

1 Minutes of Midwest Amateur Hockey Association
2 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
3 June 20 2020

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7 **Call to Order.** Pursuant to notice distributed by electronic mail and posting on the
8 affiliate web site, and following a series of virtual breakouts in the days ahead, the
9 (Virtual) Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President
10 Shawn Spencer at 9am on Zoom.

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12 **Agenda.** President Shawn presented the agenda, previously distributed
13 electronically. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of
14 Order.

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16 **Roll Call.**

17 President Shawn called roll:

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19 **Iowa**

20 IAD1001 Quad City Sled	Lynn Meincke-Wohlers*.
21 IADnnnn Siouxland Sled	TBD
22 IAH0117 Mason City	Mike Hook*.
23 IAH0118 Sioux Center	William Waring*.
24 IAH0119 Cedar Rapids	Shane Gailushas*.
25 IAH0120 Lakes Area	Brad Shumway*.
26 IAH0126 Dubuque	Sarah Henkels*, Jamie Lund*.
27 IAH0136 Des Moines Youth	Scott Long*, Jason Elliott*, Jade Pospeshil*.
28 IAH0138 Waterloo	Justin Kerns*, Ben Kutz*.
29 IAH0139 Siouxland (S. City)	Tiffany Kane*
30 IAH0143 Ames	Rachelle Bristow*.
31 IAH0144 Iowa Wild AAA	Ted Ohmart*.
32 IAH0160 Coral Ridge (Iowa City)	Paul Scott*.
33 IAH0162 Quad Cities	Melody Wright*, Todd Mahoney*.
34 NoNmbr Des Moines Adult	Karena Ries.
35 NoNmbr Waterloo Adult	Mike Wirtjes.

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38 **Kansas/Missouri**

39 KSH0128 KC Youth	Tom Tilley*, Rob Brown*, Dan Carter*.
40 KSH0132 Wichita Youth	Darren Hobkirk*.
41 KS0133 Independence Adult	No page: NRP.
42 KS0134 Northland (Adult)	Kevin Unger*.
43 KSH0135 Wichita Adult	No listing, no members claimed.
44 KSH0138 KCIC Adult	Mary Helmick*, Tom Prendergast*.

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46 **Nebraska (4y)**

47 NEH0002 Lincoln	Seth Springer*, Eric Alexander*, Bruce Hiller*.
48 NEH0004 Tri City Youth	Kim Hedstrom*.
49 NEH0005 Fremont	Garrett Poland*.
50 NEH0133 Omaha AAA	David Wilke*.
51 NEH0134 Omaha	Doug Ziska*, Larry Mercier*, Matt Moragues*.

52 NoNmbr Tri City Adult Dave Weiler.

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Notes:

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**= Director

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NRP = no rep posted on association's page of the MWAHA site

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Double Strike Through = For record purposes, Incumbent as posted on the association page of the affiliate web site (or other incumbent), not present at meeting.

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Officers & Staff

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Voting (The Executive Committee):

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President Shawn Spencer.

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VP at Large Brad Parker

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VP & Player Devt Chris Schmale.

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VP & Compliance Todd Larsen.

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Treasurer Mike Hurd

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Secretary John Shelton

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MWHS� President Todd Scebold

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The President noted that a quorum (viz., in excess of the minimum 40%) is present and 39 of the attendees are eligible to vote.

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Non Voting:

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Past President... Les Teplicky

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Registrar Jason Sheehy

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SafeSport Doug Dorley

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Web Mary Helmick

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Women's Jade Pospeshil

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Player Development Doug Dietz

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President Shawn advised for the record that all youth associations either compliant or making substantial progress toward compliance and are thus eligible to vote. He also attested that all youth association Directors present and answering the call are certified in accordance with the MWAHA Bylaws

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President's Comments. President Shawn expressed appreciation

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Minutes.

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting held June 22nd 2019 were reviewed.

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Motion

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That the minutes be approved as presented.

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Passed by acclamation.

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Elections.

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President Shawn opened the election of 'even year officers'. In the normal rotation of Executive Committee positions, the President, one 'even year' Vice President, and the Secretary were up for election. President Shawn noted that Mary Helmick and Todd Scebold are the clerks of the election who will monitor votes by computer. The Incumbent Shawn Spencer noted his desire to continue to serve and that Doug Dorley has been nominated for Vice President and Melody Wright for Secretary. Doug Dorley would maintain the SafeSport responsibilities he

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102 currently holds. He passed the gavel to VP Todd Larsen to conduct the election.
103 No other nominations being forthcoming, VP Larsen asked for any opposition.
104 Hearing none, no vote was required.

