



Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors
Sunday June 23, 2013
Marriott – Minneapolis West

Board Members Present:

President Dave Margenau	Past President Dennis Green	Vice President David Bakke
Vice President Terry Evavold	Vice President John Perry	Vice President Scott Gray
Vice President Dave Stigen	Secretary-Treasurer Jerry DeMeo	Director Tom Mickus
Director Jake Reinseth	Director Scott Dornfeld	Director Mark Jacobs
Director Doug Kephart	Director Brad Hewitt	Director Rich Rakness
Director Tom Christenson	Director Tim Timm	Director Pete Hill
Director Steve Oleheiser	Director Ralph Hayne	Director Scott Macho
Director Nancy Wefler	Director Dave Swenson	Director Toni O'Brien-Gillen
Referee Section Director Eric Olson		

Director Emeritus Wally Odell

Staff Present: Executive Director Glen Andresen & Financial Administrator Kathy Hayes

Minnesota District Representatives:

Dave Margenau, Director	Steve Oleheiser, Director	John Perry, Director
Dennis Green, Director	Bruce Kruger, Risk Manager	Diane Ytuarte, Registrar
Toni O'Brien-Gillen, Disabled Section Representative	Doug Foster, Girls/Women's Section Representative	

Guests: North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association President Greg Evanson,
Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association President Don Mulder and Vice President John Hack

The voting quorum was announced. With 25 members present, simple majority is 13, two-thirds majority is 17.

Moment of silence was held for Bill MacDonald and Geraldine Snee.

Minutes for the Annual meeting of April 21, 2013 and Executive meeting were presented for approval. Approved as submitted.

Agenda Additions or Changes: None

Treasurer's Report: Secretary Treasurer DeMeo presented the Financial Statement through May 31, 2013 and Profit and Loss September 1- May 31, 2013. Our cash and cash equivalents are \$1,515,542.00. Additionally we have \$464,998.00 in certificates and deposits. We have no accounts payable as of May 31st. Our net revenue ending May 31, 2013 was \$496,744.00 coupled with our retained earnings our net worth of our organization is \$1,512,736.000. Our P&L Statement reflects our revenue for the first three quarters of the fiscal year was \$1,823,170.00. Expenses were \$1,151,426.00. Our 4th quarter we are planning for \$175,000 in revenue and expenses \$650,000.00. Net revenue at the end of our fiscal year will be \$21,744.00.

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo acknowledged receipt of two checks from USA Hockey, one in the amount of \$115,816.88 representing that portion of the USA Hockey Block Grant for fiscal year 2014 and one on the amount of \$23,163.27 representing the remaining portion of the USA Hockey Block Grant for fiscal year 2013..

President's Report: President Margenau reflected on the success of our adding and growing programs within Minnesota Hockey.

Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Andresen submitted a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes. Glen volunteered both himself and Derek Ricke to go to any districts or associations who would like more information on the 2 on 2 Challenge.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Management: President Margenau reported that the committee felt that there is now a need to develop Human Resources Policies due to new employees. The committee will be putting a manual together in the next couple of months.

Adults: Director Swenson reported that Adult Registration is slightly up. AHA programs are up. All adult programs will be participating in the Try Hockey for Free in November and again in March. There is a plan to hold a tournament in Duluth for 2014 to attract the leagues to Minnesota Hockey Adult programs.

Adult Women: Director Wefler reported that numbers for women are down. Due to communication issues they have an inventory of equipment that was not used for the Women's Try Hockey for Free. They will use them for their next event.

Disabled Hockey: Director O'Brien-Gillen submitted a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes.

District Directors: Director Oleheiser reported for the committee. The group has been discussing redistricting and all directors having any thoughts on this topic should share them with their Regional Coordinators. Redistricting contingency plan needed for District 4 due to travel and numbers. Districts 4 and 5 may combine for districts and regions.

AA/A Region-State Tournaments will be discussed in the Tournament Committee report.

The group discussed the USA Hockey proposed progressive penalty rule. They look forward to further discussions with the referees to see what their plan is for making the appropriate calls.

Substitute Goalie Rule discussed and it was decided that John Perry will work on developing this policy.

14-UA ---A/AA Doug Foster presented 14U proposal that we change 14UA/14UB to 14UAA/14UA to comply with the rules of inter level play.

