



**Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors
Sunday, September 19, 2010
Marriott Minneapolis West**

President Margenau called the meeting to order at 8:00.

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

President Margenau	Vice-President Bakke	Vice-President Ford
Vice-President Gray	Vice-President Perry	Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo
Controller Bullard	Director Mickus	Director Brennan-arrived late
Director Dornfeld	Director Jacobs	Director Kephart
Director Hewitt	Director Rakness	Director Christenson
Director Timm	Director Hill	Director Oleheiser
Director Bushy	Director Elliott	Director Wefler
Director Morris	Director Bitner	Director O'Brien
Referee-in-Chief Olson – arrived late		

Non-Voting Members Present:

Director Emeritus Carter Director Emeritus Odell

Eligible voters present = 25 Simple majority = 13 2/3 Majority = 17

The Board observed a moment of silence in memory and tribute in honor of Director Emeritus Bill Gable, who had recently passed away.

The Minutes of previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Agenda Additions/Changes

None

John Ekholm from Richfield Association gave a presentation to the board requesting that there be a co-op between Richfield and the Minneapolis Storm similar to the co-op between Washburn and Southwest. The presentation centered on allowing the Richfield families to play in the association of their choice. It was stated that the Minneapolis program would allow the kids to register with their program without signed waivers. Director Hewitt asked that the minutes reflect that the presentation was one side of the story and that there are other facts to be considered. There will be a decision made tonight by Director Hewitt after he has reviewed all the facts.

Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo reported that our cash & cash equivalents as of September 17, 2009 totaled \$957,646 with \$205,626 representing principal & Interest being held in Certificates of Deposit.

He provided the Board with preliminary copies of the FY 2010 Balance Sheet, with the comment that the net income shown of \$91,187 will be negatively affected by a \$60,000 reserve for pending 2010 invoices. He also presented the FY2010 Operating Statement, including a comparison against budget. While the bottom line appeared to be consistent with the budget, several accounts were significantly inconsistent with projections. Currently, he, Controller Bullard and Administrative Assistant Hayes will review these accounts to learn why this occurred.

He asked the Board to accept this report as submitted. The treasurer's report as submitted will be filed for audit.

President's Report

President Margenau thanked everyone present for their time spent on hockey to make the game grow. He specifically thanked Kathy Hayes and Mike Snee for all their work to make the meetings run smoothly.

He offered special appreciation to USA Hockey Minnesota District Registrar Carol Carlson and her staff for preparing a presentation on their study of the special registration requirements that are germane only to the Minnesota District. A copy of that presentation in Power Point format is attached hereto.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Snee provided the Board with a written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. He announced that drawing would be held to give away Wild tickets at the break.

Defending the Blue Line presented MN Hockey with a plaque and President Margenau presented it to Mike, as he is a member of their board.

Director Carter thanked the Wild for bringing the State of Hockey flag to Roseau. The local association made approximately \$10,000 with proceeds from having the Stanley Cup in Roseau.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Management – The Committee is in the process of pulling together Mike's performance feedback review and will develop his objectives for the 2011-12 season.

Adult – nothing to report

Adult Women – nothing to report

Audit – nothing to report

Disabled – Director O'Brien provided the Board with a written report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

District Directors – Directors Committee – met on Saturday and will be working with Bruce Kruger to establish protocol for USA Hockey Locker Room policy and will be in the hands of the directors this week. Discussed special events in September and the 1-½ minute penalty.

Reports by District:

- Tom Mickus – nothing to report
- Michelle Brennan – nothing to report
- Scott Dornfeld – nothing to report
- Mark Jacobs – thanked District 5 and 9 for allowing their teams to play in their districts, Advanced 15's will remain in District 4 and select 10 – 12 players and then add kids from the metro area to round out the team
- Doug Kephart – all affiliate agreements signed after redistricting
- Brad Hewitt – has sent out the locker room policy but will amend it with the Minnesota policy
- Rich Rakness – nothing to report
- Tom Christenson – voting on rules on Tuesday. Will be moving 4 associations to District 4 to help strengthen the Advanced 15 teams

- Tim Timm – this is the last year for Cook Arena – building a new arena for next season. The new arena will be 100% sled accessible.
- Pete Hill – nothing to report
- Steve Oleheiser – nothing to report
- Dennis Bushy – meeting next Sunday in Wadena
- Mark Elliott – smaller communities are struggling at the B level and talking about having a multi-district league so the kids get more games at their level

Diversity – Committee Chair Mickus reported he had received several requests from various organizations about having enough kids for a team but they are asking for money to support their programs. A meeting was held with the St Paul and Minneapolis programs that run hockey but are not affiliated with MN/USA Hockey. They discussed how the programs are run and what roadblocks they are experiencing and how MH can help these programs. A follow-up meeting will be held later this fall.

