

1 Minutes of Mid West Amateur Hockey Association
2 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
3 May 5th, 2012
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6 **Call to Order.** Pursuant to notice distributed by electronic mail and posting on
7 the affiliate web site, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to
8 order by President Les Teplicky at 1:06 pm at the Courtyard by Marriott in Clive
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11 **Minutes.** [Packet p.1] Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 27th, 2011, of the
12 Executive Committee Meeting of February 12th, 2012, of the Special Meeting
13 (held by phone) of March 14th, 2012, and of the Executive Committee Meeting of
14 April 4th, 2012, all having been previously distributed electronically and posted on
15 the affiliate web site, were presented for approval. The following corrections were
16 requested:

17 August 27 th line 171	delete "P12 in packet???"
18 line 221	change "bylaws just to be fired" to 19 "bylaws just need to be filed"
20 March 14 th line 101	change "\$30 to \$38" to "\$30 to \$40"

21 Upon motion moved and seconded the minutes with corrections were accepted
22 acclamation.
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25 **Reports.**

26 **President.** [Packet p.26]. President Les reviewed proposals to be discussed at
27 the forthcoming June Annual Congress of USA Hockey. Among those likely to be
28 of interest to affiliate associations is a proposal to separately limit the number of
29 non-US born players and players from outside the district to participate on
30 national bound teams. The significance of regional boundaries on team formation
31 may also be discussed.
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33 **Coaching Director.** [Packet p.27] Coaching Director Nick Cecere commented on
34 clinics conducted in the past year and planned for the 2012-13 season. The
35 affiliate now has four USAH certified coaching instructors. At least one USAH
36 certified instructor must be present at each coaching clinic.

37 The website now has over 100 practice plans that will be of interest to coaches at
38 various levels.

39 Nick reviewed the process by which a coach may apply for and receive a
40 temporary coaching card. He urged associations to diligently work for the
41 advancement of their coaches so that surprises do not occur.
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43 **Elections.**

44 Upon the arrival of certain officers or directors (including the commissioner of
45 elections), President Les called on Past President Ted Ohmart to serve as
46 commissioner of the election of officers. Past President Les commented that, as

47 announced in advance of the meeting, three offices were to be filled by election:
48 President, a Vice President (Player Development), and Secretary. He passed out
49 blank ballots. Nominated for the posts by their own confirmation of interest are
50 the incumbents:

51	for President	Les Teplicky,
52	for Vice President	Doug Dietz
53	for Secretary	John Shelton.

54 Ted solicited nominations from the floor. There were none. Upon motion duly
55 made and seconded the nominees were elected by acclamation. A plethora of
56 voting cards catapulted in the air.

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58 In his stirring acceptance speech, the Secretary reminded all herein gathered
59 that they are invited to submit in writing subsequent to the meeting any
60 comments they might have made or attempted to have made during the meeting
61 to ensure accurate recording in the minutes.

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63 **Roll Call.**

64 The President asked the Secretary to call the role of the associations. Answering
65 roll call were:

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Iowa

68	IAH0117 Mason City	(absent).
69	IAH0118Sioux Center	Gary De Young.
70	IAH0119 Cedar Rapids	Jill Johnson
71	IH0120 Lakes Area	Mitch Brandt.
72	IAH0126 Dubuque	David Zillig.
73	IAH0135 Des Moines Adult	Shawn Peterson.
74	IAH0136 Des Moines Youth	Doug Borud.
75	IAH0138 Waterloo	Brent Westphal.
76	IAH0139 Siouxland (S. City)	Mark Johnson.
77	IAH0143 Ames	Chris Schmale.
78	IAH0160 Coral Ridge (Iowa City)	Robert Gutwein.
79	IAH0162 Quad Cities	Derek Boudreau.