Director Oleheiser moved to suspend the rules to consider a rule change for an exception for 14U A and B for inter level play. The Motion was 2nd by Director Timm. With no objections the rules were suspended. The Motion came from the committee to adopt a rule change to allow the 14UA and B inter level play for games and scrimmages without approval of the District Directors. There was no further discussion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

District 1 – Director Mickus – We had a Junior Gold team that participated in the Metro National League. District 1 plans to work with District 8 regarding those players who reside in the Edgcombe boundary areas to permit them to play in Edgcombe without being inconvenienced by the waiver process. District 1 lost money on regionals.

District 2 – Director Reinseth reported their board has changed and the president's position is still open and they are working hard to fill all board positions.

District 3 – Director Dornfeld reported Crow River has changed their name to Delano Youth Hockey. District 3 presented a check for \$500 to disabled hockey.

District 4 – Director Jacobs reported that Districts 4 & 5 are going to continue their joint leagues.

District 5 – Director Kephart reported that Region sites/hosts agreements are done.

District 6 – Director Hewitt inquired where the affiliate agreements are to be submitted. No other report.

District 8 – Director Rakness – no report

District 9 – Director Christenson reported that they are looking to facilitate coop teams between LaCrescent, MN, and LaCrosse, WI, due to low numbers at some levels.. He commented on an article written in Let's Play Hockey regarding the Rochester Youth Program as being in poor taste and felt that the publication should have gotten both sides of the story before releasing the article. He plans to submit a rebuttal to the article.

District 10 – Director Timm – Numbers are down due to changes in demographics

District 11 – Director Hill reported that in his district there will only be two Squirt A teams which are Proctor and Hermantown. He is still working with Ben Johnson regarding a Girls 19U program. Johnson has assured Minnesota Hockey that they will not be using Minnesota High school eligible players.

District 12 – Director Oleheiser – No report

Diversity: Director Mickus reported that there are 2 grant requests, one from Dino Mites and another one whose name will be provided to the Secretary-Treasurer at a later date

Executive Committee: President Margenau reported that the committee considered a proposal from the Finance/Budget Committee for district oversight. In lieu of an on-site financial review, the focus will be on reviewing copies of current financial statements and required documents submitted via mail.

President Margenau announced that he will change the structure of our standing committees as was presented during the standing committee presentation made on Saturday. .. The Board will be asked to approve an amendment to Bylaw Article 7, with appropriate language changes to eliminate the Planning Committee.

The committee recommended that, if requested to do so by its organizers, we will extend an affiliate agreement to the Herb Brooks XL league.

The committee recommends we discontinue the practice of dedicating our handbooks for leaders of Minnesota Hockey that have passed, replacing this with an article in Let's Play Hockey and on a memorial page to be added to our the Web Site. This recommendation was approved without objection.

President Margenau will request that our legal counsel review our Bylaws against the language contained in Minnesota Statute 317A relating to non-profit corporations in Minnesota and make recommendations for any areas in which we may be non-compliant.

Director Timm expressed a concern that the Board members representing the high schools, junior hockey , adults, women, disabled and referees have been voting on youth rules changes even though these members do not represent any of the Minnesota Hockey youth membership and are not affected by those rules. After some discussion, the matter was postponed indefinitely.

Finance and Budget: Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo reported that the committee unanimously recommends that the board ratify the actions of the committee of the transferring \$125,000 from the Grand Rapids State Bank to Mid Country Bank in Buffalo to keep these accounts within the FDIC insurance amount of \$250,000.00 per institution. There was no discussion. **The Motion carried unanimously.**

The committee also unanimously recommended that the board ratify the actions of the committee of the transferring \$250,000 from Grand Rapids State Bank to the USA Bank of Duluth so as to keep these accounts within the FDIC insurance amount of \$250,000.00 per institution. **The Motion carried unanimously.**

Our Certificate of Deposit with Republic Bank with the value of \$79,934.76 matured June 18, 2013. The committee recommends we renew for 7 months at the rate of .85% APR There was no discussion. **The Motion carried unanimously.**