Executive Committee – President Margenau reported that a committee has been established to look at MH Article 17 as to how the districts are being operated and what authority the boards have.

The Committee asked about the assignment of District 9 to a region. Because no prior action was taken, the Committee recommends that District 9 be assigned to the Gold Division. District 9 Director Christenson does not have a preference as to Region. **Motion to adopt the Committee's recommendation carried with a vote of 11 for and 7 against.**

The Locker Room policy was discussed. The Committee recommended that the district directors work with USA Hockey Risk Manager Bruce Kruger to create a protocol to be distributed to the associations. The Minnesota Hockey Advanced programs will also comply with the policy.

The Global Athletic Village in Blooming has bid for the 2012 Women's Hockey Championship and has asked MN Hockey for monetary backing. The committee voted to decline the request for monetary support but will help with support in other areas.

Inter-Affiliate Transfer protocol was revised to match the wording in the resolution. The new copies are available and will be posted on the web site on Monday.

President Margenau updated the board on the current status of the litigation that the board faces.

President Margenau announced that the 2011-2012 handbook would be dedicated to Bill Gable.

Finance/Budget – Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo reported that USA Hockey did a financial review of the MN Hockey books and it went well. It was pointed out that we might need to purchase more insurance for crime that involves funds being stolen.

A question was raised by USA Hockey during the review regarding our need to file a 990T for income earned outside of our usual sources. In the past, our auditors felt that this was not necessary.

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo informed the Board that it was necessary to amend the FY 2011 budget to provide for anticipated legal expenses to defend the corporation in a pending legal matter. The Finance/Budget Committee unanimously recommends that it be authorized to establish a new account (53N1) to record the associated expenses for legal counsel, and to fund that account with \$60,000. This item went to discussion immediately as it was presented from a committee. **Motion to authorize the Committee to establish and fund a new account for legal expenses carried with one nay vote from Rich Rakness.**

Further, the Committee unanimously recommends that the Hockey Education Program budget (53G1), account no. 2170 containing \$40,000 for newsletter publishing be reduced to \$16,500, as this amount was the bid submitted by the supplier of this service, and that the amount of \$36,500 be transferred to the legal account to mitigate that expense. This item went to discussion immediately as it was presented from a committee. **Motion to amend the budget as recommended by the committee carried unanimously.**

President Margenau thanked Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo, Controller Bullard, Executive Director Snee and Administrative Assistant Hayes for doing such a fine job on the finances.

Girls League – Vice President Perry reported that a meeting is October 3 in St Cloud. Need team declarations to establish the league. He needs a final count so that they have enough lunches ready.

Grievance – Committee Chair DeMeo had nothing to report. President Margenau offered his appreciation for the presentation on the Grievance process given by Committee Chair DeMeo during the Committee-of-the Whole meeting held on Friday, September 17

High School Boys – Director Bitner had nothing to report from Saturday stands

High School Girls – Director Morris referred to his report given to the Hockey Operations Committee.

Hockey Operations – Vice President Ford referred to his Committee meeting held Saturday, September 18, the Minutes of which are attached hereto. He brought to the board the proposal from Coach-In-Chief Hal Tearse to receive funding to study an exchange program with teams from the Czech Republic. The trip expenses would be funded by the participants. Approval was asked for the concept with no funding and to be brought back to the January meeting with more details. The board supported the concept.

The written reports submitted by ACE Coordinator Terry Evavold and Coach-In-Chief Hal Tearse are attached hereto.

Handbook – Committee member Gerry Brown reported the books would be mailed to the board members the first of next week.

Junior Gold – Committee member Bruce Kruger reported the ice is being booked for the play-offs and the Metro League will increase the number of B teams eligible for the Regions to play down for the state tournament. The play downs will be held in Blaine at the Super Rink.

Juniors – There was no Junior League report.

MIAMA – Director Rakness reported that fall conference was held September 7 – 10 in Grand Rapids. 130 attendees and the conference went well. The 1 ½ minute penalties and locker room monitoring were discussed

Planning – Vice President Bakke deferred his report until the topic of age change under Old Business.

Publicity – Vice President Gray referred to his Committee meeting held Saturday, September 18, the Minutes of which are attached hereto.

Recreational Hockey – Director Mickus reported that the fee is \$300 and registration will be up and running this week. All districts but one have been met with and all will be on board for this season. It appears that there will be between 10 – 12 teams.