105 **Motion**

106 That Shawn Spencer as President, Doug Dorley as Vice President, and
107 Melody Wright as Secretary be elected.

108 Passed by acclamation.

109 Positions begin July 1st, 2020

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111 **President's State of the Association and USAH Summer Congress**

112 President Spencer reported the USAH Summer congress occurred the weeks
113 prior in a virtual format and greater participation was observed. Potential
114 decreased registration numbers may negatively impact grant funding from USA
115 Hockey for the Affiliate of approximately \$20,000.

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117 **Treasurer's Report**

118 Treasurer Mike Hurd presented his report. Notable changes are a 5% decrease
119 in registration income due to Covid concerns, increased per screening
120 cost/reduction in number of Affiliate-paid screens leaving a \$1500 surplus.

121 **Motion** by Brad Parker to approve and 2nd by Larry Mercier, Passed.

122 Budget attached.

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124 **1st Proposal-Add a Spring/Summer team in Des Moines**

125 Jason Elliott introduced a proposal to add a team in Des Moines for competitive
126 travel hockey at the 12U level. Discussion.

127 **Motion** to advance to vote by Mike Hurd, 2nd by Brad Parker.

128 **Proposed Amendment** to have the team fall under the Affiliate
129 Governance.

130 Motion with amendment fails

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132 **2nd Proposal-Adopt automatic additional game(s) suspension for spectator
133 removal**

134 Todd Mahoney introduced a recommendation to impose automatic additional
135 game suspensions for spectators, similar to AHA! upon getting removed by an
136 official. Discussion

137 Executive committee directed to study and develop language that would work
138 under Bylaw 10

139 **Motion** withdrawn knowing executive committee directed to study and
140 develop language that would work under Bylaw 10 by September 15th

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142 **Midwest High School Hockey League Report**

143 Todd Scebold reported that a May 30 remote meeting with high school team
144 occurred. Currently participation requires JV and Varsity teams so associations
145 unable to commit based on numbers will have to try to find exhibition games.

146 Suggestion of 10 games with a year-end tournament for those that can't field
147 teams for the regular League. High School Nationals in Omaha March 16th

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149 **SafeSport Report**

150 Doug Dorley reported change in screening process and coverage of payment by
151 the Affiliate. He serves on 1 of 7 screening committees for USAH. Board

152 member with voting privileges must be screened. Associations will need to come
153 up with a method of monitoring their number of screening submissions to avoid
154 overage fees.

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156 **Girls Hockey Report**

157 Jade Pospeshil reported the Jamboree was positive. 30 girls signed up and he is
158 seeing growth for girls' hockey. April 9-11 Central district Girls Tryouts at Arctic
159 Ice Arena.

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161 **Coaches Report**

162 Nick Cecere reported 384 coaches, 21 clinics, 11 locations. 5 instructors in Iowa,
163 2 in Kansas/Missouri, and 3 in Nebraska. Clinics will be virtual starting in August
164 and budgets were planned accordingly. Final format will be solidified in July.

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166 **Player Safety Report**

167 Burke Lake reported as the newly appointed coordinator. USAH safety initiative
168 requires someone at each Affiliate to ensure injury management, concussion
169 protocol, and prevention strategies are followed. Risk Managers and SafeSport
170 volunteers at associations will be the main point of contact.

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172 **Sled Hockey Report**

173 Kevin McKee, Olympic Gold Medalist, was placed as the director of disabled and
174 sled hockey. Technical difficulties limited his communication for the meeting.

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176 **Referee in Chief**

177 Jordan Crowell reported the expansion of the officiating network for the Affiliate
178 and the plan to have a formal organizational structure to better balance the work
179 load throughout the 3 states. Focus on retention and mentorship, clarification of
180 the 601e(3) rule, and budgetary considerations for travel of his team for
181 monitoring and training.

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183 **New Business**

184 **COVID Considerations**

185 President Spencer addressed the need to implement the "Back to the Rink" materials and
186 collateral for association websites and social media. Concerns surrounding registration
187 numbers and rink availability will remain at issue the rest of the hockey season. He urged
188 all leadership to devise a plan for multiple contingencies for travel seasons and to monitor
189 state requirements where teams plan to play.

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191 **Next Meeting.** In accordance with Bylaws, President Spencer announced the next annual
192 meetings will likely be held after Summer Congress 2021. He noted increased
193 participation in sessions in a virtual format.

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195 **Adjournment.** Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 11am.

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198 Respectfully Submitted,

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201 Melody Wright 563-676-9395

202 Secretary, acting on behalf of John Shelton

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