The committee has reviewed the submitted stipend schedule and recommends that the board approve as submitted with the exception that the stipends listed for the high performance teams general managers be approved at \$300.00 per event instead of \$400.00 per event. By reducing these amounts we will save \$6,600 for next year. After discussion on the job descriptions for these positions, those receiving stipends were asked to recuse themselves from the vote. This left 12 eligible voters. **The Motion to reduce the team manager's stipend was defeated with 4 for and 8 against.**

Secretary Treasurer DeMeo moved to postpone any decision on the approval of the stipend schedule until we are ready to approve the budget. The Motion was seconded by Director Hill. There was no discussion. **The Motion carried unanimously.**

Secretary-Treasurer DeMeo reported that the operating budget for FY 2014 was currently in a deficit condition and that the Finance-Budget committee would not recommend its approval until the deficit was addressed. The Committee presented a Motion to postpone action to approve the Fiscal 2014 operating budget to allow some extra time to consider our options. The Motion also stipulated that a special meeting, by teleconference, be called to deal with the FY 2014 budget to held no sooner than 30 day or not later than 60 days from the date of this meeting. **The Motion carried unanimously.**

Girls League: A meeting will be set up in October, 2013, in St Cloud.

Grievance Committee: Jerry DeMeo will be resigning effective August 31, 2013. President Margenau has appointed Steve Oleheiser to replace him. Otherwise, there was nothing to report. President Margenau extended the Board's appreciation to Jerry for his years of service on the Grievance Committee.

High Schools Boys: Director Macho reported that HP programs have been a success. We are finding high school coaches want to become more involved with all of our programs.

High School Girls – Director Morris was not in attendance but provided a written report, a copy of which is attached herewith and included with the Hockey Operations reports.

Hockey Operations: Vice President Evavold submitted written reports consisting of: 1.) ADM Report; 2.) ACE Report; 3.) Reebok High Performance report; 4.) Reebok High Performance 15 report; 5) High School Girls report,, copies of which are attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes.

Handbook: Committee Chair Halverson reported that the deadline for information is July 15, 2013. Director Kephart inquired if we should have what's new with the many changes occurring at the different level in the Handbook and on the website. President Margenau added that USA Hockey highlights the changes in their handbook.

Junior Gold: Committee Chair Kruger reported that the Metro League will continue with the Junior Gold B National League. Any area that is struggling with building a Junior Gold program is encouraged to invite representatives from the Metro League to help them build a program.

Juniors: Director Hayne reported that the USA Hockey Junior Council has been reorganized, with representatives from the Tier I, II and III caucuses. The MN Jr League is a member of the Tier III caucus. . The Junior council now has good leadership. Owatonna is doing well financially and the transfer of ownership has been completed. Conversation has occurred in creating a committee to create policies and rules for the expansion of Tier III junior hockey in Minnesota Hockey.

MIAMA: Director Rakness reported that MIAMA is working with Executive Director Glen Andresen to get arenas to donate ice for Try Hockey for Free.

Planning: Vice President Bakke's term will end on August 31, 2013. He thanked all those who have been involved in planning over the years. President Margenau thanked Dave for his leadership with all the programs he helped Minnesota Hockey through the years.

Marketing and Communication: Vice President Gray submitted a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes.

Referees: Referee-in-Chief Olson stated that the 2012-13 season report of serious injuries will be submitted in the Minutes. There was a concern that the game misconducts would not be called. 1,077 five minute major boarding penalties were called, with 71 classified as game misconducts. Also 1,751 check from behind five/ten penalties, with 171 game misconducts called this year. There were 46 players that received more than 3 major penalties. The Progression penalties should reduce the amount of players receiving multiple penalties.

Recreational Hockey: Director Mickus reported that they will be adding an age group to accommodate the players moving up. They will now have 16's, 14's 12's. The committee is improving its ability to get more communication out to the families. Vice President Evavold questioned if there is a plan for the 16U players if there is not enough to field a league. Director Mickus feels we should have 4 teams otherwise it is hard to estimate.

Regional Coordinators: Vice President Stigen (Gold Region) requested that tournament sites and packages get turned in ASAP. Vice President Perry (Maroon Region) requests the same.

