

1 Minutes of Mid West Amateur Hockey Association  
2 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors  
3 August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
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5 Call to Order. Pursuant to notice distributed by electronic mail and posting on the  
6 affiliate web site, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to  
7 order by President Les Teplicky at 2:06 pm Marriott in West Des Moines IA.  
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9 President Les opened with the observation that our reason for being here is to  
10 promote hockey so that kids have fun and asked that we keep that in mind. He  
11 reviewed the items on the agenda. He reviewed the list of board positions, both  
12 elected and appointed, with note of those unfilled.  
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14 **President's Report (Packet#3).** At the June Annual Congress, the American  
15 Development Model was the subject of the most discussion. It's believed that  
16 about 80% of a players skills (skating, passing, shooting) can be best learned by  
17 age ten. USAH also believes that players should play different sports as the  
18 seasons pass. He shared anecdotes about how cross ice fits into this theme.

19 He noted that Jr Hockey is now in Tier 1, 2, or 3. The "A", "B", "C" labels have  
20 disappeared. Changes are in motion in the coaching education program and, as  
21 always, playing rules. Tag up offsides is now part of bantam and above,  
22 immediate offsides for peewee and below. The body checking philosophy was  
23 discussed.

24 He reviewed that the HS National Tournament is really targeted to pure high  
25 school teams, i.e., teams for which all members go to one high school. We just  
26 don't fit that model.

27 He also shared concern that the affiliate has had 38 game misconducts since  
28 2/12..  
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30 Role was taken of youth associations. Answering roll call were:  
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32 **Iowa**

33 Ames	Chris Schmale.
34 Cedar Rapids	Jim Chaffe.
35 Coral Ridge (Iowa City)	Mark Pizzimenti.
36 Des Moines Youth	Doug Borud, Scott Long, Jay Poppeshill
37 Dubuque	Brian Rieckens.
38 Iowa City	Mark Pizzimenti.
39 Lakes Area	Mitch Brandt.
40 Mason City	Dan Burgmeier.
41 Quad Cities	Todd Larsen, Glen Listek
42 Sioux Center	Gary De Young, Tom Zerse.
43 Siouxland (S. City)	Mark Johnson.
44 Waterloo	Brent Westphal.

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46	<b>Kansas</b>	
47	KC Stars	Laurent Roy, Mike Jones, Mary Helmick.
48	KC Blades (Outlaws)	absent.
49	Topeka	Kevin Grauberger.
50	Wichita Youth	Chris Mochowski.
51	<b>Missouri</b>	
52	Independence	Dennis King.
53	Kansas City (Line Creek)	Jeff Gray.
54	Russell Stover AAA	absent.
55	St Joseph	Richard Phillips.
56	<b>Nebraska</b>	
57	Fremont	Evan Schinasi.
58	Lincoln	Bruce Hiller.
59	Tri City	Kurt Schmidt.
60	Omaha	Neal Krauss, Rick Murcek.
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62	<b>Officers &amp; Staff</b>	
63	<b>Voting:</b>	
64	President	Les Teplicky.
65	VP	Brad Parker
66	VP & Player Devt	Doug Dietz.
67	VP/Compliance	absent.
68	Treasurer	none.
69	MWHSL President	Todd Scebold
70	Midwest League Pres	Pat Frost.
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72	<b>Non Voting:</b>	
73	Past President	Ted Ohmart.
74	Adult	Shawn Peterson
75	Registrar	Eric Herr
76	Referee-in-Chief	absent
77	Rink Liaison	open
78	Web	absent
79	Women's	Andy Ketterson
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81	<b>Guests</b>	
82	Al Murdoch	Ames Coach ACHA
83	Andy Ketterson	
84	Scott Long	
85	Glenn Listek	
86	Jay Poppeshill	
87	Kevin Connor	Carriage Club
88	Jim Johnson	Dodge City
89	Howard Fisher	Dodge City
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91 The secretary reported that 22 of 24 youth associations and four voting officers  
92 answered the role call. A quorum in excess of the minimum 40% (10  
93 associations) is present.

94 The secretary noted that the weighting for votes, when called for, would be based  
95 on "total players" in *USA Hockey Member Counts By Program*.

