



**Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors
Marriott Minneapolis West
Sunday, September 18, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 By President Margeneau

Those in attendance were:

President Dave Margenau	Past President Dennis Green	Vice President Barry Ford
Vice-President Scott Gray	Controller Jim Bullard	Secretary-Treasurer Jerry DeMeo
Director Tom Mickus	Director Michelle Brennan	Director Scott Dornfeld
Director Mark Jacobs	Director Doug Kephart	Director Brad Hewitt
Director Rich Rakness	Director Tom Christensen	Director Tim Timm
Director Pete Hill	Director Steve Oleheiser	Director Dennis Bushy
Director Mark Elliott	Director Ralph Hayne	Director Dave Swenson
Director Jon Bitner	Director Tim Morris	Director Antonia O'Brien
Vice President John Perry	Vice President Dave Stigen	

Director Emeritus John Carter

USA Hockey Minnesota District Representatives (In addition to Minnesota Hockey Board Members)

Risk Manager Bruce Krueger	Coach-In-Chief Christian Koelling
Referee-In-Chief Steve Tatro	High School Representative Chris Lonke
Risk Manager Bruce Kruger	

Guests:

Bob Halverson Chair of Rules Committee

26 present with voting privileges-simple majority is 14; two-thirds majority is 18.

Minutes from the June 26, 2011 were distributed and accepted with no objections

Agenda changes/Additions – President Margenau added Winter Meeting Date to New Business.

Treasurer's Report - Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo provided copies of the Balance sheet and P&L for the period ending August 31, 2011. He stated that we are not in a position to close out the fiscal year as et because some of our Advanced program expenses, which could be up to \$25,000.00 or more, are still expected. We expect our year end to show around \$15,000.00 profit or slightly under budget. The report is accepted as given and referred to audit.

President's Report –President Margenau provided a copy of his open letter to all Minnesota Hockey members in the Board portfolios. He expressed an urgent need for all of Minnesota Hockey to focus on growth, skill development at all levels, as well as safety. This letter will also be posted on the Minnesota Hockey web site.

Executive Director's Report- Executive Director Snee provided a written report that was included in the Board folios. He added extra emphasis on the equipment drive and the need for volunteers to help with this event. Regarding sponsorship, Kemps is not returning this year as a sponsor.

Adult Men's Report – Director Swenson provided a written report which was included in the Board portfolios. He stated that the Adult Hockey Association is starting to grow in greater Minnesota. They are increasing with some more tournaments this fall.

Audit- no report

Disabled Hockey-Director O'Brien provided a written report that was included in the Board portfolios. She will be sending out a survey to find out if there is an interest to grow disabled hockey, especially in greater Minnesota. There are 2 new special hockey teams in Alexandria and Burnsville and there is interest expressed from families in Duluth, Bemidji & Brainerd. Larry Hendrickson has created a new foundation to grow disabled hockey in Minnesota. Warriors program is growing. Moorhead Oct 29 is doing a disabled clinic.

District Directors- -There are two action items to be addressed. Both are on the agenda under Old Business and New business.

District 1 – No report

District 2 – No report

District 3 – Looking for approval for the merger of the associations of Minneapolis Southwest and Washburn. This will be addressed under New Business

District 4 – Looking for approval for the merge of the associations of New Ulm and Sleepy Eye.

District 5 – Girls event for 5 to 10 year girls was successful. They used the St Cloud State women's hockey team to help during the event.

Districts 6 – No report

District 8 – No report

District 9 – The merger of New Ulm and Sleepy Eye will be addressed under new business.

District 10 - Champlin Park offered a 5 week try hockey for free 80 kids have shown up. Elk River had 64 show up for their event.

District 11- No report

District 12 – Minnesota Crunch girls 19-U has been renamed as Minnesota Blaze.

District 15 – District 15 will be hosting their fall meeting next week.

District 16- ADM session will be held in Bemidji

Diversity – no report

Executive Committee – President Margenau reported that there have been questions regarding the Duluth Marshall School 14U girls team. As they are not sanctioned as a team, any sanctioned team wishing to play or scrimmage Marshall must get permission from the cognizant district directors and the USA Hockey Registrar in that order. He emphasized that generally such permission is only granted to sanctioned teams in areas where competition is limited. Director Morris expressed concern if there are 6 graders on the team they cannot play high school teams. If a High School Junior Varsity team plays a team that has 6 graders the whole program will be deemed ineligible. President Margenau responded that this appears to be an issue for the high schools and is beyond Minnesota Hockey jurisdiction.

The committee recommends that copies of all affiliate agreements should be kept in the business office. Administrative Assistant Hayes will be checking the current status of these files and advise the committee of any that may be missing. Affiliates agreements for the Adult Hockey Association and the Women's Hockey Association of Minnesota are in place.

