basis where probably cause is to question citizenship, gender or age where germane to the program.*" The Amendment was placed on floor with no objections. **Motion to amend the proposal carried unanimously. Motion to approve the proposal as amended carried unanimously.**

Rules Committee Chair Halverson brought forth proposed change R2 that amended Youth Playing Rules & Regulations Section V regarding eligibility provisions for high school players. This proposal remove the reference to the Girls 19& Under Pre/Post season Limited Affiliate Agreement as there is now a formal Girls Fall Elite League..

#### V. ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS

B. Any high school hockey player who participates with their high school hockey team beyond December 31st shall not be eligible for MH sanctioned teams during the balance of the playing season, ~~except as provided for under the Girls 19& Under Pre season/Post season Limited Affiliate Agreement.~~ Refer to the Minnesota State High School League rules for future High School eligibility.

Without objection, the matter was placed on floor for discussion by committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Rules Committee Chair Halverson brought forth proposed change R3 that amended Youth Playing Rules & Regulations Section VII to encourage the use of cross-ice practices & games at the Mite level, by limiting the number of full ice games for Mite teams.

#### VII. LEVELS OF PLAY

G. **MITE HOCKEY** – MH strongly encourages the skill level development of all players, especially at the entry levels. *Therefore, the following is effective for the Mite level.*

1. ~~This level player will play~~ *Mite teams shall participate* within their district only, except the District Director may, for convenience or to maintain continuity, permit a team to play outside the district. The District Director's decision is final.
2. **Cross ice, 1/2 ice and small area games are recommended for Mites to increase ice time, puck touches and skill development. Using the ADM model as a guideline, Districts and local associations shall establish the maximum number of games, not to exceed 15 full-ice games. The above policies will be monitored by each local association and district. Failure to comply will result in sanctions against the respective association as determined by MH.**
3. MH does not permit Mite Tournaments nor does MH permit Mite teams to participate in out-of-state tournaments.

Without objection, the matter was placed on floor for discussion by committee. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Rules Committee Chair Halverson brought forth proposed change R4 that amended Youth Playing Rules & Regulations Section VII to clarify the definitions for practices, controlled scrimmages and games.

#### VII. LEVELS OF PLAY

H. **SQUIRT HOCKEY** – MH strongly encourages the skill development of all players, especially at the entry levels. Therefore, the following is effective for the Squirt level.

1. No league standings shall be kept.
2. Limit games (league/tournament/exhibition games) to a maximum of 35 per season. Each game played in a tournament shall be counted as one game. ~~Controlled scrimmages count toward the total of 35, but must meet the definition of a controlled scrimmage as outlined in the paragraph in the Playing Rules section entitled "Exhibition Games and Controlled Scrimmages."~~ *For Squirts, controlled scrimmages count as games and not as practices.*
3. A three to one practice to game ratio shall be supported by all associations.
4. A and B squirts must be allocated an equal quality and number of ice hours.
5. The above policies will be monitored by each local association and district. Failure to comply will result in sanctions against the respective Association as determined by MH.
6. There shall be no region or state tournaments at the squirt level.

Without objection, the matter was placed on floor for discussion by committee. **Motion carried with one dissenting vote.**

**A FULL COPY OF THE RULES COMMITTEE REPORT MAY BE FOUND ON THE MINNESOTA HOCKEY WEBSITE [www.minnesotahockey.org](http://www.minnesotahockey.org)**

#### **Safety**

The committee has been invited to participate with a Sports Injury seminar in Rochester this fall with the Mayo Clinic.

#### **Scholarships**

Nothing to report

#### **Screening**

Nothing to report

**Tournaments/Awards**

Report stands from Saturday. Please get host agreements to Vice President Dickie as soon as possible.

**A COPY OF THE TOURNAMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT MAY BE FOUND ON THE MINNESOTA HOCKEY WEBSITE [www.minnesotahockey.org](http://www.minnesotahockey.org)**

A Motion came from the committee to use a double elimination format for regional tournaments. The Motion was placed on the table without objection. **Motion carried unanimously.**

A Motion came from the committee to have state tournaments a two day event with single elimination bracket. This is a change to the Youth Playing Rules and Regulations and requires a 2/3 vote to pass. The motion was defeated with 12 yes votes and 8 no votes. **The Motion was defeated.**