Rules: Committee Chair Halverson brought forth the following Bylaw change for Board action:

Bylaw Change B1 proposes that the current language contained in Minnesota Hockey Bylaw Article 6, "Authority-Appeals-Suspensions-Court Actions" be stricken and be replaced with the following:

- A. **Authority – Disciplinary Actions – Suspensions:**
 - 1. Minnesota Hockey and its Directors, leagues and affiliates have the authority to manage their programs and issue discipline to any party within their jurisdiction. This includes suspension, probation, censure, financial penalty or other forms of discipline.
 - 2. In cases where such discipline leads to a suspension of the party, a Hearing as outlined below and in USA Hockey Bylaws Article 10 is required.
 - 3. Exclusions – Hearings are not required for automatic playing rule suspensions, suspensions of officials per MHOA Bylaws, or situations as outlined in USA Hockey Bylaws Article 10, "Exclusions From Unified Procedure".
- B. **Administrative Action:** An action or decision by an Authority having jurisdiction that affects any party's membership or their eligibility to participate.
- C. **Disputes:**

Authorities having jurisdiction are required to provide for prompt and equitable resolution of disputes (grievances), including notice and opportunity for a Hearing if applicable.

A party contesting an Administrative Action shall be afforded a Hearing.
- D. **Hearings:** USA Hockey has developed a unified process on how to conduct Hearings (USAH Bylaw 10). The local authority having jurisdiction (local association, league or District) that conducts the Hearing must closely follow this process to resolve disputes.
 - 1. The local authority having jurisdiction must hear disputes within thirty (30) days, provide a minimum of seven days' notice of the Hearing date and location, and make reasonable efforts to convene the Hearing in a location accessible to all parties. The Hearing Notice must include the process and rules that will be used to conduct the Hearing. In suspension/discipline cases, the grounds for the proposed suspension/discipline, the consequences of an adverse finding, and issues to be resolved by the Hearing panel should be included in the notice.
 - 2. The panel established to conduct the Hearing shall consist of a minimum of three (3) reasonably impartial persons.
 - 3. The panel may in its discretion hold a formal or informal Hearing, in person or by telecom; hear any evidence it feels is relevant; place limitations on time, evidence and documentation; allow witnesses or written statements; and establish other hearing rules. Each party shall be treated equally, and shall have reasonable opportunity to present their case, in accordance with the established rules.
 - 4. Parties may be represented by counsel, but the counsel's role in the Hearing is limited to listening only. Counsel may advise the parties quietly during the hearing or during a recess in the Hearing.

5. Findings must be supported by a preponderance of the evidence (more likely true than not true) that an applicable rule has been violated. The decision logic must be included in the written findings. The Panel must endeavor to render its decision within (5) five days of the Hearing and mail a written decision within (15) days of the Hearing. The decision must include the parties' right(s) of appeal. Decisions can affect only parties that were part of the Hearing (cannot be expanded to discipline a party that was not a subject of the Hearing).
- E. **Appeals:** Any member, team, league or local association who has a standing in the matter may appeal a disciplinary suspension or administrative action, in writing, to the District Director for a period of ten (10) calendar days, after a decision was rendered or a Hearing refused within its own league or association. Such appeal must state that it is an appeal, and provide the rationale, citing the applicable rule or regulation, as to why the disciplinary suspension or administrative action should be overturned or modified. In all appeals, the appealing party is required to establish the merits of the appeal. The District Director shall make a written determination within twelve (12) calendar days of receipt of a valid appeal. The decision of the District Director may be appealed, in writing, for a period of (10) Calendar days to the Cognizant Maroon or Gold Vice President, who will issue a written ruling within twelve (12) calendar days. Any decision of the Divisional Vice President may be appealed for a period of ten (10) calendar days to the MH Grievance Committee which must make a written determination within twelve (12) calendar days of receipt of a written appeal. The decision of the Grievance Committee shall be final except as noted in the paragraph hereinafter titled "USAH Appeal".
- F. **Appeal Process:**
1. The District Director, Regional Vice President and Grievance Committee may make their determination by holding personal meetings, or communicating through the mail, e-mail or conference call(s).
 2. The "Hearing" format is not typically used for appeals, since the intent is to review the appropriateness of the initial decision, not to provide another forum in which to present the same arguments or evidence. Appeals are generally handled solely on written submissions, and the appealing parties should be notified that no personal appearances can be made.
 3. The appealing party must provide a basis for the appeal by referring to the relevant rules and/or regulations and describing why the previous decisions made were flawed or incorrect. These elements are essential when considering the basis for appeal. Appeal Requests lacking this information may be rejected for cause.
 4. Only the evidence and theories explicitly presented to the initial decision-making body for consideration prior to rendering of its decision shall be presented or considered for appeal. In the event new evidence is discovered, it must be identified as such and included in the Appeal Request. If it is determined by the entity considering the appeal that the new evidence would have likely affected the initial decision, the matter will be referred back to the initial hearing body.
 5. If the entity considering the appeal uses a Hearing format to assist in making its determination, the process in the paragraph titled "Hearings" hereinbefore will be used.
- G. **MH Board Appeal:** Decisions by MH Committees other than the Grievance Committee or the Screening Committee may be appealed to the MH Board of Directors by providing written notice within fourteen (14) calendar days of a written decision. The appealing party must provide the rationale as to why the disciplinary suspension or administrative action should be overturned or modified.
- H. **USAH Appeal:** Decisions of the MH Grievance Committee, Screening Committee or the MH Board of Directors may be appealed to USAH according to the provisions of USAH Bylaw 10-Dispute Resolution, Discipline, Arbitration.
- I. **Court Actions:** Any recourse to the courts of any jurisdiction by any member or individual before all of the rights and remedies available under the MH Articles and By-Laws and USA Hockey Bylaws have been exhausted, shall be deemed conduct detrimental to the best interests of hockey and a violation of MH and USAH Articles and By-Laws. The violation will result in suspension of membership and/or expulsion from the organization pursuant to the provisions of this Article 6.