The Committee recommended that we engage Roger Godin to serve as a Historian for Minnesota Hockey. Mr. Godin is currently the historian for the Wild. He also was the curator for USA Hockey museum. We need to research and establish Minnesota Hockey's history since 1947. There is a suggested annual stipend of \$1,000. A Motion was made by Tim Timm and seconded by Director Oleheiser that we engage Roger Godin to serve as the Historian for Minnesota Hockey, with an annual stipend of \$1,000. **Motion carried unanimously**

Finance/Budget – A newly revised budget was distributed that takes into account all the changes made at the Summer Meeting. Hockey Operations had an expense item that was questioned and it was found that there were unusual circumstances that occurred. Terry Evavold is requesting a transfer of funds for ADM from Advertising and Promotions to Air Travel for the 5 individuals that will be going to an USA Hockey ADM Clinic in Pittsburgh. Terry's air fare and expenses will be covered by USA Hockey as he will be taking Christian Koelling's place as he cannot attend. After some deliberation, the Committee recommends the approval of that request. **Motion carried unanimously.**

A new stipend schedule for the 2012-13 season has been approved by Hockey Operations and will be addressed at the Winter Meeting.

A Motion, made & seconded from the committee, was brought forth to fund an additional 3 sets of ADM equipment to give every district a set, with the funds coming from the ADM. After a brief discussion it was determined that such funding already existed. Motion was withdrawn.

Girls League – Meeting is set up for Oct 2 in St Cloud. Greta Wedell is requesting team information from each district prior to the meeting. Information regarding playing non-sanctioned teams and requirements to play them will be addressed at that time. The meeting will be at the Kelly Inn at 11 Am.

Grievance committee - Has a scheduled meeting on Sept 22, regarding a grievance brought forth by Nancy Wefler regarding the WHAM decision to remove her as their representative to Minnesota Hockey. .

High School Boys – Director Bitner stated that his report stands as submitted

High School Girls – Director Morris reported that a girl's clinic will be held on Oct 14 and 15 at the Schwan's Super Rink

Hockey Ops – Vice-President Ford states the reports from his subcommittees stand as submitted. Those written reports from Coach-In-Chief Tearse, ACE/ADM Coordinator Evavold, the Hockey Education Program, and the Reebok High Performance Program were included in the Board portfolios.

Handbooks – Chair Bob Halverson reported that the information came in much better this year, helping to have the books ready for early distribution.

Junior Gold – Committee Chair Kruger reported that the Metro Hockey League is working on the structure at the B level. No changes will occur this year. The league will change the name of the 16U teams to Junior Gold 16.

Juniors – Director Haynes reported that as of today the Minnesota Hockey Memorandum of Understanding was signed stating that the Minnesota Junior Hockey League will not recruit high school eligible players. Steele County will be approached in regards a Owatonna junior team. The MJHL is requesting a letter from Minnesota Hockey supporting this plan they can use in their presentation.

MIAMA – Director Rakness reported that, at its fall meeting, the MIAMA Bylaws were changed to added Director Emeritus and past President Positions to the board.

Nominating Committee – Chairman Green reported that election will be held for Disabled Director's position that will expire August 31, 2012. Elections will be in April, 2012 and he will work with Special Hockey, Sled Hockey and Warriors which are the voting members for this position

Planning – Vice President Bakke had no report

Publicity and Promotions – Vice President Gray indicated that his report stands as given.

Recreational Hockey – Director Mickus reported that registration has been set up and the ice schedule sent out. A director's meeting is set up with 5 year plan on the agenda. Every district will provide 1 person to be on the Recreational League Committee. 16U & 13U teams will be cut off when filled due to the needs of ice.

Gold Region – Vice President Stigen -Get the tournament sites to Bob Halverson.

Maroon Region – Vice President Perry reported that he need to receive confirming emails stating for all those having signed Tournament Host Agreements. He would like to get some feedback that all host agreements have been sent in. The Gold Region & Maroon Region had a meeting with the Junior Gold officials. Bruce Kruger also attended. He, together with Scott Dornfeld and Tom Christianson, met with Washburn Hockey and City Of Lakes Hockey regarding the proposed merger. The meeting was a positive one and will be discussed during new business. He met with Josh Leddy regarding a special affiliate agreement for the XL Rec League. In the Maroon Region's Director meeting, they discussed the AA proposal and redistricting. They will continue to have separate meetings, with the next one being in St Cloud on Oct 2nd. Tournament committee is invited to have representatives at the AA meeting.

Rules – Chairman Halverson reported that his committee will meet in Mid-October early November.

Safety – Chairman Tearse provided a written report which was distributed in the Board portfolios. He also provided an update on the Minnesota law regarding management of concussions in youth sports, including the distribution of materials for recommended protocols to which local associations should refer when complying with this law.

Screening – Vice President Gray -report stands as submitted.

Tournaments/Awards – Director Timm reported that the committee is prepared to go forth with replacing our clothing provider for region and state tournaments. 4 companies were came forward 2 came forth with a bid. He referred to the merchandise overview that was provided in the Board portfolios. A Motion, made and seconded by the committee, was brought forth to approve the contracts with Northwest Design to provide both clothing and on-site sales staff for Regional Tournaments and Signature Concepts to provide apparel for State Touranments . During discussion, it

was determined that it will be the responsibility of the state tournament host to provide people to sell the clothing. **Motion carried unanimously**

USA Hockey Reports

Director Margenau- no report

Director Green – Will be attending the youth council meeting at the end of September. He needs to know if we have anyone who will be participating at National tournaments and what classification. He also needs some concrete numbers regarding girls leaving the girls programs to play with peewee's due to the body checking rule change. He will need this information as soon as possible.

