

MISSOURI HOCKEY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2024

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: Deb Hellwig, Teresa Jenkins.

MINUTES

Chris Durso called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **CEP Report.** Chris Durso reported that our current CEP director, Mark Diedrich has moved to Arizona, and we will need to get someone to take his place.
2. **ADM Report.** Nothing new to report.
3. **SafeSport Report.** Scott Gray has indicated to Chris that he has cleaned up all of the 30+ cases we had on backlog. He was paid \$1,500 to clean up our back log of cases.
4. **Player Development Report.** Chris Durso reported that the registration material for this year's affiliate camp will be up on the website in January.
5. **Player Safety Report.** Teresa Jenkins reported that all clubs will need to have a player safety representative who will report to Teresa. This information is to be conveyed to Teresa prior to the January meeting. To date she has received no concussion reports. Clubs are reporting that there are no concussions resulting from the injury reports she is getting. This is questionable.
6. **Youth Division Report.** Scott Smith reports that league play is now under way. They will soon start on the National Qualifier.
7. **Mid-States High School Report.** Craig Ragland reports that the season is going well. No student fan problems so far. There will be a Rockets night at the Webster Rink on December 20th. The hope is to increase interest in high school hockey. They are also working on having a "pack the rink night" in honor of Colin Brown, the player who was recently killed while coming home from a hockey game. They are looking at having the game at Centene Rink. SLU High v. CBC game. Tickets will go toward raising money for the Brown family. Mid-States is proposing a four-man referee system for high school playoffs this season and are asking for Affiliate approval. Motion to approve the four-man system for Mid-States playoffs this season made by Pat Culiberk, second by Goran Petric. Passed by vote of 13-0-0.

8. **MVCHA High School Report.** Mike Rynes reports that they are working on player safety representatives. Overall, the season is going well, however, they are having a few fan issues.
9. **Disabled Hockey Report.** Time Deimeke reports that he has three requests for grants. From Blues Special Hockey, Blind Hockey and DASA (sled). He recommends that at this time we authorize grants of \$13,500 for each group. This will leave additional money for future grants. Motion to that effect was made by Craig Ragland, second by Goran Petric. As part of the grant, we will require a report as to where the money is being used. This will be due May 1, 2025. Motion passed by vote of 13-0-0.
10. **Minutes from Prior Meeting.** Minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed by members present. Motion to approve as written by Tim Deimeke, second by Craig Ragland. Approved by vote of 13-0-0.
11. **Registrars Report.** Deb Hellwig reports that we have current players and coaches of 10,821. This is up 308 from last year this time. Adult leagues at Brentwood and Centene are now included. Deb had to reject some adult players who were using last year's registration numbers. They will need to submit current registration numbers.
12. **Treasurer's Report.** Tom Woolf indicated that he is working on our liability insurance policy. He contacted four agents for quotes and so far, the rates quoted are similar to what we already have. Tom will pay for another month under the old policy and continue his search. We have received two transfers from USA Hockey for registration fees of approximately \$102,000. Bills for this month have been paid. Current special activities balance is \$57,023.67. Ending balance in First bank affiliate account is \$377,824.98. Motion to approve report by Scott Smith, second by Pat Culiberk. Approved by vote of 13-0-0.
13. **Web Site Report.** Tom Woolf reports that he worked with Teresa Jenkins to put the player safety information she received from Jerry Kennedy on the web site.
14. **Rules & Disciplinary Report.** Pat Culiberk reports that hearings are regularly being conducted. He is getting a couple of match penalties weekly. Chris Durso reported that he has issued a summary suspension.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Stipend Committee Report.** As to the Player Safety Coordinator, the committee recommended \$300 per month backdated to September 1, 2024. Motion to approve by Scott Smith, second by Larry Hellwig. Approved by vote of 13-0-0. As to the registrar, it was recommended that her stipend be raised to \$7,500 annually from the current rate of \$6,000. Motion to approve by Pat Culiberk, second by Tim Deimeke. Approved by vote of 12-0-1. As to Treasurer a stipend of \$250 per month was recommended. Since our treasurer is a voting member there were questions as to a stipend. The matter was tabled for further thought and discussion at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Colin Brown Donation.** Discussion regarding a donation to the CBC Scholarship Fund in honor of Colin Brown to fund another scholarship in his name. Chris Durso wants to design the scholarship to memorialize him. He will look into this and we will discuss further at the next meeting. \$2,500 would seem right.
- b. **Dean Robinson- Official.** Dean was an official who was hit in the eye with a stick during a game and has lost sight in that eye. He has also lost his commercial driver's license, so this affects his livelihood. Motion to make a donation in the sum of \$2,500 made by Craig Ragland, second by Pat Culiberk. Passed by vote of 13-0-0.
- c. **Miles Harrison (Springfield).** Seventh grader who wants to play in the local rec. high school league. This violates the four-year rule. Motion by Scott Smith to deny request, second by Charlie Busenhart. Request denied by vote of 13-0-0. Chris Durso will discuss options with them.

INITIATIVES

- a. **Missouri Hockey Coaching Symposium.** Chris Durso wants to put together a coaching symposium with the Blues and Lindenwood University for the Fall of 2025. Further information to come.

NEXT MEETING: January 22, 2025

There being no further business to transact the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, Missouri Hockey