



**Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors
Sunday, January 30, 2011
Marriott Minneapolis West**

President Margenau called the meeting to order at 8:03.

Roll call was taken and the following voting members were in attendance:

Past President Green	President Margenau	Vice-President Bakke
Vice-President Ford	Vice-President Gray	Vice-President Stigen
Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo	Controller Bullard	Director Mickus
Director Brennan	Director Dornfeld	Director Jacobs
Director Kephart	Director Hewitt	Director Rakness
Director Timm	Director Hill	Director Oleheiser
Director Bushy	Director Elliott	Director Hayne
Director Wefler	Director Morris	Director Bittner
Director Swenson	Coach-In-Chief Tearse	Referee-in-Chief Olson
Director O'Brien		

Non-Voting Members Present:

Director Emeritus Graber Director Emeritus Odell

Eligible voter present = 28 Simple majority = 15 2/3 Majority = 19

Secretary DeMeo asked that the Minutes of the September 19, 2010 be changed as follows: The Minutes need to be corrected in that portion for the adoption of proposed rules changes. The Minutes state "The committee recommended a change (R2) in Youth Rules & Regulations Section X – District, Region and State Tournaments to amend the language defining the role of EMTs during these events. The Motion was placed for discussion without objection. **The Motion carried unanimously.**"

The Minutes should be corrected to read: The committee recommended a change (R2) in Youth Rules & Regulations Section X – District, Region and State Tournaments to amend the language defining the role of EMTs during these events. The Motion was placed for discussion without objection. **After discussion, the matter was referred to the Safety Committee and to the Tournaments Committee for their recommendation.**

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo moved that the Board to accept the minutes as corrected. Without objection, the Motion carried unanimously

Agenda Changes/Additions -President Margenau asked that a discussion on dates for the April Annual meeting be included in the agenda. There was no objection to this inclusion.

Treasurer's Report - Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo presented the first quarter financial statements for fiscal year 2011. The balance sheet contained the consolidated bank statements, reflecting a total of cash & cash equivalents in the amount of \$1,282,002.23.

The company's net income to date is \$461,020, indicated that this amount is healthy because a significant portion of the company's annual revenues have been received; many of the large expenses for high performance programs have not been invoiced by our vendors. This situation will correct itself during the next quarter. There are no unusual or extraordinary entries in these statements.

President's Report -

President Margenau offered his sincere thanks to all of the volunteers for their time, efforts and leadership. He presented a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes.

Executive Director's Report - Executive Director Snee presented a written report to the Board which is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative Management – President Margenau reported that the Committee will meet in February for a mid-year review of the Executive Director goals/objectives for the year

Adults – Director Swenson provided a written report, a copy of which is attached hereto and is incorporated in these Minutes:

Adult Women – no report

Audit - no report

Disabled – Director O'Brien provided a written report, a copy of which is attached hereto and is incorporated in these Minutes:

District Directors –

District 1 – no complaints

District 2 – no report

District 3 – no report

District 4 – no report

District 5 – no report

District 6 – having issues with the Richfield and Burnsville boards but these have been corrected

District 8 - redistricting went well and Districts 8 & 9 are working together on C level

District 9 – things going well

District 10 – going well

District 11 – no report

District 12 – no report

District 15 – Hockey Day in Minnesota will be celebrated in Moorhead. Friday night banquet for all the high school teams and a skills competition. Saturday morning start with Mites ADM demonstration outside. Throughout the day will have 15 youth games. Both of the high school games will be televised. Director Bushy passed out mugs compliments of Moorhead Hockey and invited all to attend the banquet. All the games are free compliments of the electric company in Moorhead - \$30,000 donation.

District 16 – normal

District Directors' Committee - Director Brennan served as Chair and provided a written report, a copy of which is attached hereto and is incorporated in these Minutes:

There were two matters of business to come before the Board for action:

a.) A motion to ask the Hockey Operations committee to evaluate the feasibility of implementing an AA league for the purpose of playoffs to be presented at the spring meeting.

After a brief discussion, it was determined that a motion to refer the matter to committee was not required.