The Rules committee recommended the Board approves amended Bylaw Article 6 as submitted. **The Motion carried unanimously.**

Committee Chair Halverson brought forth Rule changes for Board action. He requested that Rules Changes R1 thru R4 be acted upon with a single Motion. Hearing no objection, Rules Changes R1 thru R 4 were proposed.

Rule change R1 proposed that the current language contained in Minnesota Hockey Youth Rules and Regulations, Section III "Citizenship and Age Requirements" paragraph C. be amended to read as follows:

C: A Player who is a non-United States citizen but is a legal resident of the United States as evidenced by such documentation as; a non-expired Resident Alien card or a non-expired Visa of the Type/Class that allows for residency, or who is a resident student from outside the United States, is eligible to compete. Any ~~Native American who has a Certificate of Indian Status is also eligible.~~

Rule change R2 proposed that the current language contained in Minnesota Hockey Youth Rules and Regulations, Section VII "Levels of Play" paragraphs A & B. be amended to read as follows:

- A. ~~"Divisions"~~ "Classifications" means Mite, Squirt, Peewee, 10&under, 12&under, Junior Gold etc.
- B. ~~"Classifications"~~ "Divisions" means A, B, C, House, etc.

Rule change R3 proposed that the current language contained in Minnesota Hockey Youth Rules and Regulations, Section VII "Levels of Play" paragraph F. Subparagraph 3. be amended to read as follows:

F. MITE HOCKEY – MH strongly encourages the skill level development of all players, especially at the entry level. Therefore, the following is effective for the Mite Level.

*3. MH does not permit **full ice** Mite tournaments; **cross/half ice Mite Tournaments are allowed with restrictions as determined by the Tournament Committee.** MH Mite teams cannot participate in out of state tournaments, **except cross/half ice tournaments as approved by their District Director.***

Rule change R4 proposed that the current language contained in Minnesota Hockey Youth Rules and Regulations, Section VII "Levels of Play" paragraph G. Subparagraph 3. be amended to read as follows:

G. Squirt Hockey – MH strongly encourages the skill development of all players, especially at the entry level. Therefore, the following is effective for the Squirt level.

1. ~~No league standings shall be kept.~~

2.1. Limit number of games days (league/tournament/exhibition games) to a maximum of 35 per season.

Each tournament game counts as one game. For Squirts, controlled scrimmages count as games and not as practices.