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Kansas/Missouri

82	KSH0121 MidAm (Independence)	Dennis King.
83	KSH0122 High Plains	(absent).
84	KSH0123 Carriage Club	(absent).
85	KSH0124 St Joseph	(absent).
86	KSH0127 Russell Stover AAA	Don Burns
87	KSH0128 KC Stars	Mike Jones.
88	KSH0131 Topeka	Amber Droge.
89	KSH0132 Wichita Youth	Althea Loschinsky.
90	KSH0135 Wichita Adult	(absent).
91	KSH0137 Kansas City (Saints)	Hector Luvano..
92	KSH0128 KCIC Adult	Mary Helmick.

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94	Nebraska	
95	NEH0005 Fremont	Evan Schinasi.
96	NEH0002 Lincoln	Bruce Hiller.
97	NEH0004 Tri City Youth	Kelly Warnken.
98	NEH0134 Omaha	Neal Krauss.
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100	Officers & Staff	
101	Voting:	
102	President	Les Teplicky.
103	VP	Brad Parker
104	VP & Player Devt	Doug Dietz.
105	VP/Compliance	Shawn Spencer.
106	Treasurer	Joe Strako.
107	MWHSL President	Todd Scebold
108	Midwest League Pres	(absent)
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110	Non Voting:	
111	Past President	Ted Ohmart.
112	Adult	Shawn Peterson
113	Registrar	Eric Herr
114	Referee-in-Chief	absent
115	Rink Liaison	open
116	Web	Jena Cuozzo
117	Women's	Andy Ketterson
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119	Guests	
120	USAH Manager Program Svcs	Kevin Erlenbach
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122 The Secretary reported that 22 of 26 youth associations and seven voting officers
123 answered the role call. A quorum in excess of the minimum 40% (10
124 associations) is present.

125 The Secretary noted that the weighting for votes, when called for, would be
126 based on "total players" in *USA Hockey Member Counts By Program*, as
127 provided by the Registrar.

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130 **Reports (continued).**

131 **Registrar.** [Packet p.34] Registrar Eric Herr reviewed his handout. The affiliate
132 reported 7,485 "claimed" registered players for the year ending, an increase of
133 178 over the 7,307 last year. Registrar Emeritus Joe Strako observed that
134 associations may still capture unclaimed players until the end of the USAH fiscal
135 year August 31st. (Secretary's note: claiming additional players works to the
136 benefit of an association if a vote is weighted by the number of the association's
137 players.) His report shows over 900 unclaimed players in the affiliate, about 12%
138 of the total!

139 Eric described his rostering process. While not all rosters need to be signed by
140 the registrar, all teams do need to be rostered.

141 USAH now follows a procedure for validation of youth player age whereby, once
142 a player's birth certificate is verified and documented in the USAH database by a
143 registrar, a player never again has to produce a birth certificate nor does his/her
144 team need to carry a certificate for that player. (Eric asked those present to
145 guess how many players had been verified thus far.)

146 For the coming year, Eric asks associations to send rosters with birth certificates
147 for those players who yet need to be verified. Then roster will be redone so
148 certificates no longer need to be carried.

149 Eric described what needs to be done in the case of a transferring player in
150 handout [Packet p.38-40]. He invites special attention to the protocol to be
151 followed for non US citizens (especially Canadians [Packet p.39]. This year, the
152 form will be submitted to USAH by the association for each non-us citizen. When
153 a transfer is complete USAH database will reflect the player's status. The form
154 will have to be done every year unless it's a permanent residential change (a/k/a
155 green card). However, if the player is required to repeatedly file, the same form
156 may be used.

157 He reviewed the injury claim form. Eric will email a copy to the association for
158 further delivery to family or player when he receives notice of an injury.

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160 Eric reviewed the work of the Tier 1 Committee created by the board last year.
161 He observed that MWAHA is way behind other affiliates in the coherence of our
162 approach. Based on the Executive Committee meeting in March, any
163 applications for Tier 1 this year will come to the Executive Committee for
164 consideration. The process will be repeated each year.

