

Executive Committee
Minnesota Hockey
April 24, 2009
Crowne Plaza

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Green at 8:09.

Members present:

Dennis Green	Dave Bakke	Jim Bullard
Jerry DeMeo	Barry Ford	Dave Margenau
Dave Meisner	Steve Oleheiser	Dave Stigen
Tim Timm	Mike Snee	

President Green referred to Executive Director Snee to provide a report on the Prairie Island opportunity. Through its cooperation with the Minnesota Wild, Prairie Island will donate, \$54,054 to match the funds donated by the Wild for the sale of programs during Wild home games. 24 associations sold programs at Wild games under this program. Other groups also sell programs but work directly with the Wild. Minnesota Hockey got \$18,000 and the 24 associations split the other \$18,000. In previous years, each Minnesota Hockey district was given a share of the \$18,000, after expenses were deducted. \$1,233 was given to each district to use as they saw fit. Executive Director Snee informed the Committee that Prairie Island presented their funds as a “match” for the Wild funds. To be a true match, some of the money would be used to match the amount the Wild paid to each association selling the programs. The balance could be distributed by Minnesota Hockey in a manner that would be consistent with Prairie Island expectations.

A Motion was made by Vice President Margenau that the Prairie Island funds be dispersed as follows: \$750 to be paid to each association selling programs at the 2008-09 Wild home games, \$3,204 be used to pay Minnesota Hockey expenses associated with the program sales activity. \$1,233 be paid to each of the 12 Minnesota Hockey districts and the other half could go back to the districts, with the remaining \$18,054 to be used at the Board’s discretion. Director Oleheiser seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

The following uses were suggested for the remaining funds: :

- Have a conference for all association presidents
- Set up a scholarship program for the associations to apply for of support their program
- Support of disabled hockey – make Prairie Island a major sponsor of disabled hockey
- Allocate some funding for the HEP program.
- Think of something that Prairie Island can own and be a major part of

Executive Director Snee suggested that each group receiving money should send a thank you to Prairie Island expressing how they are going to use the money that they have been given. He suggested that we present our thanks to Prairie Island during a scheduled May tribal council meeting.

A Motion was made by Vice President Meisner that Executive Director Snee prepare an appropriate token of Minnesota Hockey’s appreciation to Prairie Island and present it to their representatives during their May meeting. . Controller Bullard seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

President Green cautioned the committee about the forwarding of e-mails without first obtaining the sender's permission. This practice caused certain e-mails to be forwarded to individuals that should not have seen them. It was suggested the Minnesota Hockey put some type of disclaimer on the emails that they are sending. The suggestion was made that the individual sending the original mail needs to tell the receiver that it is for their eyes only.

The Administrative Management Committee will meet following the Executive Committee meeting.

President Green spoke to the issue of him now being in his final year of his term and that his contingency plan for a successor has failed. He asked for the Executive Committee for help on what to do going forward. He is not sure that he has four years left in him to serve another term. He will run again for his USA Hockey directorship so that there can be continuity between the programs.

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo expressed that we may want to take into advisement that there should be some type of succession plan – i.e. start at a lesser office and work your way into becoming the president. This would also guarantee term limits and get more people involved. It would be a healthier situation than what we currently have in place. President Green agreed to take this suggestion under advisement for discussion at a future meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo reported that there are currently 4 associations that participate under our 501(c)3. Group Exemption. We must attest every year to the IRS that the 4 are in good standing, filing the required form 990 annually with the State of Minnesota. Currently, 2 are filing and 2 are not. The Executive Committee needs to look at getting these four associations under their own 501(c)3. International Falls, MN Junior Hockey League, Grand Rapids, and St. Michael are the four associations. President Green asked Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo to continue to monitor this situation and keep the committee apprised.

Vice President Ford expressed that we need to review how we run our meetings and set timetables, etc. He will take the action item to look into this and figure out what we should be changing. We also need to consider what it is costing the organization when we hold these meetings. President Green reminded all to decide how they are going to vote on issues during the Saturday committee meetings and then keep the discussion to a minimum on Sunday.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol D. Carlson