3.2. A three to one practice to game ratio shall be supported.

The Rules Committee recommended the Board approve Youth Rules changes R1, R2, R3 & R4 as submitted. **The Motion carried unanimously.**

Rule change R5 proposed that the current language contained in Minnesota Hockey Youth Rules and Regulations, Section VIII "Playing Rules" paragraph L. be amended to read as follows:

*L. Team Rest – Teams shall not participate in more than two (2) on-ice activities per day, nor shall they participate in or more than one tournament at a time (no overlapping days). On-ice activities include games, exhibition games and/or practices. There shall be a minimum of three (3) hours between on-ice activities on the same day and ten (10) hours between on-ice activities on consecutive days. The time is from the end of one on-ice activity to the beginning of the next. **Exception #1 – For Mites, the time between activities can be reduced to 1 ½ hours. Exception #2 – in cases of limited competition, three games can be played in one day with the approval of the involved District Director(s).***

The Rules Committee recommended the Board approve Youth Rule R5. After discussion, the **Motion was defeated.**

Rule change R6 proposed that the current language contained in Minnesota Hockey Youth Rules and Regulations, Section X "District, Regions & State Tournaments" paragraph M. be amended to read as follows:

*R6 M. Medical Attention – A Certified Athletic Trainer, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), paramedic or medical or osteopathic physician shall be retained by the sanctioned tournament and in attendance at each game in progress, **except cross ice/half ice Mite games.** This group shall include licensed health care professionals, Certified Athletic Trainers,*

Emergency Medical Technologists (EMT) and any additional persons who have successfully completed and maintained certification for programs conducted by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, specifically AFORE (Advanced First Aid), CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation), and BLS (Basic Life Support). Registered Nurses are included if they are currently certified for AFA/CPR/BLS. The retained medical personnel have the final say on whether an injured player can return to the game.

During discussion, it was determined that this paragraph needed additional work. The proposed change was split into two separate proposals. Rule Change R6A proposed the following changes:

R6A M. Medical Attention – A Certified Athletic Trainer, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), paramedic or medical or osteopathic physician shall be retained ~~on site by the sanctioned tournament and in attendance at~~ **for each one or two games** in progress. This group shall include licensed health care professionals, Certified Athletic Trainers, Emergency Medical Technologists (EMT) and any additional persons who have successfully completed and maintained certification for programs conducted by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, specifically AFORE (Advanced First Aid), CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation), and BLS (Basic Life Support). Registered Nurses are included if they are currently certified for AFA/CPR/BLS. The retained medical personnel have the final say on whether an injured player can return to the game.

After discussion, **this Motion was approved by a vote of 18 in favor, 4 opposed.**

Then Rule Change R6B proposed additional modifications, as follows:

R6 B M. Medical Attention – A Certified Athletic Trainer, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), paramedic or medical or osteopathic physician shall ~~on site for each one or two games in progress,~~ **except that such medical attention shall not be required for Mite games.** This group shall include licensed health care professionals, Certified Athletic Trainers, Emergency Medical Technologists (EMT) and any additional persons who have successfully completed and maintained certification for programs conducted by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, specifically AFORE (Advanced First Aid), CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation), and BLS (Basic Life Support). Registered Nurses are included if they are currently certified for AFA/CPR/BLS. The retained medical personnel have the final say on whether an injured player can return to the game.

Secretary Treasurer DeMeo moved to postpone any action on this rule to allow President Margenau the time to consult legal counsel after which, the Motion could be acted upon via a special teleconference. The Motion was seconded by Director Hewitt. **The Motion required a vote of 2/3rds of those voting and was defeated by a vote of 12 for and 10 opposed**

President Margenau called for the vote of Rules Proposal R6B. **The Motion was approved by a vote of 16 in favor, 7 opposed.**

Rule change R7 proposed that the current language contained in Minnesota Hockey Youth Rules and Regulations, Section X "District, Regions & State Tournaments" paragraph R. be amended to read as follows:

R. Credentials – A Credentials Committee, including an official of MH such as a District Director or his/her designee, shall check each team's credentials prior their playing of any games. Each team participating in invitational, district, region or state tournaments must present the following credentials package to the Credentials Committee prior to participating in the tournament. Any team that does not have a properly completed credentials package is not allowed to participate in the tournament. A meeting of the coaches and managers of the participating teams should be held before the tournament starts.