A Motion came from the committee to adopt rotation and seeding changes for the regional tournaments – 4 region state area. This would be for two years because of the AA and A State Tournament discussion. The Motion was amended to require that a schedule will be published in the Handbook with a note that the schedule is subject to change. There were no objections to the Amendment. **Motion carried as amended unanimously**

A Motion came from the committee that the Junior Gold A, Junior Gold B and 16U state seeding to be developed after team counts and sites are determined. **Motion carried unanimously.**

A Motion came from the committee to allow the Maroon Region Junior Gold A to have the Regions be a play down run by the Metro League versus a Regional tournament run by MN Hockey. **Motion carried unanimously.**

A Motion came from the committee to allow the District Directors to place a third team in the play downs. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The committee referred to page 41 of the Handbook, which states that Girls 12U/14U regions will use the same general round-robin format as the PeeWees and Bantams. The winner of game #12 will be seeded number, game 12 loser will seeded number and winner of game #11 seeded number 3. The Board was informed that this portion of the rule will remain effective.

**USA HOCKEY REPORTS:****Disabled**

Disabled Representative O'Brien submitted a written report which is incorporated into these Minutes. She also reported that the Disabled Festival will be held April 1 - 3, 2011 with around 52 teams coming in. First ever sled national tournament. Need Youth Hockey support and want to connect every team with a Youth Hockey team as a point of contact and to be there to support the teams. Registration will open in two weeks with a cut-off date for participation.

**Registrar**

District Registrar Carlson provided a written report to the Board, which is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes.

**ACE**

ACE Coordinator Terry Evavold provided a written report to the Board which is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes.

**Risk Management**

Bruce Kruger – Locker room supervision was only major issue discussed during the Risk Manager's meetings. The USA Hockey Board of Directors adopted a ruling requiring adult supervision in all youth locker rooms at all times.

**Coach-in-Chief**

District Registrar MacMillan provided a written report to the Board, which is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes. He also referenced several USA Hockey Coaching reports, including the new Coaches Ethics Code and the new locker room supervision policy. These documents may be found at [www.USAHockey.org](http://www.USAHockey.org)

**Girls/Women**

Women's Section Representative Olson provided a written report to the Board, which is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes.

Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo moved that the board recognize Lynn's steadfastness and leadership in working in Girls' and Women's hockey and offer it's sincere appreciation for her continuous devotion and dedication to bringing the participation of girls and women into the forefront of ice hockey. Second by Immediate past President Green. **Motion carried unanimously**

**USA Hockey Directors**

USA Hockey District Director DeMeo reported that the Finance, Investment and Audit committee reviewed the fiscal 2011 budget and recommended its approval to the Board. The Budget was approved by the board on Sunday. Audits of district and affiliates continue and Minnesota is on the schedule. Director DeMeo thanked Mike MacMillan for all his service and leadership as Minnesota's Coach –In-Chief and congratulated him on his appointment as National Coach-in-Chief. Director DeMeo also praised USA Hockey President Ron Degregorio for his leadership.

Director DeMeo also reported that he met with the Wisconsin Affiliate to discuss the player transfer issue. WAHA adopted the protocol at their last meeting. All WAHA teams will be registered as wither Tier 1 or Tier 2 and the unclassified teams will remain as unclassified until the youngest players have passed through the program. He complimented our Wisconsin guests for the effective and efficient meeting they conducted.

Director Green provided a written report that is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes.

Director Margenau provided a written report that is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes.

**High School Representative**

Representative Macho reported:

Topic 1:

Much of the meeting revolved around the National High School Tournament that took place in Pittsburgh, PA. Minnesota did not have a representative at this Tournament. The Committee asked if MN would be interested in having a participant in this tournament - My response was "NO". The Committee then asked if MN would be willing to consider having a Junior Gold team participate in this National Tournament - again my response was "NO".

Rationale: The reason for my response was because of our participation in our "National Tournament" that we ran here in MN in conjunction with our Select 16 and 17 Festivals. Also, the National High School Committee voted to move the date of the tournament to the 24th-26th of March.....one week prior to our Jr. Gold State Tournament. I didn't see the practicality of removing MN kids from school the following week, completing transportation and then asking the families to incur a few thousand \$ cost to participate (lodging/transportation/food).

