

MISSOURI HOCKEY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 26, 2024

Members Present: Chris Durso, Scott Smith, Pat Culiberk, Tom Woolf, Charlie Busenhart, Bob Howenstein, Mike Rynes, Craig Ragland, Chris Peterson, Bill Baker, Julie Jordan, Jayne Lewis, Tim Deimeke, Goran Petric, Shawn Deaver.

Non-Voting Members: Teresa Jenkins, Joe Kalin.

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chris Durso with a quorum of membership present.

1. **Review of Minutes.** Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed by all members present. Motion to approve as written by Craig Ragland, second by Bill Baker. Vote 7-0-3.
2. **Registrar's Report.** None.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Both the Affiliate and Special Activities accounts both balanced and reconciled to 5/31/24. Main account balance to date is \$292,470.99. The Special activities account balance is \$57,023.67. The affiliate CD balance is \$202,500.65. Festival CD account balance is \$50,625.16. Rent, electric, phone and internet bills for May have been paid. Yearly Zoom access bill also paid. A transfer of registration fees has been received from USA Hockey for the 24/25 season on June 5th in the sum of \$7,817 (864 members). A request has been sent to the IRS for abatement of the past due fees notice which we recently received. We have been told by our accountants that there was a software glitch which prevented our return from being properly processed and as soon as it was corrected the return was filed and accepted. Tom asked for Board approval to retain Dave Sivcovich's CPA firm to complete our tax return. Last year's cost was \$900. Missouri Hockey's books are categorized into 6 classes of funds. Unrestricted, Recruitment and Development, Play Like a Champion, Frenchy Fund, Disabled Festival, and USAH Block Grants. The latter 5 are restricted funds. We have not used any of the funds from Play Like a Champion since 2020. Tom proposed transferring the funds to the Frenchy Fund and renaming that fund the Scholarship Fund. This fund can be used for scholarships and hardship cases. The fund is currently funded with \$1 from the \$9 we receive from the USAH registration. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Scott Smith, Second by Bill Baker. Approved by 12-0-1. Motion to combine the funds by Charlie Busenhart, second by Pat Culiberk. Approved by vote of 13-0-0. Motion to retain Dave Sivcovich to do our taxes by Scott Smith, second by Craig Ragland. Approved by vote of 13-0-0.

4. **Website Report.** Tom reports nothing new. Travel permit forms updated to the 24/25 hockey season.
5. **Rules & Disciplinary Report.** Pat Culiberk reported that we have a couple of match penalties pending which the committee is currently working on. There is an issue with a penalty which was called in Springfield, MO. It was assessed on June 16 and not reported until today. Chris suggested that we talk to the league there to make sure that there is communication with MIHOA regarding the scheduling and reporting regarding their games.
6. **MIHOA Report.** Joe Kalin reports that seminars are being scheduled. All will be online. Level 2, 3 and 4 clinics will be starting in July. MIHOA will have on ice and classroom sessions for Level 1. Joe also requested funding for their Mentor Program. The budget for the program will be \$10,000 used to pay the mentors. Some mentors will be on ice and some off ice in the penalty box. In order to get paid they will have to submit a form to MIHOA. They are requesting \$5,000 from us and MIHOA will pay the remaining \$5,000. Motion to grant funding in the sum of \$5,000 by Scott Smith, second by Pat Culiberk. Approved by vote of 13-0-0. Mentors need to do Safesport, register with USA Hockey and be screened.
7. **ADM Report.** Pat Culiberk is currently in discussion with the USA Hockey ADM staff to plan a clinic in the upcoming season.
8. **Player Safety Report.** Teresa Jenkins reports that she will be having a meeting with Jerry Kennedy before the upcoming season.
9. **Youth Division Report.** Scott Smith reports that Tier I tryouts are complete along with the elite girls. The CSDHL teams are almost complete. All of the pod teams have been accepted in CSDHL without objection. Scott says that we have almost 500 kids playing CSDHL.
10. **Midstates High School Report.** They had elections last night. Three positions were up for election. Craig Ragland reported that they have passed a new rule requiring certification that all club board members and team managers be registered, do Safesport and be screened in the form of a roster. Must be filed with the league by August 1 in order to schedule games.
11. **Mississippi Valley High School Report.** They will also require clubs to certify that their boards are registered, screened and have completed Safesport.
12. **Girls/Women Hockey Report.** There is a learn to skate program going on right now which has been very popular.
13. **Adult Hockey Report.** No report.

14. **Disabled Hockey Report.** Discussion about grant forms for special hockey programs.
15. **Update on Scheduling Coordination Committee.** That committee has just about completed its work. Chris is waiting for a schedule/ calendar which can be posted online.
16. **Update on Progress of the Committee to Review Officiating.** Chris Durso reported that the committee has met on two occasions. The next meeting will be dedicated to the scheduling contract.
17. **Audits of Club Board Members.** It looks like the high school leagues are already addressing the issue of making sure that the club board members have been registered, screened and taken Safesport. Youth will need to address that issue also. It should be placed on the clubs to provide proof of compliance and we should not be doing club audits.
18. **USA Hockey Grant.** Chris Durso advised that we are eligible for over \$30,000 in grant funding. Chris put together the proposal for our grant funds. Motion to Approve by Pat Culiberk, second by Bill Baker. Approved by vote of 14-0-0.
19. **Safesport Coordinator Search.** Chris Durso reported that at the Annual Meeting he learned that there are some affiliates who are hiring services to handle this work. Chris will contact a service to report to the Board at the July meeting. Chris also wants to establish a committee to study this issue.
20. **Try Hockey for Free Days.** These will be 11/2/24 and 2/22/25. We will be discussing how we can be involved.
21. **World Girls Hockey Weekend.** This will be October 11-13.
22. **Report on NARCE Conference.** Chris Durso attended and wants to bring the program speakers into town to present to our clubs.

There being no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted;

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Secretary- Missouri Hockey, Inc.