Director Oleheiser-no report

Director Perry – He has been placed on the Nominating Committee.

Registrar Yuarte – is attending a USA Hockey Registers meeting in Chicago.

Coach-In-Chief Koelling – referred to his written report which was distributed to all directors, without further comment.

Referee-In-Chief Tatro – reported that 63% of our Referees have registered to date. 5 Seminars have been held with another to be held next weekend.

Risk Manager Krueger – Insurance limits have been increased to 2 million.

High School Lonke – No report

Old business

A/AA Post season play –A Motion was made by Director Timm and seconded by Director Oleheiser that the topic A/AA tournaments be postponed to the winter meeting to allow the Tournaments Committee additional time for consideration. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Modification of bylaw Article 11-It was moved by Director and seconded by Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo to postpone any action to modify Bylaw Article 11 to the winter meeting so as to allow the Rules Committee and the district directors additional time to determine the language of the rule and its effect on other Articles. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Modification of Meeting format –It was moved by Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo and seconded by Director Oleheiser, that we postpone any discussion on modification of the meeting format until the winter meeting to allow more time for committee discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Shattuck –St. Mary's Affiliate Agreement. Past President Green reported that an ad hoc committee consisting of himself, Bob Halverson and former USA Hockey Registrar Gerry Brown met with officials from both SSM and Faribault to determine their mutual understanding of their relationships. From that meeting they determined that no formal agreement was ever prepared between these two entities and

they operated under an unwritten mutual understanding. Gerry Brown was the Registrar at the time this arrangement was initially made and concurred with this determination.

The ad hoc committee felt it was appropriate to formalize this arrangement and developed a Letter of Understanding between SSM and Faribault. The letter was reviewed District 9 Director Tom Christianson and District 4 Director Mark Jacobs. After some minor modifications to clarify the language, the Letter has been signed by all parties.

It was moved by Vice President Perry and seconded by Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo that the Letter of Understanding for the arrangement between Shattuck-St. Mary's and the Faribault Youth Hockey Association be ratified by the Board. Without further discussion, the **Motion carried unanimously**

NEW Business

Whistler Blowers Policy -It was moved by Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo and seconded by Director Elliott that the Board approve Minnesota Hockey Administrative Management Policy MH FM-20, which defines our Whistleblowers Policy, as required to conform to Sarbanes-Oxley act of 2002. Without further discussion, the **Motion carried unanimously.**

Merger of Southwest/and Washburn Associations –Director Dornfeld presented the facts of the proposed merger between the Minneapolis Southwest Hockey and Washburn Hockey associations to be renamed Minneapolis Hockey Association . The City of Lakes Hockey Association, located in District 1, could be also be affected by this merger.

Tim Manson President City of Lakes Youth Hockey addressed the board to express disappointment that this agreement is being rushed through. City of Lakes has not been given enough time to process this information to determine what effect, if any, it would have on their players.

Director Rakness feels we should approval the merger to only include the existing boundaries of both affiliates and not extend them any further.

Paul Larson president of Minneapolis Southwest Hockey addressed the board, giving the history of numbers in Washburn and Minneapolis Southwest Hockey supporting the merger.

Director Mickus stated that there is an amendment to the agreement that could also affect Edgumbe, Henry, Dino Might and Langford.

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo raised a Point of Order that only the topic of the Minneapolis Southwest and Washburn merger is on the agenda for discussion and that it is not appropriate to consider these amendments at this time without suspending the rules requiring proper notice to place action items of this type on the agenda. President Margenau agreed with this Point of Order.

It was moved by Director Dornfeld and seconded by Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo that the Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors to approve the merger of Southwest and Washburn associations to form a new association to be known as the Minneapolis Hockey Association with no change in the current boundaries of these two associations. Without further discussion, the **Motion carried unanimously**

Merger New Ulm/Sleepy Eye – It was moved by Director Jacobs and seconded by Director Timm that certain programs of the New Ulm and Sleepy Eye be merged with the covenant that the B teams within the both associations play in the District 4 league and the A teams from both associations play in the District 9 League. Without further discussion, the **Motion carried unanimously**

Winter Meeting Executive Director Snee requested that the Board change the dates for its winter meeting, scheduled for January 20-22, 2012, so as to permit the Board to participate in some of the events of Minnesota Hockey Day being held on the same dates. . President Margenau asked for a show

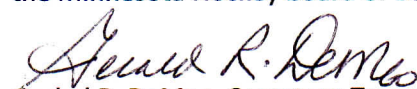
of hands to determine the Board's position. 12 were in favor keeping the Board meeting on the current date, while 9 were in favor to move it to a different date.

The meeting is adjourned without objection at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Shari Olson
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 18th day of September, 2011.


Gerlad R. DeMeo, Secretary-Treasurer
Minnesota Hockey