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97 **Minutes.** Minutes of the Annual Meeting of May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011,  
98 (*mwahaminutes110514*), previously distributed to association affiliate reps and  
99 posted on the MWAHA site, were reviewed. President Les offered the following  
100 corrections:

101 Line 73: PeeWee national tournament elimination should read "beginning 2012-  
102 2013 year".

103 Line 140 : Coaching Director should read "Director Player Development Doug  
104 Dietz".

105 Line 236: should read "calls and emails".

106 Upon motion moved, seconded, and carried the minutes were accepted as  
107 corrected..

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#### 109 **Reports.**

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111 **Financial (Packet#32).** President Les reported in absence of Treasurer Joe  
112 Strako. The year end is reported with the budget for this year. We ended the  
113 fiscal year with \$17K. The budget for this fiscal year shows a loss of \$11.6K, thus  
114 this year's operations will draw our cash down to \$5.5K.

115 The affiliate will change to accrual accounting at the recommendation of USAH.

116 He reviewed page two which breaks events down to a cash income & expense  
117 format. The individual events show, in the aggregate, a balance of revenues and  
118 expenses.

119 In response to a question, President Les noted that the budget is expected to  
120 balance in future years. He observed that the affiliate had significant participation  
121 in Learn to Play Hockey and growth in new players at the younger ages. The  
122 current investment by the affiliate in player development will result in greater  
123 income in near years.

124 Past President Ted Ohmart noted that the loss shown in Showcase reflects  
125 continuation of the past policy of subsidizing the exposure of the affiliates top  
126 player through this program with several thousand dollars. Now that the team is  
127 playing in the A Pool (based in each prior year's performance), the exposure is  
128 heightened.

129 President Les noted that the executive committee voted last year to spread the  
130 money historically allocated to showcase among all national bound teams. The  
131 decision was to give all teams \$500 and no longer give Showcase \$3000.

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133 **Registrar (Packet#9).** Eric Herr reported on new procedure for one time (per  
134 career) birth certificate verification. He asks that BCs quickly be sent to him by  
135 mail (requesting proof of delivery). Will do for travel this year and extend to house

136 players next year. Any Cybersport printed roster will indicate verification. BCs are  
137 shredded after the entry is made. A photocopy is acceptable. For players  
138 showing unverified on the roster, the (A/AA/AAA) team will have to carry a  
139 certificate.

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141 When kids go in to register in MWAHA: residents of states outside KS, NE, IA  
142 need to note the checkoff that they play out of state in the MWAHA affiliate for us  
143 to capture the name.

144 U8 rosters will state that they are cross ice only.

145 Patches for hat trick, playmaker (assists) and zero club (shutouts) will use a  
146 website form to submit at the team level. Players are eligible for one patch of  
147 each type per year. Save scoresheets (regular USAH league or tournament  
148 game with a USAH official) to submit at end of season, one time.

149 Eric is custodian of the affiliate supply of Annual Guides and Rule Books.

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151 **Coaching Director (Packet#10).** New director Nick Cecere commented on the  
152 affiliate coaching program. Nick's team of affiliate instructors attended training  
153 workshops. One of the seven affiliate instructors has to attend each workshop.

154 He referred to the descriptions in the handout. No more plastic cards.  
155 Management will be on line, both to qualifications and access to the required age  
156 specific modules which must be taken.

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158 **Player Devt.** VP/Dir Player Development Doug Dietz made comments on the  
159 success of affiliate camps. A player from the 16 and the 17 camp played with  
160 Team USA this year. No dates set for affiliate camps yet, though late March  
161 expected. Central district tryouts for national camp would be mid May.

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163 **Girls/Womens Director.** New director Andy Ketterson made comments on his  
164 experiences last year developing the girls' program in Omaha. Will move tryout  
165 camp to Omaha under Jim Murcek and perhaps initiate a development camp to  
166 introduce the sport to younger girls. The natural socialization skills of girls at the  
167 earlier ages creates opportunity for development. Past President Ted observed  
168 that it might be effective to divide affiliate into districts.

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170 **Risk Manager (Packet#12).** Risk Manager Pat Frost shared his experiences and  
171 some ideas to make the system more effective. P12 in packet???. He would like  
172 to run the names in the fall. "Regular access to the kids" should be the test for  
173 who should be submitted for screening; at a minimum, board members, coaches,  
174 managers, volunteers... all should be submitted. Submit every year.

175 Past President Ted asked about compliance protocol for junior teams, viz., team,  
176 league personnel, and billet hosts. Do we need more than a letter from the  
177 league attesting to compliance? Ted would like to see written USAH  
178 policy/opinion.

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180 **Referee in Chief.** In absence of the affiliate RIC Past President Ted, also chair  
181 of the affiliate discipline committee, reviewed disciplinary committee activities for  
182 the past year, which included match, 601g3 threat to individual, 603a including  
183 two at a national tourney, 601g1 threat to official. Probably need something on  
184 the website showing suspension/probation details. President Les observed that  
185 the executive committee handles appeals within the affiliate and we've had had  
186 three this year.

