

Tri-State Affiliate Meeting Notes
August 4, 2001
Des Moines, IA

Attending: Ted Ohmart, Joe Strako, Mark Erbstein, Scott Dewiruest, Ellen Jordan, Chris Giles, Jim McKain, Mike Moreland, Mark Barnett, Frank Lastovica, Shawn Spencer, Lisa McCarthy, John Barlow, Cindy Kincaid, Tim Robbins, Les Teplicky, Ben Hable, Scott Ball, Trevor Converse Kevin Wright, Kathy Steuck, Rusty Harrison, Mark Jensen

Meeting called to order @ 1:35 PM. Minutes of the meeting were reviewed by all.
Motion to approve by Lastovica. Strako second. AIFMC

Coaching Director Report: Report given by Scott Ball. See handout. All high school and midget coaches need to get to the advance level of certification by the end of this year. Scott stated that they also need to do them in order ie: IP, Associate and then Intermediate level. All dates for programs will be on the Website. Scott stated that Squirt coaches need to be at the associate level and PeeWee's on up need to be at the intermediate level. Registration forms will be on the Website (for coaching). Joe Strako will check the data base as to who is at what level.

Mark Erbstein-developed the Website. He is looking for feedback as to what is on it. Tournaments will be listed, Directory needs to be listed along with the minutes of the meeting.

Referee in Chief-there will be new age classifications-see handout.

Risk Manager-Report given by Les Teplicky. 1) Insurance-Directors and officer insurance-he strongly encourages organizations to get it. Go to the Website to contact Les.
2) Arenas- Risk managers should talk with arena managers and make a walk around with them to look for problems, use the common sense approach.
3) Incident reports- call the 800 number in the book and on the Website. If a report needs to be filled out, it will tell you. If a lawsuit is impending, contact the Central District Risk Manager.

A summary of ins. Coverage for members is to go to every coach, and Joe will hand out.

Player Development- TSA sent 13 kids to Ferris State, with two players canceling at the last minute. Ted was not notified of this, and he could have filled those spots if they had. Five girls were sent to Green Bay for district development via the grant money at the cost of \$400.00.

Registrars' Report- See handout. Joe states he needs to know number of coaches, board members, guidelines and rules of ea. Organization.

Financial report- \$10,352.00 in the bank and he will send a report with the minutes. Joe also states that when players register this year, their needs to be two separate checks, one for USA Hockey and one for the TSA.

League Reports-

Shawn Spencer gave a report on the IHSHL. There will be 12 teams this season. He has been talking with Cedar Rapids and they are about 2 yr. Out. Sioux Falls, SD is also interested in joining the league. For more information on the IHSHL, go to IOWAHIGHSCHOOLHOCKEY.com. He expects the schedule to be out mid-Sept.. Each

team will play 33 games. The varsity tournament will be first weekend in March, Junior Varsity will be played the second weekend in March.

Midwest League Report- Mark Jensen reports major changes with the implementation of specific weekend assigned to MWL play for each division. Des Moines will play host to the Regional tournament this spring, on the 4th weekend in March.

Senior Men's- No one available to give a report. Les will see if someone from his men's league in Quad Cities to chair this.

Girl's/Women's - anyone who has a daughter who would be interested to chair this and promote programs for 14-18 yr. old.

College/Inline- no report available.

NEW BUSINESS-District meeting will be held last Saturday in September- the 29th. USA Hockey meeting report-Central district passed that referees to be paid at local rates. After discussion was held regarding the definition of proper authorities, it was agreed upon that the league is the immediate governing body,- (ie:IHSHL or WWL). If it is a MWL team playing in another state, the local association is the governing body.

OLD BUSINESS; Handbook-Oct. 15 is the distribution date of the new handbook. Send changes to Les by Sept. 1st. Send contacts for travel teams also.

Screening- see handout. Les made a motion to add \$10.00 to association fees per team to help cover the cost of the screening. Second by Ames. He stated that we need to screen for sex offenders, drug and alcohol related incidents. Motion was amended after discussion to read; TSA will screen coaches, managers, and association board members for offenses as agreed to by majority of risk managers and cost will be covered by the TSA. AIFMC

Play-off Rules and Regulations; the MWL is in process of updating rules and Regulations. Need a procedure in place on how to qualify for regional play. Ted recommended raising the fee to \$30-35.00 to cover cost. Les made a motion to increase costs to \$30.00 with a second by Mark Jensen. AIFMC

Fines; MWL should establish own 5013C status. If they do not pay the registration costs, they will not be in good standing and will not be able to register teams from their organizations, (regarding any outstanding fines).

Discussion was held on what is necessary to become an association. After discussion, it was agreed upon that they would follow the guidelines in USA Hockey handbook. Need to follow the association agreement, have a coaching director, referee-in-chief, IP Director and a Risk Manager.

A proposal was made to set up a committee, with Les Teplicky the chair, Scott Ball, John Robinson, John Barnett and Margie Lowndes. Les will bring a report to the Central District meeting in Chicago this fall.

Next meeting date will be April 27, 2002. The summer meeting date will be August 3, 2002.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Steuck, SEC.