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166 Past President Ted queried whether such application should come to the board
167 rather than the EC. President Les observed that the Tier 1 Committee intended
168 to have a policy proposal for consideration at this meeting but the work is not yet
169 complete. He cited the extensive thought from the Tier 1 Committee [Packet
170 p.22-23] and many conversations on how Tier 1 should be done. At one time Tier
171 1 policy turned solely on whether there were one or more players from outside
172 the affiliate. The Executive Committee had decided that the sanctioning of Tier 1
173 associations would be by the EC since such questions generally come up in the
174 absence of the full board and, also, that be that the EC acting for the affiliate
175 would annually consider applicants for Tier 1 team sponsorship. Subsequently,
176 stakeholders suggested this role may more appropriately be one for the board
177 (unless the board by its action delegates authority to the EC).

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179 Past President Ted offered the historical perspective that border state players
180 who had played in and were continuing their registration within the affiliate would
181 not trigger a Tier 1 requirement for that team's registration, but the recruiting of
182 players for a team from outside the affiliate would be such a trigger. We wanted
183 to avoid recruiting without compromising the ability "to register for convenience".
184 He felt that we'd not had an issue of too many Tier 1 teams emerging. If an

185 association believes they have the opportunity to field a competitive Tier 1 team
186 some level in the year under consideration then they should go ahead. Things
187 change from year to year.

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189 Eric proposed that prospective sponsors be considered by a formal application
190 process to the EC acting for the affiliate. That the associations who wish to
191 sponsor Tier 1 teams make such application by June 1st of each year for decision
192 by June 15th.

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194 Upon query why approval would need to be sought each year. President Les
195 noted that Eric had looked at other affiliates for a practical operating model. The
196 circumstances of Texas & Illinois appeared superficially relevant to ours. But our
197 operating entities probably don't have the stability experienced by locations with
198 high population density. Those affiliates sanction the association one time. Be
199 that as it may, the Executive Committee ran out of time trying to resolve the two
200 approaches (approve Tier 1 teams vs approve Tier 1 associations).

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202 President Les noted that the board's policy within recent memory was that if
203 there was one player from outside the association, then the team should register
204 as Tier 1. But then that discussion gets blended with the somewhat different
205 question of whether it's the association or the team that is being sanctioned for
206 Tier 1.

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208 In face of confusion and the need to act so that kids could be on the ice, the EC
209 had at various times approved three: Omaha, Des Moines, and Russell Stover.
210 President Les noted that this ad hoc process could lead to too many
211 organizations competing for a limited number of players. Maybe, however, that's
212 the easiest process considering just how much things (player pools, coaching,
213 funding) can vary year to year.

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215 In response to a question, Eric thought the application would be from an
216 association (rather than from a team) but the association would declare the
217 divisions in which they sought Tier 1 status. He noted that Illinois has a target of
218 10% of the affiliate's players at the Tier 1 level but also wants Tier 1 to be
219 operated by associations which are 100% Tier 1.

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221 Past President Ted commented that Tier 1 is neither about developing players in
222 the affiliate nor about restricting a team to only players from the affiliate, but
223 rather simply about seeking to form the best teams where kids can compete
224 against other similarly constituted teams. He is concerned that families will be
225 priced out of hockey if we overthink the Tier 1 question. We don't have 20 Tier 1
226 level players in the affiliate so we have to get players from other areas. He
227 opined that it would be reasonable to sanction a team that sought to just play 25
228 really competitive games around the country. This may be preferable to the all
229 too familiar model of a 60 or 80 game, very expensive season. Let the other
230 affiliates do it if they want the restrictions.

