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Minutes of Tri State Hockey Association
Annual Meeting of Board of Directors
April 16th, 2005

Call to Order. Pursuant to notice distributed by electronic mail and posting on the web site, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Ted Ohmart at 12:30 pm at the Holiday Inn, Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, IA.

Role was taken. Answering roll call were:

Iowa

Ames	Grouwinkle
	Moorman
Des Moines High School	Erbstein
Cedar Rapids	Hickson
Mason City	Cornick
Coral Ridge (Iowa City)	Lombardo
	Crews
Quad Cities	Morales
Siouxland	Lukehart

Kansas

KC Stars	Curry
Wichita Warriors	Galvan

Missouri

Nebraska

Lincoln	Smith, S
	Smith, T
Omaha Gladiators	Loundes
Tri City	Foster
	Robertson
O.M.A.H.A.	Hughes
	Anderson
	Roehr

Officers

President	Ohmart
VP	Teplicky
Treasurer	Strako
Secretary	Shelton
IHSL President	Spencer
Midwest League President	Byrd (absent)
Referee-in-Chief	Huber
Women's Director	Krueger

Guests

Mid States Phoenix Girls	Bachman
Des Moines	Buenting

(See ts_em050416.pdf for the sign-in sheet.)

Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of August 14th, 2004, previously distributed by posting on the web site, were reviewed. Motion made to approve minutes as corrected (Ames/Des Moines). Motion carried.

Elections. President Ohmart opened the floor for nominations for Vice President and Treasurer. Incumbents Les Teplicky and Joe Strako were approved, respectively, by acclamation.

Reports. President Ohmart then called for reports.

Risk Manager. VP Teplicky discussed the screening process. He observed that all who are in contact with kids are subject to screening. He noted that this includes coaches, managers, board members, and all others who have contact with kids. See ts_rm1_050416.pdf and ts_rm2_050416.pdf. Discussion ensued regarding the need for guidelines to handle younger age groups where there exists extensive parent-child contact. The screening process continues to become more complicated with time. He reminded associations to use the form posted on the Tri State web site for submissions. His position is that we should err on the side of child protection when choices need to be made.

VP Teplicky then discussed directors' & officers' (D&O) insurance. This coverage has been provided since January 1st, 2005, through USAH in a transition from association provided insurance to coverage which will be provided through USAH player and coach registration beginning with the 05/06 year. He noted that three associations (Sioux City, KC Stars, and Lincoln) had not yet reimbursed Tri State for their coverage.

Treasurer. Treasurer Strako reported that Tri State had, in the 04/05 year, registered 5907 players, 760 coaches, and 90 managers in 439 teams. Tri State is expected to receive \$4 per individual registration (vs the \$1 presently) to balance the loss of team registration fees (which will no longer occur). Associations will necessarily have to change their registration fees to reflect that the player registers separately. He noted that registrations will have the capability to register individuals who have not registered on line. To summarize, beginning with the new registration year, \$34 is expected to cover the individual, all team fees, D&O, and TSA.

Web Editor. Mark Erbstein reported on additional functionality on the web site. He has streamlined the process for updating association pages. It is difficult, however, to link from the TSA site to USAH. The MWL portion of the site is getting the preponderance of the hits.

Women/Girls. Women's Director Scott Kruger reported that 84 girls had registered this year. Fifteen competed in a tryout camp for five slots. Four girls attended were advanced to the select camp.

Iowa High School League. IHSL President Shawn Spencer observed that IHSL will be 30 years old in '06. The goal of the league is to build a complete player: physically & academically. This past season, IHSL had 34 seniors with a 3.5 or better GPA through their high school career and 130 players and 3.0 or better. The league continues to expand its product and this year outsourced a successful JV tournament. Des Moines is being considered as the location for future varsity and JV tournaments.

Referee-in-Chief. RIC Jeff Huber commented on the 04/05 experience indicating that it would be desirable to retain within the affiliate the authority to adjudicate match penalties for all Tri State players. While waiting for adjudication, a player may neither play nor practice. RIC Huber observed that it continues to be difficult to attract people to officiating.

Old Business.

Year Ending Tournaments. VP Teplicky reported on the year ending tournaments for the 04/05 season. See ts_yet05_050416.pdf. He reviewed the protocol for conduct of these tournaments which determine which national bound team should represent Tri State within Central District. He discussed the ending dates for IHSL which would allow players to participate in end of season USAH competitions. See ts_yet_050416.pdf. The refund policy was discussed. See ts_ref_050416.pdf. Motion to accept carried (Cedar Rapids/Ames).

Showcase. Tony Morales discussed the showcase protocol. Ten Tri State players included 2 from Mid West League. Historically, the affiliate's showcase tryouts have been managed by IHSL. Players within the league had a process to get to the showcase, but the introduction of players from outside IHSL was under a seemingly amorphous structure. See #10. Moved that any player who plays for any Tier I team during IHSL season is not eligible for showcase. (IHSL/OMAHA). Motion fails.

New Business.

Women's Issues in Omaha. Representatives of a women's team from Omaha expressed their interest in forming their own association in an attempt to meet the needs of some families. As discussion ensued, it appeared that their needs might be met by registering as a separate group within an existing Omaha association.

Des Moines Tier I. Information was informally presented indicating that another Tier I team wished to form in Des Moines, creating their own association. Similar discussion ensued, centering around the notion that registration might occur through an existing association.

By Laws. #11. Proposed changes for the by laws were discussed.

Registration Fee. Motion to move the TSA registration fee to \$4. (Ames/Sioux City). Motion carried.

Association Agreements. Motion to modify the association agreements such that the coaching director shall also be the ACE coordinator and that the initiation director position is deleted. (Sioux City/Cedar Rapids) Motion carried.

President Ohmart observed that the USAH Annual Congress will be held in Colorado Springs June 7th through 12th.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 20th, 2005. (Cedar Rapids/OMAHA).

Respectfully submitted,

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