

MISSOURI HOCKEY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2025

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Deb Hellwig, Teresa Jenkins.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chris Durso at 7:02 P.M. At that time there were 12 voting members present.

1. **Coaching Education Director.** This position is currently vacant and we are searching to fill it. Chris Durso met with Craig Ragland's son who has expressed an interest in the position.
2. **ADM Director.** Pat Culiberk reports that the USA Hockey people plan to be in town in April. They will be meeting with coaches and setting out new programs.
3. **Safe Sport.** Chris Durso reports that he is in contact with Chris Gray and he is handling the cases that we have pending.
4. **Player Development.** Chris Durso reports that the local Tryouts will be held April 17-19. The District Camp will be held May 16-18. This years Bantam Camp will again be held in Ames, Iowa June 15-20 (2011 birth year).
5. **Player Safety Report.** All clubs will need to submit Player Safety Representative information to Teresa.
6. **Youth Division.** Scott Smith reports that they are on the "home stretch of the season". There will be a National Qualifier meeting tomorrow night. Playdown weekend is set to go. Youth Division is asking for us to contribute \$10,000 for the Blue Note Cup. This is what we have traditionally done. Motion to do so by Craig Ragland, second by Tim Deimeke. Motion passes by vote of 12-0-0.
7. **Mid-States High School.** Craig Ragland reports that they are having their playoff seeding meeting this coming Saturday. JV league will wrap up on Monday. Craig believes that high school conflicts with Tier I will be minimal due to cooperation between the leagues. Craig also indicated that on 12/20/24 They held a Rockets Youth Hockey Night at a game between Webster Groves and John Burroughs. The purpose was to generate interest in high School hockey. It was felt that the event was a big success. They are planning to do more such events in the future.
8. **MVCHA High School.** Mike Rynes reported that they would like to have a 4-man officiating system (same as Mid-States) for their playoffs. Their playoffs start in two

weeks. Motion to approve the request by Larry Hellwig, second by Charlie Busenhart. Motion passes 11-0-1.

9. **Girls/ Women.** No report.
10. **Adults.** No report.
11. **Disabled Hockey.** Tim Deimeke summarized the USA Hockey discussion on fees for disabled players. There is a great divergence in fees since their teams have a wide divergence in ages. Tim also discussed Steinberg Rink games for special and blind classifications. Disabled team will be playing Lindbergh High School on February 2.
12. **Prior Minutes.** Minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed by all members present. Motion by Craig Ragland, second by Bob Howenstein to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed 12-0-0.
13. **Registrar Report.** Deb Hellwig reports that we have 10,990 players and coaches registered. 1,911 unclaimed. She will be out of town after February 12 so requests for credential checks need to be made to her by that date.
14. **Treasurer's Report.** Tom Woolf reported that the Affiliate and Special Activities accounts both balanced/reconciled to 11/30 and 12/31 statements. The main account balance to date is \$336,165.22. Special Activities account balance to date is \$57,023.67. Affiliate CD balance is \$208,036.43. Festival CD balance is \$52,009.10. USA Hockey investment account as of 12/31/24 was \$148,363.28 which is down \$3,631.33 from the third quarter 2024. Rent, electric, phone and internet have been paid for November/December 2024. Our SafeSport vendor paid through November 2024. We have also signed a new lease on the office for five years (2025-2029). We have received three transfers of registration fees from USA Hockey for the remainder of the 2024-25 season (on 11/13, 12/5 and 12/15/24) in the total amount of \$10,115.00. The total received for the season is \$103,663 (for 11,395 paid members). Tom indicated that, after numerous inquiries, he was unable to get a better insurance quote, so he went ahead and paid premiums on our current policy for the rest of the year. He will continue to look for a better rate for next year. Tom made three disbursements from the main affiliate account for the three special hockey grants we approved previously. All three checks have cleared. Also, Tom finalized the transfer of payroll service from ADP to Sivcovich CPA. Finally, we are finalizing the independent contractor agreement with our player safety coordinator. Our first payment will go out this month retroactive to September 1, 2024. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Bob Howenstein, second by Scott Smith. Report approved by vote of 12-0-0.
15. **Web Site.** Tom Woolf reports that he is updating the scholarship information and applications online.
16. **Rules & Disciplinary Report.** Pat Culiberk reports that they have had a "bumper crop" of game ejections this season. The committee is working on about 5 a week. There were 10-12 match penalties last weekend alone. Pat suggests that we may need a separate committee to deal with the "other" penalties and events that may require discipline. This would include racial slur penalties.

17. **Winter Meeting Update.** Chris Durso gave a general report on the USA Hockey Winter Meeting. There were 3 main issues. (1) Fee increases; (2) Rule change re tag up offsides for 15 yrs and up and no icing on penalty kill for 15 and up. (3.) New National Development League.
18. **Old Business.**
- a. **Rob Kunz Grant Request.** Rob had requested \$5,500 for his girl's high school league. After discussion a motion was made by Scott Smith, second by Pat Culiberk to deny the request. Request denied by vote of 13-0-0. They are not a 501 (c) (3) organization.
 - b. **Officiating Committee.** No meeting as yet. Chis needs a date acceptable to Joe Kalin.
 - c. **Stipend for Treasurer.** Motion by Scott Smith, second by Tim Deimeke to give Tom Woolf a \$250 gift card to a restaurant of his choice to show our appreciation for the work he has done for us. Approved 12-0-1.
 - d. **Colin Brown Scholarship.** Chris reported that a scholarship was being formed in the name and memory of Chris Brown. They would like us to donate \$2,500. Motion to donate by Charlie Busenhart, second by Bob Howenstein. Approved by vote of 13-0-0.
19. **New Business.** Lloyd Ney reports that Lindenwood University will be having a dinner, and he requests that we purchase a table. The cost of a table of eight is \$1,500. The dinner will be held February 3, 2025. Red Berenson will be a guest. Motion to purchase a table by Pat Culiberk, second by Scott Smith. Approved by vote of 13-0-0.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote of members present at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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