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232 Vice President Doug noted that if there's a good program, people will go there.
233 And he also believed the entire board should make such decisions but noted that
234 the flow of events doesn't always make this practical.
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236 Eric thought, on his proposal, that approval should not be unreasonably withheld.
237 Discussion ensued whether that meant an "application" was merely "notice" or
238 actually a "request" and how opportunity and competition would be affected by
239 whatever strategy the board might adopt. Russell Stover's Don Burns noted in
240 response to a query that at least half of their players are from outside the affiliate
241 but it varies by level.
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243 President Les noted that we've not had an issue with too many teams in an area
244 as yet, though there had been occasional inquiries outside the normal USAH
245 organizations.
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247 He also noted that the question at hand may now simply be whether the
248 Executive Committee decision to act may have inadvertently preempted a prior
249 affiliate vote that Tier 1 status is triggered simply by having a player from outside
250 the affiliate.
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252 Past President Ted reminded those with shorter memories that we really got to
253 this point of trying to define what *Tier 2* allowed. Taken in that context, the
254 affiliate voted to say that if you recruited a player from outside then you couldn't
255 be a Tier 2 team and, thus, were forced to be Tier 1.
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257 When a point of order was raised that a second to the "motion" could not be
258 withdrawn, it was upon further motion voted by a heavy margin to table the
259 "motion" (which the Secretary notes editorially had not et, due to the passion of
260 the discussion, been restated with sufficient precision to be actually able to know
261 what was being tabled).
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263 As a point of information, President Les noted that the Executive Committee
264 made a decision in 2011 to deal with Tier 1 applications. Did the Executive
265 Committee have the authority to change? In particular, he notes the leap from the
266 history cited above that the affiliate says if have a player from outside the affiliate
267 that is not just a cross border player, then that has to be a Tier 1 team to the EC
268 decision a year ago that the EC sanctions the teams that will be authorized to
269 compete as Tier 1 based on circumstances.
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271 In discussion, it was observed that the two positions expressed above are not
272 inconsistent with each other. That is, teams might become Tier 1 by moving
273 down either path.
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275 President Les noted that there's a new business item regarding the authority
276 possessed by the Executive Committee to act in the absence of the Board of

277 Directors. Four EC decisions were made in Feb 2012 have been informally
278 questioned.

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280 At this point, discussion turned to other subjects.

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282 Eric noted, in response to his earlier query to the assemblage, that the number of
283 verified birth certificates within the affiliate was 1826.

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285 **Old Business.**

286 **Compliance.** Shawn Spencer introduced his comments with the observation that
287 he has been on the MWAHA Board for eleven years but in the compliance
288 position for only one year. After review of status of our associations he gives us a
289 "C-" in compliance, indicating we've a lot of work ahead.

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291 He reviewed with the board a spreadsheet he is developing to track the many
292 facets of compliance. Green means near compliance, yellow in process, red
293 indicates that association and affiliate haven't defined a track to achieving
294 compliance.

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296 To smooth the task of tracking compliance, he asks associations to submit their
297 documents in PDF form. And if an association doesn't have capability to do that
298 just send him the paper and he'll scan so that the individual items may be
299 harvested. In particular, Shawn asks associations to send him bylaws and
300 501(c)3 letter.

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302 At August meeting, Shawn hopes to have the spreadsheet of all the compliance
303 requirements [Packet p.47] verified against past actions. He noted that paragraph
304 4, screening, had already been voted by the board.

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306 Shawn asked for a sense of how many of the associations have their officers in
307 place at the time of the MWAHA August meeting. The collective nodding of
308 heads with no dissents suggested (if not certified) that most associations do
309 indeed have their new officers in place by August. Shawn observed that the
310 August MWAHA meeting would thus be the logical time to have the association
311 agreement freshly executed by the association board.

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313 Question was raised about the requirement for membership voting procedures
314 for their boards. President Les noted that if the majority of an association's board
315 members are elected by the membership then how the board moves jobs around
316 is not a compliance issue. The test would be if the majority of those able to
317 control the board are elected by their membership.

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319 In a related matter, President Les noted that the Executive Committee had voted,
320 [Packet p.55] to impose a penalty on those associations not in compliance on
321 their screenings; viz.,

322 if the compliance director determines that an association is not in
323 fact in compliance on their screenings then, if not brought into
324 compliance within ten days of notice by the compliance director, all
325 the teams of that association would forfeit their games until the
326 association is deemed to be within compliance on screenings.

