

MISSOURI HOCKEY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
MARCH 26,2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Durso, Scott Smith, Tom Woolf, Larry Hellwig, Charlie Busenhart, Mike Rynes, Shawn Deaver, Chris Peterson, Julie Jordan, Tim Deimeke, Lloyd Ney, Goran Petric.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Deb Hellwig, Joe Kalin.

VISITOR: Don Arias (Mid-States)

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chris Durso at 7:00. There were 11 voting members present.

1. **CEP Director.** This position remains vacant, but we have a couple of candidates. Chris Durso will speak to the Central District Coach in Chief, Doug Deitz as he will need to work with whoever gets the position.
2. **SafeSport.** We have a recent report from Springfield that they are working on. Other than that, everything seems to be in good shape.
3. **Player Development.** Local tryouts will be April 17, 18 and 19 at Ice Zone. Chris Durso says that registration is good and that we have 140 registered to date. Bantam Camp will be in Ames, IA again this year, June 15-20. District Boys Camp will be May 16-18 in Green Bay, WI.
4. **Player Safety.** Chris Durso says that we have 20 reports. There were 1 or 2 concussions. One has a return to play letter. It has been determined that the club presidents will be named team contacts unless we get a different name from the club.
5. **Youth Division Report.** Scott Smith reports that the Blue Note Cup has concluded. He commended Bill Baker for another great job in putting together the tournament this year. The National Qualifier has also been completed. The Lady Falcons will represent the girls at Tier II. Chesterfield will represent Missouri at all three levels at Tier II (14U, 16U and 18U). AAA Blues (Tier I) going to Nationals as well as AAA Blues 18U who got an at large bid.
6. **Mid-States Report.** Playoffs have concluded. The new scheduling plan worked out great. It was recommended that we use the same plan again next year.
7. **MVCHA Report.** Mike Rynes reported that their season has wrapped up. They had some issues with seniors getting penalties and acting up because this was their last game. They are looking into ways to keep this from happening in the future.
8. **Adults Report.** Lloyd Ney reports that this year Centene is outdoing Brentwood in game reports.

- 9. Disabled Hockey Report.** Time Deimeke reports that the season is winding down and everything has gone well.
- 10. Referees Report.** Joe Kalin reports that MIHOA is having their annual elections next month. The same people are running as last season. They are waiting for USA Hockey to let them know about seminars. They are also looking for scheduling software for next year. They had three outages last season. The software they are currently using is over 20 years old. They believe that new software will be needed.
- 11. Review of Prior Minutes.** Minutes from our last meeting were reviewed by all the members present. Motion by Scott Smith to approve the minutes as written, second by Tim Deimeke. Approved by vote of 10-0-0.
- 12. Registrar's Report.** Deb Hellwig reported that National's credential checks went well this year. We received nothing from Car Shield (AAA), but none of their teams went to Nationals anyway. Another issue was that at the last minute the Cyclones pulled out and did not go to nationals. Need further discussion on this as this really makes the affiliate look bad. We have 9,589 players registered. This is up 222 players from last year. Players and coaches are 11,541. Jefferson City got their adult league registered.
- 13. Treasurer's Report.** Tom Woolf reported that the Affiliate and Special Activities accounts both balanced/reconciled to the 1/31/25 and 2/28/25 statements. Our main account balance is \$350,508.36. Special Activities account balance is \$16,523.67. Our Affiliate CD balance is \$209,44.07 and our Festival CD balance is \$52,360.26. Our rent, phone, electric and internet bills are paid for January and February 2025. We are saving \$20 per month by switching to CPA for payroll service. We have 2 deposits for registration fees which total \$3,008 (2/10/25 and 3/17/25). The total for this year is \$106,667. We should get one more deposit to complete the 24-25 season. The bills for the Symposium in April total \$8,807 (speaker \$2,000, \$1667 for Happy Hour, \$5,130 for meeting room and lunch). Motion to approve Symposium expenses made by Lloyd Ney, second by Chris Peterson. Approved by vote of 11-0-1. We also have an ice bill in the sum of \$19,571.25, another ice bill for our Player Development Camp for \$7,125. Motion to approve payment by Scott Smith, second by Goran Petric. Approved by vote of 11-0-1. Tom recommended an increase of Travel Permit Fees. Motion by Scott Smith, second by Goran Petric to increase travel permit fees to \$12.00 if requested 21 or more days prior to travel, \$25.00 if requested 20 to 8 days before travel, \$50.00 if requested 7 days or less before travel. The fine for not obtaining a travel permit is \$100.00 per incident. Motion passes by vote of 12-0-0. Motion to approve treasured report by Larry Hellwig, second by Charlie Busenhart. Approved by vote of 12-0-0.
- 14. Website.** Tom will post the new travel permit fees.
- 15. Rules & Disciplinary.** They have been busy all season long. The off ice stuff was not as bad this season. There is one report of spearing of referee pending. Paul will be moving on from the committee. Thanks for all of his hard work on the committee. Tim Rumpf will be assisting Zane Truman for youth division.
- 16. Leadership Symposium.** Chris Durso indicated that he is still looking for RSVP's from some board members. Everything looking good for the upcoming symposium.

17. Coaching Symposium. The symposium is planned for next fall. It will be modeled after the one in Boston. Planned for prior to Blues pre-season game. Will include watching pre-game practice and the game.

18. Next Year's 16-U Nationals. Lloyd Ney indicated that we will be hosting the 16U girls Nationals next season. He will be looking for volunteers.

19. Next Meeting. April 23, 2025

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

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