1. Player Roster ~~completely filled out including the signatures of all participants (players and team officials).~~ **This roster must be signed by an individual that is authorized to approve rosters.**
2. Waivers for any players who are not members of the team's affiliate, based on.....
- ~~S. Sign in Sheet – MH District, Region and State Tournaments must use a sign in sheet for players before their first game. The signatures must be compared to those on the USA Hockey roster to verify the player's identity. Players may be required to sign in at subsequent games at the Tournament Director's discretion.~~

The Rules Committee recommended the Board approve Rules Change R7. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Safety: President Margenau reported that the Mayo Clinic is offering a Concussion Clinic Oct 8 & 9th. Anyone interested to represent Minnesota Hockey, contact President Margenau.

Scholarships: Vice President Gray reported that due to the lack of applications we will eliminate the two High School Scholarships for this year and review offering them again next year.

Screening: /Safe sport- Vice President Gray reported that the programs outside of the regular associations such as the Elite Leagues and the XL League need to have contacts identified and forwarded to Scott so he may contact them.

Tournaments/Awards: Director Timm brought forth a Motion on behalf of the Tournament committee to increase the Region Tournament fees as follows:

- Team Fees for Regional Tournaments be increased from \$450 per team to \$550 per team.
- Gate fees for Regional Tournament passes be increased from \$12 to \$15
- Gate fees for State Tournament passes be increased from \$15 to \$20.
- Daily Admission for Regional Tournaments be increased from \$7to \$8.
- Daily Admission for State Tournaments be increased from \$8 to \$10.
- Seniors, veterans and student Regional Tournament Pass from \$5 to \$8.
- Seniors, veterans and student State Tournament Pass from \$8 to \$10.
- Seniors, veterans and student Regional Tournament daily admission from \$2 to \$5
- Senior, veterans and student State Tournament daily admission from \$3 to \$8
- Youth 10 and under and Veterans in uniform Free for all events.

The Tournaments Committee recommended that the Motion be approved. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Tournament committee brought forth a motion to adopt the new Regional Tournament formats for Peewee AA and Bantam AA as distributed to the Board and attached herewith and incorporated into these Minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Timm updated the Board on the status of the Tournament of Champions for Squirt A & B and 10U A & B teams. Any decision on the topic was postponed and the topic was referred back to the Tournaments Committee for further study,

USA Hockey Minnesota Districts Reports

Dave Margenau – Provided a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes. He called attention to some highlights within his report. USA Hockey Budget was approved. Official's fees that are collected by USA Hockey will flow through the affiliate's Referee –In-Chief's Budget. What monies that are not used at the end of the fiscal year will be gone. The Big 6 meeting discussed what our reaction should be to those member teams and/or officials that participate in both USA Hockey and non-sanctioned programs.

Dennis Green – Beginning in 2015 National Tier 1 teams will increase from 12 to 16 teams. Youth council had a discussion of a decline in referees which is an issue across the nation. There is a NHL Sled Classic in every part of the country that there is an NHL team. A lot of discussion in regards to the alternative programs and how do we work with them. He also provided a brief summary of the USA Hockey rules changes that were adopted during the 2013 USA Hockey Annual Congress.

Steve Oleheiser – Provided a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes. He also attended a Safety and Equipment committee meeting. They have been discussing neck protection for some time and have still not arrived at a conclusion. Another item discussed is CPR training, possibly making it mandatory for coaches.

John Perry – Provided a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes.

Bruce Kruger – There were 21 claims crime coverage submitted thru USA Hockey. We have 7 of them in Minnesota, including the largest.

Doug Foster – Provided a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes.

Diane Ytuarte – Provided a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes. She reminded those players who may want to sign up after participating in Try Hockey For Free have up to Dec 31st to sign up and have their USA Hockey fees waived.

Coach-In-Chief Mike MacMillan for Christian Koelling reported that coaches are going to be requested to take the training for SafeSport. This will be made mandatory in the 2014-2015 season but will have to have it completed in 2013-2015. Coaching modules have changed and shortened. If coaches have not completed their modules by January 1, 2014, we will shut down for 15 days then reopen and for a fee, they will be able to complete their modules. There will be no temporary cards for modules. Instructors training is scheduled for August 17th. . Level 4 will be in the fall in Duluth September 21 and 22.

USA Disabled Hockey Director Minnesota District Antonia Gillen – Provided a written report which is attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes.

There was no Old Business

There was no New Business

President Margenau announced that the Fall Meeting is Sept 22, 2013 in Alexandria

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Denise Woods, 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 23rd day of June, 2013.


Gerald R. DeMeo, Secretary-Treasurer