327 The EC was to come back with a more comprehensive policy at this (May)
328 meeting. We are not quite ready on that nor has anyone been advised that they
329 are not in compliance. The question will be addressed at the August meeting.
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331 Shawn noted that a policy needs to be in place at each association for the
332 removal or replacement of a board member.
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334 President Les noted that we began screening about six years ago. A database
335 was created of about 700 individuals being the coaches and board members of
336 each association. He, as then risk manager, tracked the forms of all these
337 people. While all subject to screening have to submit a form every year, the goal
338 was to actually screen about a third of the unscreened individuals each year.
339 Compliance in submitting the forms is spotty at best. Les noted that all who come
340 in contact with youth players are subject to screening and it is each association's
341 responsibility to ensure that those so affected to submit their information.
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343 Shawn also noted that the adults in the locker rooms include many who are not
344 coaches and thus might have escaped the net of screening.
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347 **Audit.** [Packet p49-50] President Les noted that the last USAH audit of MWAHA
348 recommended that all associations have their tax return posted on their (viz.,
349 each association's) web site. By way of operating model, the affiliate now has its
350 tax return posted on the affiliate web site.
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353 **Concussion.** [Packet p.56] Todd Scebold of MWHSL discussed the Iowa
354 Concussion Bill. The league has decided to ask all players sign the IA
355 concussion fact sheet. Todd noted that grades 7 – 12 who participate in
356 extracurricular activities are believed to be covered by the law. That would
357 extend down to bantam. After showing a video on the subject of concussion in
358 the hockey community, Todd described that MWHSHL has a concussion policy
359 but it doesn't extend to the other ages covered by the IA law. Todd moved:
360 MWAHA require players bantam and above to sign the information form
361 and return it to their team.
362 The motion was seconded. In response to a question whether such a form might
363 be completed with on line registration, Todd opined that we probably would want
364 a signature. A speaker noted that they had adopted the IA model using their on
365 line registration. Another noted that they require a doctor clearance to return.
366 One noted that there's no provision for coordination among other activities in
367 which youths might be participating.

368 It was noted that the affiliate's high school league does not require baseline
369 concussion testing as s being employed by some associations. This does not
370 appear to be part of the model inferred from the handout on the Iowa law.
371 Todd noted that part of the effort is to increase awareness, the lack of which
372 seems to be a real issue. The burden should not be on the coach to administer
373 but on the family and their medical providers.
374 It may be that registration materials may be more effective that simply having a
375 form signed.
376 It was noted that the Iowa law covers grades seven to twelve in schools and the
377 materials are unclear how extracurricular activities such as hockey are required
378 to comply.
379 The presence of trainers may help in the administration of an occurrence but not
380 in the follow up.
381 Past President Ted asked Todd for clarification of his motion. Is it that all
382 associations need to abide by the info in the form or the use of the form in its
383 entirety? Is the form itself part of the law or is it information on the law. Perhaps
384 the form is a necessary condition but maybe it's just sufficient to evidence
385 compliance? A speaker opined that maybe it's just a good idea to have a policy
386 that simply requires a signed release from a doctor. Another noted we can be
387 more restrictive... and observed that grade seven might extend to peewee.
388 Past President Ted noted that if we have a mandate which we then do not
389 enforce we may open the affiliate to liability for lack of that enforcement. Another
390 speaker noted we're dealing with multiple states. Shawn noted the signature on
391 the form simply attests that the information was received by the student and
392 parents. Suggestion was made that USAH staff attorney be consulted. More
393 discussion ensued over state and association variances.
394 Ted suggested it be reviewed by a committee and a recommendation be made at
395 the August meeting.
396 Gary moves to substitute for the motion on the floor
397 that the MWAHA strongly encourages member associations to
398 educate parents to the seriousness of concussion and abide by
399 their state laws in respect to concussion.
400 Second received. Discussion ensued whether we're spinning our wheels
401 because we really don't have either legal guidance or a tightly thought out model.
402 President Les observed that maybe we really should review the landscape for
403 existing best practices. Ted wondered if USAH was working this issue and might
404 have guidance at the June congress..
405 Do we want a check off on the MWAHA compliance worksheet that the
406 association has a policy?
407 Vote on the amendment: 15 for, 6, 6.
408 Now, voting on the motion as substituted:
409 Vote on the amended motion: 17, 10, 1. Motion carried.
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411 Shawn Spencer now asks what we do. The secretary noted that, as with all
412 actions of the board, the members (that's the attendees) take the knowledge

413 back to their associations and act as necessary. It will, of course, be published
414 on the website in the minutes of the meeting.