Referees – Referee-In-Chief Olson reported:

- Registered officials year to date = 1446 (50% of last year's total registered)
- 54 seminar dates. The first seminar was September 11th and the last scheduled seminar is November 22nd.
- 19 seminar dates in the metro area.
- By end of day today, 9 seminars will be completed
- 2nd year of new registration process for seminars
- In the metro area, we have had more requests for people wanting to officiate than the local districts can handle. We are asking those interested in officiating to contact their local supervisor to see if there is room for them.
- MHOA held their fall meeting on Saturday, August 21st in Shakopee. We have moved our meeting earlier to accommodate the seminar season.

Regional Coordinators –

Maroon – Vice President Perry reported that he met with Josh Leddy and the affiliate agreement has been signed for the XL League. The coaches will participate in the District 1 seminars. Vice-President Perry has attended most of the district meetings and will complete it in the next few weeks. All the regional and state sites are locked down and the agreements will be in this next week.

There was no Gold Region report

Rules – Committee member Gerry Brown reported that the committee has several recommended changes to both Bylaws and Youth Rules and Regulations that need to be acted upon during this meeting. Each Board member present received a copy of these recommendations within the meeting's information packet. A copy of those recommendations is attached hereto for reference.

The committee recommended a change in Bylaw Articles 7 and 9 to permit all Board members elected by their members to be able to appoint an alternate to attend Board meetings in their absence and for such alternates to have full voting authority. In addition the committee recommended relocating the portion of Article 9 verbatim to the end of the Article. The committee further recommended that these changes, if approved, become effective immediately. The Motion was placed for discussion without objection. **The Motion carried unanimously.**

The committee recommended housekeeping changes to Bylaw Article 11 so as to make it consistent with the changes approved for Article 9. The committee further recommended that these changes, if approved, become effective immediately. The Motion was placed for discussion without objection. **The Motion carried unanimously.**

The committee recommended a change in Article 17 – District Administration to establish a consistent process for the election of district directors. The Motion was placed for discussion without objection. **The Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Brown informed the Board that proposed change to the Youth Rules and Regulations identified as R1 and dealing with registered players playing on non-registered teams during the regular hockey season was withdrawn by its makers and referred back to the Rules Committee for further consideration.

The committee recommended a change 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 committee recommended a change in Youth Rules & Regulations Section X – District, Region and State Tournaments to amend the language defining the seeding of Junior Gold teams in state tournament play. The Motion was placed for discussion without objection. **The Motion carried unanimously.**

Safety – A written report submitted by Coach-In-Chief Tarse is attached hereto.

Scholarships – nothing to report

Screening – nothing to report

Tournaments/Awards – nothing to report

USA Hockey Reports:

Because there were not USA Hockey meetings since the June meeting, President Margenau asked if any of the USA representatives had any comments.

A report was given on behalf of the Girls/Women's Section a copy of which is attached hereto

Director Green requested he receive the team counts for nationals before his Youth Council meeting next week.

Old Business:

Age Change Consideration –

The Planning committee has been considering a member request to change birth date cut off to June 1 from July 1. Two surveys have been sent out and based on the response from surveys the Planning Committee recommends that the birth date remain at July 1. **Without further discussion the recommendation of the committee was approved with Director Rakness and Director Elliott voting nay.**

Minnesota Hockey Member Forum –

The ad hoc committee reported they would be moving forward with setting up a room during the boys high school hockey tournament for our members to attend and inter-act with the various elements of MN Hockey. Final plans have not yet been established. Secretary-Treasurer moved that the matter be postponed until the winter meeting so as to afford the ad hoc committee working on this project more time to make its presentation. **The Motion was seconded by Controller Bullard. Motion passed unanimously**

Minnesota Hockey Foundation –

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo reported that the progress has stalled on two issues:

1. Funding sources for the foundation have not yet been fully defined.
2. The current economy is not really conducive for fundraising.

President Margenau has established an ad hoc committee to move this project forward. Secretary-Treasurer moved that the matter be postponed until the winter meeting so as to afford the ad hoc committee working on this project more time to formulate a plan. The Motion was seconded by Controller Bullard. **Motion passed unanimously**

New Business:

Reconsideration of the motion for State Tournament two-day event –

Secretary/Treasurer DeMeo withdrew his motion for reconsideration.

Multi-league player participation –

Vice President Perry reported that this matter has been referred to the Rules Committee for further discussion. He moved that the matter be postponed until the winter meeting for action. Director Hewitt seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

USA Hockey Coach-In-Chief Recommendations –

Vice President Perry reported that 9 resumes were received. The interviewing committee had interviews with the candidates. Two candidates withdrew from the process. All interviewed candidates are willing to serve in some coaching capacity for MN Hockey if they are not chosen for this position. Those recommended for the position are Terry Evavold, Christian Koelling, and Bill McClellan. Vice President Perry moved to ratify these names to be submitted to USA Hockey. The Motion was second by Director Rakness. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:47.

Respectfully Submitted

Carol D. Carlson
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***