

FEBUARY 2024 MSHA BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes 02/08/2024

In attendance: President Eric Sabers, Board members: Ben Grenier (VP), Heidi Kludt (Sec), Mark Johnson, Randy Zoss, Lindi Rauscher, David Hatwan, Josh Gebhart, Mark Vaughan, Jeremy Morrison, Al Huls, and Steve Laufman. Also, in attendance was Mark Zens (State Representative), Nick Lemke (Boy's JV/Varsity Coach), Lana Loken, Darcy Sabers, Jaycent Reimnitz, Paxcton Denne, and Wyatt Rezac.

Quorum Met: Yes

- Meeting was called to order at 6:29pm at MAC Media Room by President Eric Sabers.
- Motion to approve the agenda by Steve, 2nd by David. Motion carried all voted aye.
- Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Lindi, 2nd by Randy. Motion carried all voted aye.
- Public input
 - Lana Loken addressed the board regarding any follow-up that is planned to visit with the BV/JV teams by a few board members after the meeting they had with them on the ice a couple months ago as they have been working very hard and need some recognition for it.
 - Jaycent Reimnitz asked for fundraising transparency with the varsity level Booster Clubs raising money for just their own levels. He would like a list of how much they raised and what they spent it on to be presented at the Annual meeting, so all association members are aware.

President's Report (Eric)

- Official's room lockers & shelving were delivered and will be installed later this week. This was our 2023-2024 Fuzz Smith Trust grant project.
- USA Hockey neck laceration guard rule change go into effect 08/01/2024 as all players will need to wear them to be on the ice along with any referees under the age of 18. See USA Hockey link for more information (https://www.usahockey.com/news_article/show/1298379). We will need to update the handbook in the required equipment section and will need to add to next year's budget as they will need to be included in the rental equipment sets.
- USA Hockey Insurance Company has changed, and claims are now submitted online instead of the paper claim forms. See link for claim filing instructions: <https://www.usahockey.com/filingaclaim>

Treasurer's Report

- Financials were reviewed. Motion to approve the January Financials Report by Randy, 2nd by Al. Motion carried all voted aye.
- Comment section in the beginning of the Financial report was reviewed highlighting areas of change for the month.
- Account Receivable was reviewed with many coming from NSF's or auto payments declined. All have received a letter this past month from the board. Two have been cleared up.
- Clearing accounts need to be addressed as some of the levels didn't have enough collected at registration to pay for the tournament fees. This will need to be addressed to close the year and will be reevaluated at budget time for next year.
- Budget sheets have been sent out to all areas with three-year historical data requesting them to

submit a preliminary budget to help with next year's budget planning meetings.

SDAHA Delegate Report (Mark Z)

- Recent SDAHA BOD Virtual Meeting this past month. Meeting was held regarding an appeal on a decision from a video review.
- SDAHA is looking for a MSHA board member to hand out the PWB league championship trophy during the state tournament February 16, 2024.
- Thank you, Jeremy Morrison and Al Huls, for agreeing to fill the open positions as interim board members.

Old Business - None

New Business

- MSHA Board of Directors Code of Conduct was reviewed for 2023-2024. These have not been signed yet and need to be sent out for signatures from all board members.

Committee Reports:

- Buildings Report (Mark V)
 - Hooks have been added to the new lockers in the U14 & JV Locker rooms.
 - The visitors bench still needs to be repaired and Mark will need help with this one.
 - Tri-M-Tunes sign and other dashers need to be hung.
- Coaching (Kris P) – None
- Culture Committee (Ben) – No Feb Meeting
 - 30th Anniversary Black Out event was very successful. Next year they will try to include as many levels as possible. It was nice seeing all the different alumni in the stands with old apparel on. This event will be a fundraiser for the whole association going forward.
 - Darcy and Ben met with a local representative that has experience with managing a Learn to Skate development program. This would be a city recreation program if possible, like swimming lessons. You pass a level before moving on to learn new skills. This type of program will benefit both the figure skating and hockey programs as these skaters would have passed basic skating skills before coming to our programs. This would be an 8-week program for ages 4-8. Both the figure skating and hockey associations are in support of this new program.
 - Awards night plans are ongoing.
- Executive Committee (Eric) – None
- Financial Development (Heidi) – Meeting held 02/09/2024
 - Approximately \$11,000 was raised during PTR event this year. Donation will be split \$5,400 to Siouxland Shed Hockey with a check being presented 02/16/2024 as both organizations are in Brookings and \$3,600 to Heart and Sole.
 - Discussed concerns on next year's Golf Tournament with the changes that have happened with Wild Oak only opening 9-hole next year. How would that look and how to manage the

numbers we have on a 9-hole course. Lakeview Golf course doesn't have any available weekends for our tournament.

- Update was given on the Gun Raffle as they are anticipating a fundraising total of approximately \$12,000.
 - Update was given on the new 30 prizes in 30 minutes raffle with tickets being printed. It was stressed that all board members need to help sell tickets for this one to be a success due to the limited time to sell tickets.
 - Frustration was shared with the board from the Finance Committee on the varsity levels being able to fundraise on their own to it only benefiting one or two teams. They feel they are competing with the association fundraisers that benefit all.
 - We have been asked if we would like to have a concession stand at the Special Olympic State Basketball tournament that will be in town March 23rd & 24th. Roxi is onboard if we can get workers for it. The board gave a blessing to find out more information on the fundraiser.
- Governance Committee (Steve) – Annual election process discussed. The board reviewed the slate of candidates interested in running for open positions. Analyzed the current board and the levels it represents to see where we currently stand.
 - Programs Committee (Eric) – (Meeting held 01/30/2024) – Minutes reviewed.
 - Reviewed drop hockey schedule and discussed options with the end of the season to make sure we are spending the expense of the ice time wisely.
 - Awards night will be either March 18th or 25th. Mark V checking on room availability possibly at Highland.

Executive Session:

- An executive session was requested by Eric Sabers at 8:36 pm. Motion was made to go into Executive Session by Mark V, 2nd by Ben inviting Nick Lemke, JV/Varsity Head Coach to the meeting. Motion was made to end Executive Session at 9:46 pm by Ben, 2nd by Steve. Motions carried all voted aye.

Information/Discussion

- MSHA Conflict of Interest Forms were discussed as we need to review them as it is a standard form that come from USA Hockey and we need to edit them to make sure they apply to us better.
- March Board meeting will be Tuesday 3/12/2024 (Due to no school/Spring Break on 3/14) - 6:30pm @ Blarney's Meeting Room
- Motion to adjourn at 9:48 pm by Mark V, second by Lindi. Motion carried all voted aye.