President Margenau instructed the Hockey Operations and the Tournaments Committee to work jointly on this request.

b.) A motion to ask the Hockey Operations committee to develop a recommendation to be considered at the spring meeting that would provide guidance to the districts and associations based on registrations or other factors the number of teams and the appropriate level of teams across all age groups.

As with the previous topic, this matter was referred to committees without necessitating a motion.

Diversity – no report

Finance and Budget - Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo reported that the Committee met to discuss the status of the misappropriation of funds from account nos. 51R1 "Tournaments" and 61U1 "Girls 15U Summer Camp". The total amount of the misappropriation was \$15,350. All of the funds have been recovered. To minimize the potential for future similar occurrences, the Committee will take the necessary steps to initiate electronic registrations for all of its high performance programs and camps as soon as practicable

The Committee reviewed the Annual Report which included the company's certified audit for FY2010. After its review, the Committee unanimously recommends that the Board of Directors accept the Fiscal Year 2010 Annual

Report, which includes the certified audit as submitted. Jerry will request a revised audit to change wording in Section 6 under litigation. **Motion from committee to accept auditor's report with the amendments. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Committee also reviewed a copy of four recommendations contained in a letter dated September 9, 2010, resulting from the USA Hockey financial review, conducted by Bob Weldon, USA Hockey's Assistant Director of Operations and Ken Waugh, CPA from the firm of Waugh & Goodwin. The Committee announced its intentions to adopt those recommendations.

The Committee considered a request from President Margenau to shift line item expenses for the LTAD Task Team (account 51Y1) to keep in line with the program's expenditures. This shift in expenses does not change the budget's expense total. Upon completion of its review, the Committee unanimously recommends that the Board of Directors approve the request to shift line item expenses in the LTAD Task team budget account no, 51Y1. **Motion from committee to revise line item budget. Motion carried unanimously.**

A similar request for a line item expense shift was made by Coach-In-Chief Tearse but was withdrawn and will be presented in the future.

Girls League – the tournaments are set and will look at state tournament seeding for next year

Grievance – no report

High School Boys – Director Biter stated his report stands from Saturday

High School Girls - Director Morris reported that section play-offs start soon. Scholarship started in memory of Bill Quinn. Sr. Class March 4 – 6 at Super Rink in Blaine.

Hockey Ops- Stands as submitted on Saturday. Written reports were presented by Coach-In-Chief Tearse, ACE Coordinator Terry Evavold, HP Program Director MacMillan and HEP Committee Chair Margenau. Reports are attached and included with these Minutes. Vice President Ford thanked everyone for the things that that are done for the kids and allowing the programs to expand.

Handbook – No report

Junior Gold- Play downs in metro area at one site at the Super Rink for 16U Junior Gold A Junior Gold B. Greg Nagan is handling the tournaments.

Juniors - Director Hayne reported there is only have one major issue - have been invited by the North American League to be part of their Tier III program. Tier III is a pay to play league and all monies go to the league for distribution to the teams for operational budget. They will be meeting later in the spring to find out more about the proposal.

They are hosting the National Jr A Tier III Tournament this spring. In Rochester

MIAMA – no report

Nominating - Past President Green has accepted the chair of the committee. Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-President of Planning, and Vice-President of Tournaments up for election this spring. Job descriptions will be posted on the web. Interested parties should contact Past President Green.

Terms for two USA Hockey Directors are also ending. The current Directors are Director Tearse and Director DeMeo. The same process will be used to nominate individuals for these two positions.

Planning - Vice President Bakke brought forth a Motion from the Committee to proceed with process for Discernment II initiative by employing the Stellus group with money from the P&P budget. **Motion carried with one nay from Director Timm.**

Publicity – Vice President Gray stated that his report from Friday stands

Recreation League - Director Mickus reported that the numbers doubled this year with two levels of play. Online registration on the MN Hockey web site was used and they would like a continual payment plan on the web site for the convenience of the parents. Controller Bullard asked that a payment plan on the web site be monitored by someone so that the payments are collected. Finance Committee will work on a finance plan

USAH is looking at some alternative for certifying coaches at the recreation level.

Referees - Referee-In-Chief Olson reported that they used referees from multiple associations to cover a tournament at the Super Rink.

He needs the High Performance schedules to get referees assigned to the games.

