

MISSOURI HOCKEY, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

JUNE 25, 2025

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Durso, Tom Woolf, Pat Culiberk, Tim Deimeke, Jayne Lewis, Scott Smith, Charlie Busenhart, Lloyd Ney, Bob Howenstein, Goran Petric, Julie Jordan, Chris Peterson and Shawn Deaver

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Kalin

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. Since Chris was out of town and had an uncertain zoom connection, Scott Smith ran the meeting at Chris' request. There were 11 members present to start the meeting, and 13 voting members present at the close of the meeting.

1. **CEP Report.** Position still vacant. Chris has spoken with Doug Deitz, and he plans to have someone in place by July so that the person can be up to speed by the fall training sessions.
2. **ADM Report.** Pat Culiberk reports that he had a discussion with Dan Jablonic at USA Hockey and they will give CLE credits to those who attended the coaches symposium in person.
3. **SafeSport Report.** Chris reports that there have been a couple of reports this summer. One was pretty serious. Scott Gray is still working on that one. We may need board involvement. Center for Safe Sport passed on this one because it lacked a sexual component.
4. **Player Safety Coordinator.** This position is currently vacant. Looking for someone to fill the position.
5. **Youth Division Report.** Scott Smith reports that the Tier I tryouts have concluded. Central States teams are tendering contracts as of today. Girls Elite tryouts are going on now. Some confusion as to what teams were elite. That is being worked on. They had 48 OTT requests and one request because of physical movement. This is normal. Discussion regarding districts. Districts will be March 7, 8, and 9 in 2026.
6. **Mid-States High School.** Charlie Busenhart gave the report. Last Monday they had their league meeting which included Board Elections. There were contested elections, but all of the incumbents were re-elected. They will be changing their admission payment system, which will be cashless. The league structure will be changed. Who will play in what division is still unknown. Team fees will be increased as well as ticket prices due to losses from last season.
7. **Mississippi Valley Report.** No report.

8. **Girls/Women Report.** Jayne reported that they had one girl asking to play in Illinois. She played in Illinois last season. The request was approved.
9. **Adults Report.** Lloyd Ney reports that they have had a couple of adult players who had match penalties and Pat is working on them. Also, as a side issue, Lloyd expressed his opinion that our girls are not being treated fairly in the district tryouts. He feels that there is a lack of transparency. Chris will discuss this at the upcoming Central District Summit this fall.
10. **Disabled Hockey Report.** Tim Diemeke reported that the blind hockey team will be looking for a new director. The current director plans to stay on until a replacement can be found.
11. **Referees Report.** Joe Kalin indicates that this season's seminars are beginning. In addition, he stated that the old scheduling software will be replaced. The new software will be Zebra Web. There will be a learning curve with the new software and Joe requests that we all be patient. They will be starting with adult games in July.
12. **Minutes.** Bob Howenstein requested additional language in the minutes to clarify the thought process regarding his leaving the Board. He said he is not just quitting but that he felt that Mark Pecoraro is better served for the position, and Mark is now available to serve. Bob would still like to be involved in board activity to the extent he is needed. Chris thanked him for his faithful service to Missouri and MIHOA in the past. With that being said, there was a motion to approve the minutes by Tim Deimeke, second by Pat Culiberk. Approved 11-0-0.
13. **Treasurer's Report.** Tom Woolf reports that the affiliate and special activities accounts both balanced/reconciled to the May 31, 2025 statements. Our main account balance is \$327,824.62. Special Activities account balance is \$16,523.67. Affiliate CD balance is 4211,650.16 and the Festival CD balance is \$52,912.53. The bills for rent, electricity and phone for May 2025 have all been paid. The yearly Zoom license has been paid. Tom is working on closing the books for fiscal year ending May 31, 2025. He is also turning over information to our CPA for annual tax preparation. Finally, he has prepared this season's block grant paperwork for submission to USA Hockey. Motion to approve by Bob Howenstein, second Time Deimeke. Report approved 13-0-0.
14. **Web Site.** Tom Woolf reported that Missouri Hockey now owns the domain for America's Showcase.
15. **Rules & Disciplinary Report.** Pat Culiberk reports that there are a couple of match penalties at the adult level. Notices have been sent out, but they have had no response.
16. **Blues Coaching Symposium.** Chris Durso reports that he is still waiting on dates from the Blues.
17. **Elections.** There are three positions up for election. All three are unopposed.
President: Chris Durso. Motion to elect by acclamation by Lloyd Ney, second by Pat Culiberk. Elected by vote of 13-0-0. **Secretary:** Larry Hellwig. Motion to elect by acclamation by Charlie Busenhart, second by Tim Deimeke. Elected by vote of 13-0-0. At-Large Director (Bob Howenstein's seat): Mark Pecoraro:

Motion to elect by acclamation by Tim Deimeke, second by Pat Culiberk.
Elected by vote of 13-0-0.

18. **USA Hockey Annual Meeting Report.** Chris Durso reports that the main item was the NDL (National Development League). It has been slimmed down to 17 U only. Looks like there will be 32 teams in the league. It will represent the top 2 ½% at 17U. Tom Woolf added a report on regarding the officials new learning system which is being rolled out and new USA technology which is upcoming. This will be a vast improvement over the past.
19. **Lloyd Ney Statement.** Lloyd expresses his appreciation to Missouri Hockey regarding its honoring of his father who passed away recently.
20. **Funding for Coach shot.** There was discussion regarding assisting the Columbia HS and Meremac coach (Uber driver) who was recently shot by car jackers. All agree that some sort of action should be taken. Board members should think this over and we will discuss this further at the July meeting.
21. **Next Meeting.** July 23, 2025

There being no further business to transact, there was a motion by Scott Smith, to adjourn the meeting with second by Pat Culiberk. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Larry H. Hellwig

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