Topic 2:

The other topic of discussion was the increased number in entrepreneurial groups across the country causing problems (especially at the High School level - Midgets, High School and Junior A Tier III) in the manner of financial costs to families, the promise of college opportunities if your child participates and the decimation of current High School programs because of the increased number of players leaving to participate in said entrepreneurial programs. Massachusetts and Illinois specifically expressed their concerns...other States also contributed. Although we do not have this problem at the High School level in MN, it has become a slowly increasing concern in our youth rankings (AAA, private rink ownerships, MN Made etc.). Time and time again, the topic came back to "policy" in that said entrepreneurial groups did not have the same vision of development as their respective State had...it was more - how much money can we make AND some groups seemed to think of themselves as "exempt" from following policies in place by USA hockey. Continued observation by MN Hockey of these groups is needed in order to maintain that "policy" is put in place BEFORE the Entrepreneurial ideas come forward. MN Hockey has ALWAYS shown the ability to maintain the integrity of hockey in this State.....I felt truly proud to be from MN knowing that we have quality people in charge of MN Hockey to help prevent situations like this from occurring.

**Executive Director Snee**

Executive Director Snee provided a written report on the USA Hockey Marketing Council that is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

President Margenau relinquished the chair to Dennis Green so that he might participate in the matter of District 1 amended affiliate agreements

Moved by President Margenau to adopt the amended District 1 Affiliate Agreements as presented. Second by Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo. The President of Johnson/Como spoke to the board on the opposition from his association to these amended affiliate agreements that allow over lapping boundaries between affiliates. This vote requires a simple majority to pass. **The vote was 9 for and 9 against so the motion failed.**

Our parliamentarian stated that the board could vote again at this meeting if someone who voted against the motion made a motion to re-vote.

Moved by Scott Riopelle for Director Elliott and seconded by Director Bushy to reconsider the Affiliate Agreements individually rather than as a group. A roll call was taken to clarify the number present. **Motion to reconsider the vote was passed unanimously**

President Margenau moved to adopt the City of Lakes Affiliate Agreement as amended. Second by Vice-President Bakke. No one was opposed to divide the question. **Motion to accept City of Lakes Affiliate Agreement as amended carried unanimously.**

Motion by President Margenau to adopt the Dino Mites Affiliate Agreement as amended. Second Director Dornfeld. **Motion carried unanimously**

Motion by President Margenau to adopt the amended Affiliate Agreement for Edgcumbe Hockey Association. Second by Director Brennan. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by President Margenau to adopt the amended Affiliate Agreement for the Langford Park Association. Second by Vice-President Bakke. There was discussion of putting a boundary around the Langford Park Association so that there would not be overlapping boundaries. Director Mickus moved that the Langford Park Association Affiliate Agreement be amended to outline the boundaries of Langford Park to be the City of St. Paul north of 94 and west of 35 E. Second by Director Oleheiser. **Motion on the amendment was carried unanimously.** President Margenau moved to accept the amended Affiliate Agreement, seconded by Director Mickus. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Age Change Consideration**

Vice-President Bakke moved that the matter of age change consideration be postponed until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Second by Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo. **Motion approved unanimously.**

**Minnesota Hockey Member Forum**

Vice-President Gray moved to postpone the matter of the Minnesota Hockey Member Forum to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Second from Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo. **Motion approved unanimously.**

**Minnesota Hockey Foundation**

Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo moved to postpone the matter of the Minnesota Hockey Foundation to the fall meeting where a complete proposal presented from an ad hoc committee on the purpose and structure of the foundation. Second by Controller Bullard. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dave Wiemer for Director Rakness moved to accept the new Affiliate Agreement for the Johnson/Como association. Second by Director Mickus. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**2010 – 2011 Budget**

Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo moved to accept the operating budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year as submitted to the board. Second by Director Brennan. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo moved to accept the schedule of stipends for the 2010-2011 season as submitted. Second by Director Oleheiser. If this motion is defeated, the stipend would revert to the previous schedule. Motion by Director Oleheiser to reconsider the vote on the budget and consider the stipend schedule first. Second by Immediate Past President Green. With no discussion, the vote was taken. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo moved to divide the question on budget approval between the budget and stipends. Second by Controller Bullard. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo moved to approve the stipend schedule as submitted for 2010-2011. Second by Immediate Past President Green. Individuals who receive a stipend are not eligible to vote on this issue. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo moved to accept the operating budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 that includes the stipend schedule. Second by Director Brennan. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo thanked Executive Director Snee, Administrative Assistant Hayes, Vice President Ford, Controller Bullard, Coach-In-Chief MacMillan and the Finance and Budget Committee for their hard work on this project.