187 Leagues and associations are encouraged to include complete information when  
188 handling disciplinary issues.

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190 **MWHSHL.** New MWHSHL President Todd Scebold discussed the league's  
191 meeting this morning. He mentioned security protocol and level three coaching  
192 requirements for the league.

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194 **MWL.** MWL President Pat Frost mentioned the new format for the league. There  
195 will be one level of play leading to an affiliate tournament at the end of the  
196 season preceeded by three weekends of affiliate play.

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198 **Incentive Program (Packet#21,22,25).** VP Brad Parker discussed the affiliate  
199 incentive program. The goal is to acquire and retain players. Achievement of the  
200 first level will provide about \$500 of equipment to the qualifying association.  
201 Associations qualifying for level two will divide a \$7000 pool. This is a meaningful  
202 jump ball!

203 President Les noted that the retention criterion is based on U8, those moving  
204 from up within the category.

205 Brad noted the link on page 21 about the link to the program services tab. This  
206 has a lot of information on helpful USAH programs. Brad & Les will be get an  
207 email out to the associations clarifying how to sign up for the 2plus2.

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209 **Compliance (Packet#13).** President Les reported in the absence/illness of VP  
210 Shawn Spencer. He referred to the packet item that was distributed in May and  
211 included today. The goal is to convert our process into a policy.

212 In discussion of a motion to approve, a query was that the first paragraph should  
213 be modified to that "teams" should read "teams, coaches, and players". Concern  
214 was expressed that the players may not be at fault, rather it may be the  
215 association. Item #3 mentions profit and not-for-profit organizations but perhaps  
216 allowance should be made for municipal structures or for 501(c)7. President Les  
217 observed that perhaps more research is needed on structures but that we  
218 encouraged proceeding on the spirit. The burden of proof is on the affiliate to  
219 corral associations which appear to be off the reservations. Section 1 may need  
220 to just say "current bylaws" rather than "copies of the bylaws" or, rather, that the  
221 procedure might stipulate the bylaws just to be fired.

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223 Motion was made and seconded to accept the policy. Motion was then moved,  
224 seconded, and carried to limit the policy under vote to Section 4. The motion as  
225 amended then carried:

226 MWAHA Compliance Process Policy  
227 27 August 2011

228 The Mid-West Amateur Hockey Association (MWAHA) requires all associations to comply with the  
229 following requirements in order to be considered in good standing. Compliance will be affirmed on 31  
230 December of each year and reported to the MWAHA Executive Board by 15 January. Associations  
231 not in compliance will be notified by 1 February or earlier regarding their deficiencies and the timeline  
232 to remedy the situation. Associations not in good standing may have, but not limited to the following  
233 consequences; Association status revoked, monetary fine, teams not allowed to compete in USA  
234 Hockey activities.

235 Screening Obligations – Each organization must have a screening committee of at least 3 people.  
236 The Risk Manager shall lead the committee and ensure that all USA Hockey screening requirements  
237 are completed according to the MWAHA policy. The MWAHA Risk Manager will advise the MWAHA  
238 VP of Compliance regarding the association's status by 31 December.

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240 President Les observes that the change is that this paragraph is now policy,  
241 added to the process that presently exists.

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243 **Iowa Concussion Bill (Packet#8).** Pres Les noted that this proposal creates a  
244 grey area for youth hockey as presently organized. Yet as a practical matter  
245 compliance would appear to be a wise strategy for all. The league in its meeting  
246 this morning did not deal with the issue. At President Les' direction, Todd  
247 (MWHHL) & Nick (Coaching Director) will form a committee. Past President Ted  
248 suggested liaising with the USAH safety committee The following link was cited  
249 by President Les: <http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/>.

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251 **New Associations.**

252 Carriage Club (KC) represented by Kevin Connor, presented application for  
253 association status within the affiliate as a 507(c)7 organization. President Les  
254 cited the history of discussion with Carriage Club and the context of the pending  
255 merger of some associations in the Kansas City metro area.

256 Kevin noted that CC is a 60's outdoor rink in midtown (refurbished recently),  
257 organized as a 501(c)7. The club is a membership organization open to anyone  
258 interested in hockey, tennis, swimming/diving. They have about 100 youth  
259 players of all ages house/select, about 10% are girls. The location is midtown (vs  
260 Kansas City Ice Center, west; Line Creek, north; Independence, west). A 501(c)7  
261 division was created under the Carriage Club umbrella to create separate  
262 financials. They have been affiliated with various associations in the area over  
263 time. While they would consider being member of larger city association if  
264 successful, that has not materialized as many would have hoped. Interestingly,  
265 over the fifty years, they are the one rink that has always been there under stable  
266 leadership.

