

MISSOURI HOCKEY, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2020

PRESENT: Pat Culiberk, Larry Boyd, Jeff Hayes, Larry Hellwig, Dave Sivcovich, Scott Smith, Laura Greenbury, Shawn Deaver, Bill Baker, Brayden Emerick, Charlie Busenhart, Larry Sanderson, Chris Durso, Tom Woolf, Deb Hellwig, Joe Kalin

ABSENT: Lloyd Ney, Tim Deimeke, Larry Bumb, Mark Diedrich, Tony Dos Santos

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

1. **Prior Minutes.** Minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed by all present. Motion to approve as written by Scott Smith, second by Charlie Busenhart. Minutes approved by vote of 9-0-3.
2. **Appeal Hearing.** Player transferred from Francis Howell Central to CBC and wants to play for CBC without application of Mid-States 365-day rule. He claimed hardship. It was noted that he plays youth hockey a Central States team. The parents related that Francis Howell was not a good fit for their son from an educational standpoint. The parents would like him to at least be able to play JV. **Motion-** To deny the appeal with a recommendation that he be allowed to play JV for the remainder of the season. Motion by Larry Hellwig, second by Bill Baker. Approved by vote of 9-0-4.
3. **Registrar Report.** We have 8,054 coaches and players. This is down 504 from last year at this time. We also have 1,352 unclaimed, which is also down from last year. We have no MVCHA or adults yet. Learn to play rosters have not been received yet.
4. **By-Laws.** No meeting. No update.
5. **Treasurer Report.** Report for the months of October and November has been sent to board members. We paid a bill to Sunset Hills for business license. Personal Property Tax paid. There was an issue regarding someone trying to open a Verizon account in our name which was dealt with. Tom discussed a possible program with Texas Roadhouse Restaurants to place an add for players on their waiting room TV's. It would cost a total of \$12,500 for all locations. Tom is putting together a proposal for board review.
6. **Website.** We need a COVID reporting address on the web site. MVCHA has not yet utilized their access to the website.
7. **Match Penalties.** Nothing happening at this point.
8. **MIHOA Agreement.** The verbiage for this year's proposed agreement was reviewed. Pat addressed the issue that MIHOA will not referee non-sanctioned games and events. The agreement verbiage was deemed acceptable. Motion to approve by Larry Boyd, second by Charlie Busenhart. Passed 11-0-1.
9. **Safe-Sport.** Tony continues to do a great job. Still looking for someone to replace him as he wants to retire. Pat mentioned that this is a difficult and thankless job and we may want to consider paying his replacement. Adults continue to misuse this service.
10. **Player Development.** Player development camp set for April 9-11 per Chris Durso.

11. **Youth Division.** Scott Smith reported that the youth season is rolling along. The Blue Note Cup is set for February 19-21 and the finals are February 27-28. There are a lot of games that need to be rescheduled due to COVID issues. It may turn out that all teams may not have the same number of games. The national qualifier rules were sent to Pat. It was discussed that this year only, the number of games needed to qualify for nationals is up to the affiliate.
12. **MIHOA (Referees).** Joe reports that they are still experiencing a number of game changes but they have been able to keep up. Referees will not be enforcing mask rules.
13. **Mid-States High School.** Games have begun. As with other leagues, there have been cancellations. They have changed 15 games to date. After January 1 they probably will not be able to reschedule cancelled games.
14. **MVCHA High School.** January 2 start date does not seem possible at this point. They will do whatever they can to try to put some sort of season together but at this point they really do not know what that will look like. New representative to the affiliate board is Brayden Emerick.
15. **Girls/Women's.** The Blues program has over 80 girls. It is rumored that Centene Rink will be getting some major girl's events.

There being no further matters to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

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