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo moved that the Resolution To Establish A Protocol For The Inter-Affiliate Transfer of Players be approved to wit:

The Board of Directors of Minnesota Hockey, Inc., in accordance with its Bylaws, hereby adopts the following resolution:

**Whereas** Minnesota Hockey Inc, in the course of its governance of the sport of amateur hockey in Minnesota, has adopted a philosophy of community based hockey, and

**Whereas** the majority of its members are not disposed to avail themselves of the opportunity to participate in USA Hockey Tier I national tournaments, and

**Whereas** Minnesota Hockey has no desire to unduly constrain its members who may want to associate with teams interested in participating in USA Hockey national tournaments, and

**Whereas** certain neighboring USA Hockey affiliates may offer the opportunity for Minnesota players to participate with USA Hockey Tier I national tournament bound teams

**Be it resolved**, the Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors shall adopt a Protocol to manage, without bias, transfer requests from those Minnesota Hockey players who want to associate themselves with USA Hockey Tier I national tournament bound located in Neighboring USA Hockey Affiliates.

**Be it further resolved**, that Minnesota Hockey shall work in concert with its USA Hockey neighboring affiliates to ensure that all players requesting such transfer requests are dealt with in a timely and equitable manner.

Second by Immediate Past President Green. Director Brennan expressed the District 2 concern that being close to the border of Wisconsin, this could adversely affect them – especially for goalies and girls. **Motion carried with a nay vote from District 2.**

Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo move to approve the Inter-Affiliate Player Transfer Protocol as submitted, to wit:

#### **Inter-Affiliate Player Transfer Protocol**

Minnesota Hockey, Inc., a duly registered affiliate of USA Hockey, requires that any player who resides in another state and wishes to play hockey with a team in the Minnesota Hockey program, without changing his/her residence to Minnesota, must first obtain a properly executed waiver from the player's resident state.

Conversely, Minnesota Hockey requires that any Minnesota resident wishing to play hockey in another state, while remaining a resident of Minnesota, must first obtain a properly executed waiver from Minnesota Hockey, Inc.

This protocol is consistent with the terms and conditions of the USA Hockey Affiliate Agreement that grants each affiliate the right of "exclusive jurisdiction" within the definition of its geographical boundaries.

The Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors will designate one person who will act upon all interstate waiver requests from those who submit them, using the following criteria:

1. This protocol applies to Youth and Girls programs that are conducted during the Minnesota Hockey "regular season", which extends from the date players are permitted to register for a given year through the end of the Minnesota Hockey Youth/Girls State Tournaments in March. Those players in the Adult or Women classifications are excluded from this protocol.
2. Prior to submitting a request for transfer, all players must first register with their resident state. For players coming into Minnesota, an approved waiver from the player's resident state must be obtained, then submitted to and approved by the Minnesota Hockey designee before the player may be placed on a Minnesota Hockey team roster.
3. Minnesota Hockey will accept approved players from another state who wish to play in Minnesota because the state in which they reside does not offer a program similar to those offered in Minnesota.
4. Minnesota hockey will approve an interstate waiver request from one of its resident players provided that the player will be participating in a program classified as Tier 1 by a USA Hockey Affiliate and Minnesota Hockey does not offer such a program.
5. Transfer of players who live in contiguous border communities, and desire an interstate residency waiver based upon geographical proximity of their residence, will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Approval of such requests will not be unreasonably withheld.

. Second by Immediate Past President Green. **Motion carried with a nay vote from District 2.**

#### **Minor Penalty Pilot Program**

Director Dornfeld moved that we conduct a one year pilot for the 2010-2011 season of 1 ½ minor penalties for all league, exhibition/scrimmage, tournament (invitational, district, region and state) games with periods of 15 minutes or less. Second by Director Oleheiser. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion from Director Hill to adopt the Affiliate Agreement for the Duluth Clydesdale – a 19U team. Second by Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo. Immediate Past President Green asked that Affiliate Agreement defining the criteria for the team be attached hereto and become a part of the Minutes. **Motion carried unanimously**

President Margenau relinquished the chair to Past President Green so he might present the XL League Affiliate Agreement for approval. President Margenau moved to adopt the Affiliate Agreement for the XL League for one year. Second by Vice President Ford **Motion carried unanimously.**

Moved by Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo and second by Controller Bullard to adjourn.  
Motion to adjourn carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully Submitted

Carol D. Carlson  
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 27th<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010***

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