267 In response to questions, Kevin noted that the adult men's pick up hockey not  
268 USAH nor would it be part of the association nor are the participants required to  
269 be Carriage Club members. He noted that he is aware of the affiliate player  
270 movement policy which would perhaps limit ability to send a player to an outside  
271 time or import a player to a Carriage Club team as had been done routinely in the

272 past to simply facilitate getting kids onto a team. For small classes this would be  
273 a complication. A question about bringing another layer of bureaucracy might  
274 complicate merger talks. They have a unique sports club that's been running for  
275 some time but did have to be reorganized to comply with USAH and affiliate  
276 practices. President Les clarified a distinction here that the association under the  
277 Carriage Club umbrella is only populated by USAH members. The members of  
278 the larger club don't get a vote. President Les noted that he'd advised Kevin that  
279 a petitioner didn't have to be 501(c)3 to form an association by affiliate policy.  
280 Kevin noted that their U-xx age groups had roughly this set of ascending  
281 populations: 30/10/20/30/7. He expressed some reluctance to wait another  
282 couple of years as a non participant in merger talks. Perhaps because of a state  
283 line that divides the area, Kansas City is traditionally a city of campfires, in hockey  
284 as in other settings. Their experience over the years, focused by the merger  
285 talks, has reinforced their desire to be part of the solution. In fact, they had  
286 deferred presentation of their application to this meeting to allow the merger talks  
287 to bear fruit. Competition contributes to evolution. Upon motion made and  
288 seconded, the Carriage Club application was approved 2315-2306 by a weighted  
289 vote. (The weighted vote was requested by executive board member MWL  
290 President Pat Frost.) The secretary noted that anyone was welcome to inspect  
291 the weighted vote tally and that it would become a part of the minutes.

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293 Dodge City. Jim Johnson of Dodge City described the trek of their start up  
294 operation in their new community event center. Their arena was opened 2/12/11  
295 for the first time for public skating. Over 200 people signed up at the open house  
296 and over 18,000 people subsequently went through the arena on open skating in  
297 the weeks following. A local car dealer funded 48 USAH starter kits with sticks.  
298 Other benefits and challenges have emerged. They have five people who they  
299 expect to train as level one coaches quickly. President Les attested that Dodge  
300 City has meet the requirements for an association. Upon motion moved and  
301 seconded, Dodge City was approved as an association.

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303 **ADM (Packet#17).** President Les reviewed cross ice mandate implementation,  
304 draft recommendation in the packet. Comments emerged on local push back on  
305 the U8 cross ice mandate. Those assembled brainstormed the parent  
306 acceptance issues.

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308 Rick Murcek's body checking presentation will be sent out on flash drive to  
309 participants at Omaha clinic or this weekend's coaching meeting.

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311 **New Business.**

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313 **H.S. Nationals.** High school national committee has put us under a microscope  
314 in our operations and attempts to participate. USAH is asking for affiliate  
315 expressions of interest for either a pure team requirement or a blended team  
316 requirement. As a result, the future is in flux.

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318 **ACHA.** ACHA director Al Murdoch reviewed positive events at Iowa State and  
319 ACHA. He reminded us that there are 2227 arenas in the US. He asks why there  
320 are not that many ACHA college teams. ACHA is not club. The board acclaimed  
321 Coach Murdoch's brevity with a standing ovulation.

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323 **National Tournament Dates (Packet#29).** President Les pointed out the  
324 national tournament dates and other important links on the USAH website.

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326 **Website (Packet#32).** President Les spoke to the rich content of the affiliate  
327 website and the opportunity it presents to connect with others in the affiliate.

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329 **Motions.** President :Les guided attention to the agenda motions for this meeting,

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331 **Next meeting.** The spring Annual Meeting of the board is tentatively scheduled  
332 for April, 2012.

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334 **Adjournment.** Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned.

