

*(exhibits cited are provided to each association and are also available on request)*

Minutes of Tri State Hockey Association  
Meeting  
April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Call to Order. Meeting was called to order by President Ted Ohmart at 12:03 pm at the Courtyard by Marriott, Clive IA. (See ts\_exh040424.pdf for member associations, officers, and officials. See ts\_em040424\_1.pdf for the sign-in sheet.)

Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003, were distributed and reviewed. (See ts\_min030906.pdf for minutes of the last meeting.) IHSL Shawn Spencer observed that \$500 was to have been paid to IHSL by TSHA following the last meeting but had not been done, anticipating offsetting payment to TSHA by IHSL relating to production of a directory. As it was subsequently decided to not produce a directory, President Ohmart asked that the Treasurer make the disbursement following the meeting. Motion made to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Elections. President Ohmart called on VP Les Teplicky to make the report for the nominating committee. VP Teplicky put forth the following slate for the positions open for election on even years:

President	Ted Ohmart
Vice President	Brian Giachino
Secretary	John Shelton.

There being no further nominations from the floor, motion was made to approve the slate. Motion carried.

Reports. President Ohmart then called for reports.

Referee-in-Chief. R-i-C Jeff Huber requested input from the affiliates regarding officiating in general. Items discussed included the off sides protocol, recording penalties observed but not assessed (due to scoring of a goal), head contact (intentional or not), cross checking, consistency of officiating, and management of player/coach suspensions. As this is not a rule making year, no action was called for.

Initiation Program/Development Program. VP Brian Giachino presented his report on the initiation program and the development program. (See ts\_exh040424\_2.pdf) Sufficient instructor training materials are on hand to meet needs for one to two years. The player development program saw 144 players participate in the March Tri State selections; 37 went on to various higher level camps. Discussion ensued about the link between player registrations and slots allotted for select camps. It was noted that players playing outside the district who wish to go to a select camp can typically only do so using one of the district's slots (rather than one from the district within which they play). (One Tri State slot was given this year to a Tri State resident registered with a non-Tri State (viz., Colorado) team.) The critical year in player development is at 15 years old. Players 16 and over seeking to go to a camp typically must displace a player selected at age 15 to secure a spot. The desirability of volunteers serving on the bench, facilitating line changes, was discussed.

Risk Manager. VP Les Teplicky presented his report (See ts\_exh040424\_3.pdf through \_6). He described the screening process (op.cit. p6), wherein the affiliate's goal is to attain 40% penetration of the coaching population by screening an additional 20% each year. Specifically:

- Associations download screening form from the web site, complete, forward to TSA Risk Manager;
- 20% of each Association's volunteers will be screened at random each year;
- Completed forms will be maintained for 15 years;
- Tri State Risk Manager will notify Association Risk Manager if record of offences is uncovered;
- Tri State Risk Manager will advise any person not in compliance with USAH guidelines that they are immediately suspended from their position and that they have a right to an appeal;
- Association screening committee will be required to conduct the appeal review using the same process outlined above;
- Tri State Risk Manager must be notified of the disposition of all suspended individuals.

Motion was made to adopt the changes in policy described in the exhibit. Motion carried.

Qualification Tournaments. Tournaments were held in Wichita, Kansas City, and Sioux City for purposes of identifying teams to proceed to Central District tournaments. Notes were presented containing observations and lessons learned. (See ts\_exh040424\_7.pdf through \_15) VP Teplicky recommended that the selection of hosts for 2005 be deferred to the August meeting. Motion was made to defer selection of hosts to the August meeting. Motion carried.

It was noted that the allocation by Central District for conducting its qualifying tournament (held in Quad Cities 19-21 March) was inadequate to the cost; viz., about \$9,000 was allocated. While the actual cost to

the sponsoring organization could easily be \$12,000. Discussion ensued as to the need to be “creative” in managing tournaments of this type.

Handbook. Discussion ensued about past efforts/intentions to publish an affiliate handbook. Noting the perishable nature of possible contents, motion was made to abandon any intention of publishing an affiliate handbook and to, instead, use the internet for dissemination of information. Motion carried.

Registrar. Treasurer/Registrar Joe Strako presented the recent registration history of affiliates within Tri State. (See ts\_exh040424\_18.pdf through \_22.)

Treasurer. Treasurer/Registrar Joe Strako presented the cash account of the association. (See ts\_ex040424\_23.pdf) Motion was made to ratify the treasurer report. Motion carried.

Iowa High School League. IHSL Shawn Spencer reported on the accumulated success of Iowa High School League: 130 former players now play in Junior A, B, or higher. The league continues to emphasize academics through the President’s Academic Award. Seniors qualify by maintaining at least a cumulative 3.5 GPA. This year, 45 players received the award.

Midwest League. MWL Ron Byrd reviewed the year’s progress and ideas for enhancement of the experience.

### **Old Business.**

Chicago Showcase. As Chicago Showcase is administered within Tri State by IHSL, procedures were discussed by IHSL Shawn Spencer. (See ts\_exh040424\_16.pdf to \_17) Spencer observed that, as it becomes bigger, the challenges in player selection also grow. In particular, providing opportunity to non IHSL players has been included consistent with the Showcase position that teams must be open to all within the affiliate. Spencer solicited members to email their ideas how to properly accommodate this. He also observed that all affiliate coaches are now eligible to participate.

Association ByLaw Updates. President Ohmart led discussion on the advisability of holding the annual meeting in May (rather than April) in order to have a better chance of having new officers of the members. After considering several issues dealing with different election cycles at different associations and other competing calendar commitments, consensus was to encourage associations to identify a representative who might likely attend both meetings (viz., April and August). President Ohmart also encouraged associations to email recommendations for By Law changes.

Player Movement. President Ohmart entertained discussion on issues of player movement. The issue seems to presently exist in cities with more than one association, though the potential for conflict also exists where communities funnel players to higher level teams as motivated players/families seek opportunity and as the numbers participating within a community decline with advancing age. People on both sides of the issue (i.e., freedom of movement vs restrictions to movement) presented anecdotal information suggesting that this is an emotionally tinged issue. While no motions were presented for consideration, President Ohmart observed that Tri State would not take a position against rules made locally that do not contravene USAH rules. He also observed that Tri State would not be inclined to register for the subsequent year any player who has not “satisfied” his or her financial obligations. (“Satisfied” was not defined in this discussion nor was the question of how conflicts or appeals would be approached.)

Coaching Clinics. Discussion ensued of the challenges in scheduling/staffing coaching clinics to meet the requirements for USAH coach qualifications.

USAH Congress. President Ohmart observed that the USAH Congress would be held 6/2-7 in Colorado Springs.

The meeting ended with a roll call of the associations present. Answering the roll call were:

- Ames Minor Youth Hockey Association
- Des Moines Youth Hockey Association
- Dubuque Youth Hockey Association
- North Iowa Ice Sports Association
- Quad City Hockey Association
- Siouxland Youth Hockey Association
- Waterloo Youth Hockey Association
- Kansas City Junior Blades
- Kansas City Scouts
- Kansas City Metro Stars
- Wichita Youth Hockey Association

Greater St Joseph Youth Hockey Association  
Gladiator Hockey  
Tri-City Optimists  
Lincoln Ice Hockey Association  
Omaha Metropolitan Amateur Hockey Association

The next meeting is scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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