415 That is the policy is: MWAHA encourages the associations to educate.

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417 **UA Cross Ice.** [Packet p.58] Brian Stewart and President Les reviewed cross ice
418 in this first year about how it was working. At last year's meeting we implemented
419 some policies. Les requested feedback from the membership; the handout
420 compiles the responses. Brian observed that referees are learning the new game
421 just as are the parents, coaches, and players. There appears to be wide variation
422 on interpretation of rules and best practices.

423 MWAHA did not mandate officials but suggested. A demonstration jamboree was
424 run in Des Moines, working with the officials involved. Les hoped that the
425 jamborees would be a way for the new young officials to get involved. At this
426 point, Les intends that someone from the affiliate coaching program follow up
427 with the associations to get more feed back before the august meeting.

428 Les observed that everyone on the ice needs a helmet... whether player or
429 coach, whether on skates or boots.

430 One items is whether everyone on the ice needs to be certified (coach, ref, or
431 player).

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433 **ADM.** Doug Dietz, in his report, noted progress occurred last year in getting the
434 American Development Model disseminated... what it is and why it's important.
435 Not much room for deviation. Hope to get everyone on board.

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437 **Body Checking.** Old business but doesn't appear to be need for further
438 discussion.

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440 **Adult associations.** Shawn noted in his report the key issues.

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442 **USAH Growth Incentive Programs.** [Packet p.60] VP Brad Parker & USAH
443 Manager of Program Services Kevin Erlenbach reviewed the results of
444 participation by affiliate associations toward the [Grow-the-Game Award](#). Last
445 year many associations achieved the requisite milestones and will get sets of one
446 goal equipment. Those qualifying were Des Moines, Lincoln, Omaha, Mason
447 City, Sioux Center, Topeka, and Wichita. Cedar Rapids made great progress but
448 the documentation may have been lost somewhere in the administrative path.

449 Kevin spoke about the [2 and 2 Challenge](#). Participation by associations was
450 spotty. The goal in this effort is to add two players and retain two more players
451 than had been retained the prior season.

452 Kevin described the program and will email documents via the affiliate. It is clear
453 from USAH experience that significant effort needs to be made at the 8U level.

454 That's where the big numbers come in and where the big numbers leave. If work
455 both ends, then we'll have the players still with us at the higher levels.

456 If can make it to Squirts, there's a great chance that they'll stay even further.

457 Kevin suggested associations get on the phone and invite people back.
458 Sometimes a reminder or personal touch is helpful. Some automated calls are

459 being made using celebrity players. This will happen this year. Education scripts
460 will be provided to the associations by USAH for the call effort.

461 Grow the Game will probably be done at over 100 locations this year. A package
462 of 40 player kits will be provided.

463 He noted that the MW affiliate is doing better than anybody else in this.

464 Many fun resources are available and will be pushed out to interested
465 associations. He noted that cards for trick'or'treaters at Hallowe'en are a nice
466 touch. Try hockey for free is sanctioned. If do a transition program, need another
467 sanction.

468 Recognition attaches to participation. The more you do, the more USAH will
469 provide for the next level.

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471 Claiming the players is very important since there are no teams attached to the
472 U6 level. If you don't claim, you don't know what association they're part of.

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474 Contact Kevin at USAH 719.538.1119 or Kevin.Erlenbach@USAHockey.org.