Memo sent to all officials regarding the need to call checking from behind and head contact. The referees wanted the information out to the officials and coaches so that the calls will not be challenged continually.

Regional Coordinators - Vice-President Stigen reported that they had a couple minor grievances. Tournament packets are still a problem and Vice-President Stigen asked that the districts involved get working on it now so that they can be ready for next year. The schedule for the tournaments is in the handbook so the districts know who will be hosting.

Rules - Chairman Bob Halverson reported that there was no meeting recently. Will be meeting sometime in the near future.

Safety - Coach-In-Chief Tarse presented a written report to the Board which is attached hereto and is incorporated into these Minutes. He supplement his report by saying that District 6 data on injury reports have been turned in. Dr. Michael Stewart of the Mayo Clinic has been added to the Safety Committee. The committee asked that checking be removed from the PeeWee C level immediately to cut down on the injuries which are twice as high as the other levels.

President Margenau asked the directors to take this back to their associations and that the rule change can be looked at by the Rule Committee for next season. The District Directors will help facilitate information on whether or not to support removing checking at PeeWees.

Motion by Direct Elliott to suspend the rules to discuss removing checking at the PeeWee C level. Second by Vice-President Stigen. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion by Director Elliott to immediately eliminate checking at the PeeWee C level in Minnesota. Second by Past President Green.

Moved by Director Dornfeld to take a recess to allow the District Directors to discuss the issue. Second by Director Oleheiser. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Following the recess, Director Elliott withdrew his motion to immediately eliminate checking at the Pee Wee C level and requested that the president appoint a committee to work with Hockey Ops on discussing the subject. **The Motion was removed without objection.**

President Margenau was charged with establishing a committee from District Directors, Hockey Ops, Safety and Officials to consider the checking issue and make a recommendation at the annual meeting in April.

Scholarships - Report from Friday stands

Screening - Committee Chair Gray reported that the plan for next year is to have forms filled out and submitted online. Cost is the question.

This year we had three disqualifications in particular – 1 DWI, 1 murder and 1 rape. A lot of time is taken to consider these cases and all the facts are heavily weighed. Only the DWI disqualification was upheld and the other two were re-instated.

Tournaments/Awards - Director Timm provided the tournament report. The Tournaments Committee has reviewed rules proposal R2 submitted by the Rules Committee to amend the language in Youth Hockey Rules

and Regulations, Section X, paragraph M "MEDICAL ATTENTION", deleting the words "all games" in the third sentence of the paragraph and substituting the words "each game in progress". If adopted by the Board, this change will require that an EMT be available for each game in progress, when more than one game is held simultaneously in the same arena. A copy of this proposal was distributed during the last meeting. The A Motion was brought forth from the Committee to recommend that the proposal be accepted as presented.

It was clarified that this means for District, Region, and State tournaments an EMT would be required at each game and not just one at each site. **Motion passed with two no votes.**

Executive Committee - President Margenau reported for the Committee. The committee heard from Director Rakness regarding his becoming a League Administrator for the Juniors as to whether or not this was a conflict of interest. Director Rakness and the committee agreed that Director Rakness could remove himself from any votes taken by the board that would affect the Juniors. The Committee found this to be an acceptable proposal.

A motion came from the committee that the 2011-12 handbooks be dedicated to Jerry Chernivec along with Bill Gable. **Motion passed unanimously**

Bob Halverson asked that someone write up the page of information on each of these individuals to be included in the handbook. Dennis Green, Tim Timm and Phil Graber accepted these assignments.

President Margenau called for an executive session of the Board. Elected board members, rules chair, recording secretary, and parliamentarian were asked to remain and others were asked to leave the room. The purpose of the session was to discuss the status of the Minnesota Made Hockey Inc. litigation

USA Hockey Reports

Disabled - Representative O'Brien provided a written report, a copy of which is attached hereto and is incorporated in these Minutes:

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Registration - Changes have been made to the software - contact Carol Carlson with any questions

ACE - report from Saturday stands

Girls/Women - Section Representative Elumba provided a written report, a copy of which is attached hereto and is incorporated in these Minutes:

Coach-in-Chief - Coach-In-Chief Koelling reported Numbers down 10% and these correlate to nation-wide decrease. There are expanded opportunities for MN officials to work national tournaments.