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337 Respectfully submitted,

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340 John Shelton

341 Secretary

342 Ph 800.800.9165

343 john.shelton@opco.com

vote on: cc

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					(for)	(against)	votes_f	votes_a	
<b>IAH9999</b>	x	170	ACHA		x	x			
<b>IAH0143</b>	Ames Minor HA	163	Ames	Ames	Chris Schmale	f	x	163	
<b>IAH0121</b>	Buccaneer AHA	0	x	x	x	x			
	x		Des Moines	Des Moines	x	x			
<b>IAH0137</b>	Des Moines HSHA	0	Des Moines HS	Des Moines	x	x			
<b>IAH0136</b>	Des Moines YHA	685	x	x	Doug Borud	f	x	685	
<b>IAH0126</b>	Dubuque YHA	441	Dubuque	Dubuque	Brian Rieckens	f	x	441	
<b>IAH0119</b>	Cedar Rapids HA	147	Hawkeye	Cedar Rapids	Jim Chafe	f	x	147	
<b>IAH0120</b>	Lakes Area HA	50	x	x	Mitch Brandt	x	x		
<b>IAH0117</b>	Mason City YH	189	North Iowa	Mason City	Dan Burgmeier	f	x	189	
<b>IAH0160</b>	Iowa City YHA	225	coral	Old Capital	Iowa City	Mark Pizzimenti	f	x	225
<b>IAH0162</b>	Quad City HA	613	Quad City	Davenport	Todd Larsen	x	a	613	
<b>IAH0118</b>	Sioux Center HA	150	Sioux Center	Sioux Center	Gary De Young	x	x		
<b>IAH0139</b>	Siouxland YHA	204	Siouxland	Sioux City	Mark Johnson	x	x		
<b>IAH0138</b>	Waterloo YHA	180	Waterloo	Waterloo	Brent Westphal	f	x	180	
<b>IAH0000</b>	Iowa AHA	12			x	x			
<b>IAHUNCL</b>	unclaimed	69			x	x			

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### KS

<b>KSH9999</b>	ACHA	31	x	x	x	x	x	
<b>KSH0000</b>	KSAHA	6	x	KC	x	x	x	
<b>KSH0125</b>	Ice Midwest Adult	478	IM	Shawnee	x	x	x	
<b>KSH0128</b>	K C Stars H	490	Stars	Shawnee	Laurent Roy	x	a	490
<b>KSH0130</b>	Outlaws	281	Blades	Shawnee	x	x	x	
<b>KSH0131</b>	Topeka YH	106	Scarecrows	Topeka	Kevin Grauberger	f	x	106
<b>KSH0132</b>	Wichita YHA	189	warriors	Thunder	Wichita	Chris Mochowski	x	x
<b>KSH0135</b>	Wichita Adult Hy League	374	x	x	x	x	x	
<b>KSHUNC</b>	unclaimed	132	x	x	x	x	x	

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### MO-KC Area

<b>KSH0121</b>	Mid Am Hockey	192	IEC	Independence	Dennis King	x	a	192
<b>KSH0124</b>	St Joseph UHA	54	St Joe	St Joseph	Richard Phillips	x	x	
<b>KSH0127</b>	Russell Stover Tier I	42	RS	Independence	x	x	x	
<b>KSH0133</b>	Independence Adult	341	IEC	Independence	x	x	x	
<b>KSH0137</b>	K C Fighting Saints	106	Line Creek	KC	Joe DiPonno	x	x	

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<b>NEH0000</b>	AHA	1	x	x	x	x	x	
<b>NEH0001</b>	x	0	x	x	x	x	x	
<b>NEH0006</b>	Tri-City Senior	59	x	x	x	x	x	
<b>NEH0004</b>	Tri-City Youth Ice HA	177	Tri City	Kearney	Kurt Schmidt	f	x	177
<b>NEH0005</b>	Fremont	59	Fremont	Fremont	Evan Schinasi	f	x	
<b>NEH0002</b>	Lincoln Ice HA	281	Lincoln	Lincoln	Bruce Hiller	a	x	
<b>NEH0010</b>	Mid-America Senior HA	0	x	x	x	x	x	
<b>NEH0134</b>	Omaha	1010	OMAHA	Omaha	Neal Krauss	x	a	1010
<b>NEH9999</b>	ACHA	44	x	x	x	x	x	
<b>NEHUNC</b>	unclaimed	55	x	x	x	x	x	

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### JR

<b>USH0100</b>	Junior Pogram	86	Gladiator	Omaha	x	x	x	
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### Officers

x	x	1	Pres	Les Teplicky	p	x	x	
x	x	1	VP	Doug Dietz	p	x	x	
x	x	1	VP	Brad Parker	p	x	x	
x	x	1	VP	Shawn Spencer	x	x	x	
x	x	1	Sec	John Shelton	p	f	x	1
x	x	1	Treas	Joe Strako	p	x	x	
x	x	1	MWHSHL	Todd Scebold	p	f	x	1
x	x	1	MWL Pres	Pat Frost	x	x	a	1

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### NV Directors

Pres Em	Ted Ohmart	p
Risk Mgr	Pat Frost	p
Women's Dir	Scott Krueger	x
RIC	Jeff Huber	x

### Guests

RICsub	Chuck Ill
x	x
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x	x
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x	x