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477 **HS Nationals.**

478 The affiliate has to apply to send teams to this program.

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480 **Website.** [Packet p.61] Jena Cuzzo reinforced what associations need to do.
481 Jena noted 839 people registered on the affiliate's ngin site but only 120 have
482 identified position for which they should receive information. Note that this is a
483 self certifying function. After logging in, register with MWAHA with your
484 interests/preferences. You'll enjoy the result as you'll get filtered information. This
485 is how we can keep you informed.

486 Every association needs to identify their web manager. More broadly, every
487 volunteer who registers will increase the ability of the affiliate to communicate.
488 She implores members to call her to be walked through the keystrokes.

489 Pres Les thanked Jena for all the work she's done to make this avenue of
490 communication work.

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492 **Player Development.** VP Doug Dietz reported on player development. One
493 player from OMAHA made the national team. This is a great accomplishment for
494 the affiliate.

495 The annual Bantam camp will be held in Ames in June. Bob Cunningham runs a
496 ref clinic at the same time in that location. Associations are urged to spread the
497 word through the local referee association.

498 Bob noted the week long ref clinic with 15 spots. Costs the participant \$100. All
499 expenses covered on site. Last year had three from MWAHA. It's a great
500 opportunity.

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502 **USAH "New Leader Award"**. Our registrar Eric Herr will be recognized at the
503 June congress. Past affiliate recipients have been Chris Schmale and Doug Dietz
504 (and you can see how they turned out).

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506 **Motions.**

507 **ByLaws.** [Packet p.24] Bylaws provide for the vote of each association to be
508 carried by the member posted on the website as the MWAHA Representative.
509 Concern had been expressed that the advantages of this procedure (viz.,
510 transparency, notice to the affiliate and to the association as to who carries the
511 vote) may be outweighed by the disadvantages (possibility that an association
512 might be represented but not have a vote). The Executive Committee at its April
513 4th, 2012, phone meeting deliberated on the issue and recommended that the
514 following motion be presented to the MWAHA Board of Directors:

515 **MOTION TO CHANGE ARTICLE VI SECTION 8 – VOTING RIGHTS**

516 The By Laws of the Affiliate presently read:

517 SECTION 8 - VOTING RIGHTS - Each USA Hockey voting member
518 within the Affiliate shall be represented at the MWAHA by the Affiliate
519 Representative elected within and by their local association, certified to
520 the Affiliate by the represented Association posting the Representative's
521 name on the Affiliate web site. To have the right to vote, an Association
522 must be in good standing at the time of the meeting.

523 To which would be added:

524 In the absence of an Affiliate Representative, the absentee may advise
525 MWAHA of a substitute carrying the voting rights by written (or email)
526 notice to the President.

527 To now read:

528 SECTION 8 - VOTING RIGHTS - Each USA Hockey voting member
529 within the Affiliate shall be represented at the MWAHA by the Affiliate
530 Representative elected within and by their local association, certified to
531 the Affiliate by the represented Association posting the Representative's
532 name on the Affiliate web site. In the absence of an Affiliate
533 Representative, the absentee may advise MWAHA of a substitute carrying
534 the voting rights by written (or email) notice to the President. To have the
535 right to vote, an Association must be in good standing at the time of the
536 meeting.

537 Upon motion made and seconded, and after hearing the Secretary's
538 observations (cited above) of the advantages and disadvantages of such a
539 change, the motion carried.

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541 **Sioux Center motion.** Because Sioux Center plays most of their games in a
542 state with other rules for age classification than USAH. SC desires is to have
543 "MN PeeWee/USAH Bantam" on a roster for teams that "play a preponderance"
544 of their games under MN rules.

545 Motion by Sioux Center to adjust rostering to produce rosters that work in MN
546 and SD who never adopted the age classification change that was mandated by
547 other northern affiliates about six years ago. The two registration models are
548 displaced by six months. Eric contemplates doing a USAH bantam roster and
549 then manually monitoring the ages. That puts the onus of the MN peewee on the
550 association rather than the affiliate.

551 By a vote of 3-11-15, the motion failed.

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553 **Next meeting.** A Special Meeting of the board is scheduled for August 18th,
554 2012.

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

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559 Respectfully submitted,

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562 John Shelton

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