

**MISSOURI HOCKEY, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 15, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pat Culiberk, Tom Woolf, Larry Hellwig, Scott Smith, Jeff Hayes, Lloyd Ney, Larry Sanderson, Charlie Busenhart, Shawn Deaver, Mike Rynes, Deb Hellwig, Joe Kalin.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Laura Greenbury, Larry Boyd, Jayne Lewis, Tim Deimeke, Dave Sivcovich, Bill Baker, Larry Bumb, Chris Durso, Tony Dos Santos, Mark Dietrich.

**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order by Pat Culiberk at 7:10 p.m.

1. **Prior Minutes.** The minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed by all members present and motion to accept by Scott Smith, second by Charlie Busenhart. Minutes accepted by vote of 8-0-0.
2. **Registrar's Report.** Deb Hellwig reports that we currently have 9,676 players and coaches registered. The Maryville Adult league has joined. We are up about 1,500 from last year at this time and up about 1,000 from the year before. Sled hockey wants to host a tournament but they would like us to waive the \$250 tournament fee.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Tom Woolf reports that we not received any payments from USA Hockey since the last meeting. Our office rent is going up in January by \$30 per month. In addition, we have a personal property tax bill for \$1,500 that has come in. Tom has sent out the monthly statement to all members.
4. **Website.** Tom reports that he is working on the method to send out a survey on the website.
5. **Rules & Disciplinary Report.** Pat Culiberk indicates that we have some hearings coming up this week.
6. **MIHOA Report.** Joe Kalin reports that a Level I clinic has been held and that there were 30 attendees. Although things are tight the officials have been able to cover all of the games so far. They would like more weekday games which would help. They are hopeful that they will be able to cover games for the remainder for the season.
7. **USA Hockey Winter Meetings.** Pat Culiberk reports that the USA Hockey Winter Meetings are set for January 13-15. They will hybrid this year and will be a combination of in person and zoom. The in-person meetings will be at the Gaylord Hotel. Pat Culiberk, Tom Woolf, Deb Hellwig and Larry Hellwig will be attending. Pat asked if there were others that wished to attend. Motion to approve by Larry Sanderson, second by Mike Rynes. Vote in favor of 9-0-0.
8. **Newsletter.** Laura Greenbury is working to get this off the ground.
9. **High School Nationals.** Pat Culiberk advised that we have two High School teams interested in attending the High School Nationals in Dallas, Texas. The teams are Edwardsville High School and Seckman High School. With this being the case, a qualification playoff will need to be set up. Jeff Hayes, Mike Rynes and Pat Culiberk will get together and set that up.
10. **Coaching Education.** The District Coach in Chief, Doug Dietz, want to get away from giving out temporary coaching cards in the future. It looks like the wave of the future is to have virtual coaches' clinics as opposed to in person clinics.

11. **ADM Report.** Our previous ADM representative, Bob Mancini, has been promoted. It is believed that the ADM program will be revised and we will learn more about this at the USA Hockey Winter meetings.
12. **Safe Sport Report.** There have been several matters that will need to be addressed.
13. **Player Safety.** Mike Heffner has been getting a lot of injury reports. It is very important that coaches remember that that they need to fill out a coaches report as to injuries as will. Concussions need a doctor's note to return to play.
14. **Youth Division.** Scott Smith made a request for assistance for a youth player who plays for the St. Louis Eagles on the basis of financial hardship. The request was for \$750 from our board. It was verified that the player will pay 25%, the Eagles club 25% and the Youth Division 25%. Motion to approve the request by Larry Sanderson, second by Jeff Hayes. Grant approved by a vote of 9-0-0. Scott also advised the Board that there were no changes in the qualifier rules for this season. As always, teams need to declare for national bound status as of December 31.
15. **Mid-States High School Report.** Jeff Hayes reports that their season is going fairly well to date. Last week they had a couple of storm related cancellations.
16. **America's Showcase.** Deb Hellwig relates that to date we have 7 boys teams committed and 3 girls' teams. In addition, we have interest declared by 3 additional teams. It is still early and we expect to get additional teams following the winter meeting. Pat will be making a presentation at the Affiliate President meeting and Deb will be presenting at the high school section and girls/women meeting. The tournament will be held at Centene Rink. Hotels have been identified. We will not be providing buses this year. Teams will have to arrange their own transportation.
17. **Mississippi Valley High School Report.** Mike Rynes indicates that coaches are having to get acclimated to the new rule changes but that things are improving.
18. **Girls/Women.** Pat reported that Jayne is going to be on a committee to discuss opportunities for women after playing. The goal will be to get more women into coaching.
19. **Adults.** Lloyd reports that there have been a rash of match penalties with the adults. They have increased from last season. He is looking into making sure that they are properly reported so that they can be handled by the disciplinary committee. Also need to impress to the leagues that importance of compliance with registration of players.
20. **Next Meeting.** January 26, 2022.

There being no further business to transact the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

*Larry H. Hellwig*

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