Test passing ratio had dropped to 38% for the level 3 officials this year. This year the rules on how to take the exams were strictly enforced and this could be part of the reason for the pass/fail rate.

Director DeMeo - Provided a written report, a copy of which is attached hereto and is incorporated in these Minutes:

Director DeMeo also stated that during the past four years, it has become apparent to him that our membership (Minnesota) has more interest in legislation that affects the game than it does in USA Hockey's financial condition; therefore, those who represent us should have hockey sense, together with the ability to communicate that sense in a manner to influence to the other voting directors. He felt that he did not fully fit that requirement and would not be seeking re-election so as to make way for more appropriate representation.

Director Green - Directors DeMeo and Margenau's reports include most of what he would report on. He thanked all the board members for their support during his recent medical condition.

Youth Council discussed national championships at the high school level and Minnesota is not participating. We are the largest affiliate that does not participate.

Playing Rules proposals were discussed extensively.

A Junior and the Youth sub-committee were formed to discuss the expansion of Jr teams in the country. There is a concern about the growing numbers of teams. There is a potential for kids to leave high school programs and possibly Bantams.

Body checking sub-committee gave a report and a CD is available that Dennis will share with any who wish to view it.

Director Margenau- Provided a written report, a copy of which is attached hereto and is incorporated in these Minutes:

Director-At-Large Meisner - Presented the Legal Council Agenda. He reported that USA Hockey is considering a change in its governance structure in order to streamline the communication processes. All USA Hockey directors will be asked for their input during this process. The Council is also considering future modifications to Bylaw 10 dealing with hearings and arbitration but there is nothing firm to report at this time.

Director Tearse - Attended Safety & Equipment Committee. Proposal to make tethered mouth guard mandatory will not be supported. Discussed helmets and other safety issues. Tag Up will be voted on in June so we may want to wait until after that before Minnesota Hockey makes a decision. Director Green expressed that it might be better to make a proposal to the Youth Council before this decision is made.

High School Section Representative Lonke - Second national high school tournament will be held April 15 – 17.

OLD BUSINESS

Multi-League Participation Rule

A point of order was made that, although the topic was on the agenda, the document to be considered was not distributed to the Board in accordance with our Bylaws; therefore, the rules must be suspended before the document can be discussed. **There was no opposition to discussing the document**

It is proposed by the Rules Committee that Minnesota Hockey Youth Rules and Regulations Section II be amended to include a new paragraph that reads as follows:

D. Commitment to Team – Players on “A” and “B” travel teams are expected to participate in all team activities (practices, games, tournaments, etc). An allowance for an “excused absence” upon notice that is reasonable under the circumstances may be established by teams and associations. However unexcused absence is grounds for consequence to a player, as determined by the team or association, up to and including suspension.

If approved, this would take effect for the 2011-2012 season.

There was discussion as to why the rule included only “A” and “B” travel teams.

Motion by Past President Green to remove the words “on “A” and “B” travel” in the first sentence. Second Vice-President Bakke. **Motion carried**

A vote was taken on the original Motion as amended with 27 yes votes and one nay vote.

MN Hockey Member Forum

The plan and layout was presented on Friday evening. Total expenses should be approximately \$4,000. Motion from P&P Committee to accept the Town Hall Meeting proposal, to be held on Saturday, March 12 as presented, with approximate costs to be \$4,000. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MN Hockey Foundation

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo moved that, because of the other areas that have required time and effort, this discussion for the Foundation be postponed until the April meeting. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Rescheduling the Spring Meeting

Director Rakness moved that the Annual Meeting be rescheduled from April 29, 20 and May 1 to April 15, 16, and 17 so as not to conflict with the boys and girls Advanced festival. Second by Director O'Brien. **Motion defeated with only on yes vote.**

Director Rakness moved that the June meeting be moved to June 17 through 19. A point of order was raised as this item was not on the agenda. There were no objections to placing this item on the agenda. **The Motion died for lack of a second.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol D. Carlson
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Recording Secretary

I have reviewed the above Minutes and confirm that they represent the proceedings of this meeting of the Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors, held on the 19th day of September 2010

***Gerald R. DeMeo, Secretary-Treasurer
Minnesota Hockey***