

1 Minutes of Mid West Amateur Hockey Association
2 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
3 April 13th 2014
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5 **Call to Order.** Pursuant to notice distributed by electronic mail and posting on
6 the affiliate web site, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to
7 order by President Les Teplicky at 9:02 am at the West Des Moines Marriott,
8 West Des Moines IA. President Les submitted the previously distributed agenda
9 for approval which was forthcoming by acclamation. (See Agenda, attached.)
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11 **Opening Remarks.**

12 President Les noted we had no USAH guests. Mike Vlassakis was introduced as
13 the appointed director for the combined STAR and Adult position.
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15 **Roll Call.**

16 The secretary was directed to call the roll. The secretary prefaced the calling wof
17 the role with his traditional invitation that all people who might speak or wish they
18 had spoken at the meeting send their comments or amplifications to him in
19 writing. Proceeding with the role, the following answers were received:
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21 **Iowa (11y+2a)**

22 IAH0117 Mason City	Rich Gores (for Toyne).
23 IAH0118Sioux Center	(none).
24 IAH0119 Cedar Rapids	Tim Frazee.
25 IH0120 Lakes Area	Mitch Brandt.
26 IAH0126 Dubuque	David Zillig & Ron Snyder.
27 IAH0135 Des Moines Adult	Shawn Peterson.
28 IAH0136 Des Moines Youth	Scott Long.
29 IAH0138 Waterloo	Todd Burch.
30 IAH0139 Siouxland (S. City)	Brandon Lake.
31 IAH0141 Waterloo Adult	(none)
32 IAH0143 Ames	(none).
33 IAH0160 Coral Ridge (Iowa City)	Tom Snee (for Gutwein)
34 IAH0162 Quad Cities	Michael Hurd (for Larson).

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36 **Kansas/Missouri (8y+3a)**

37 KSH0121 MidAm/Independence	Michael Hicks (for King).
38 KSH0122 High Plains	Jim Johnson.
39 KSH0123 Carriage Club	Chris Wirken (for Connor).
40 (KSH0124 St Joseph	Kevin Freese).
41 KSH0127 Russell Stover AAA	(merged with MidAm 0121)
42 KSH0128 KC Stars	Mike Jones (after 11am)
43 KSH0131 Topeka	Kevin Grauberger.
44 KSH0132 Wichita Youth	Sean O'Reilly.
45 KS0133 Independence Adult	(none).
46 KSH0135 Wichita Adult	(none).

47	KSH0137 Kansas City (Saints)	Hector Luevano.
48	KSH0138 KCIC Adult	Mary Helmick.
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50	Nebraska (4y+1a)	
51	NEH0002 Lincoln	Bruce Hiller.
52	NEH0004 Tri City Youth	Kurt Schmidt (for Warnken).
53	NEH0005 Fremont	Jason White + Steve Thompson.
54	NEH0006 Tri City Senior	(none)
55	NEH0134 Omaha	Mike Hughes (for Dudzinski).

Officers & Staff

Voting:

59	President	Les Teplicky.
60	VP	Brad Parker.
61	VP & Player Devt	Chris Schmale.
62	VP & Compliance	Shawn Spencer.
63	Treasurer	Joe Strako.
64	Secretary	John Shelton
65	MWHSL President	Todd Scebold

Non Voting:

68	Past President/DRE Chair	Ted Ohmart.
69	ACHA	Al Murdoch
70	Adult	Nick Vassakis
71	Coaching	Nick Cecere
72	Registrar	(none)
73	Referee-in-Chief	(none)
74	Rink Liaison/STAR	Mike Vlassakis
75	Risk Manager	open
76	Special Needs	(none)
77	Web & Tournaments	(none)
78	Women's	Andy Ketterson

Guests

81	Ass't Coach/Iowa State ACHA	Brandon Clark
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84 The Secretary reported that 19 of 23 youth associations and six voting officers
 85 answered the role call. A quorum (viz., in excess of the minimum 40% or nine
 86 youth associations) is present.

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

90 President Les advised for the record that all youth associations are compliant
 91 and thus eligible to vote. He also attested that all youth association

92 representatives present and answering the call are certified in accordance with
93 the MWAHA ByLaws.

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95 **Minutes.**

96 Minutes of the August 18th Special Meeting, previously distributed electronically
97 and posted on the website, were approved by acclamation.

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Motion

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That the minutes be approved as presented..

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(M:Shelton/2:Strako) Passed by acclamation.

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103 The Secretary reminded all herein gathered that to ensure accurate recording in
104 the minutes they are invited to submit in writing subsequent to the meeting any
105 comments they may have made during the meeting.

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Treasurer.

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Treasurer Joe Strako the financial handout which includes special accounts and
109 the affiliate annual budget for the present fiscal year ending June 30th. He noted
110 this is the first year that we collected referee registration fees as we support our
111 responsibilities in referee administration as well as for coaches and players.
112 Many end of year revenue and expense items are yet to be presented. President
113 Les noted that USAH mandated all eligible for screening must have a check
114 every two years so we are engaged in some catch up. Joe noted a budget should
115 be available by the August special meeting.

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Elections.

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President Les noted that the positions of President, one Vice President, and
119 Secretary are to be elected at this meeting. He turned the meeting over to ad hoc
120 supervisor of elections, Vice President Brad Parker. Brad noted three incumbents

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President Les Teplicky

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Vice President Chris Schmale

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Secretary John Shelton

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have volunteered to stand for reelection in the absence of any other volunteers.
125 None responding to Brads call for nominations from the floor, the incumbents
126 were reelected by acclamation.

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Motion

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That the Les Teplicky be reelected President, Chris Schmale be reelected

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Vice President to serve third in presidential succession, and John Shelton

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be reelected Secretary.

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(M:Brad Parker). Passed by acclamation.

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President Les commented on the handout describing structure of this, the
134 affiliate, board. There are many appointed positions which create a vehicle for
135 development of the next cohort of leadership. Les encouraged those present to
136 identify others who would enjoy invitation to serve in one of these positions.

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Reports.

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140 **President's Report.** President Les noted the interest of USAH for development
141 of players with programs such as 'Two Plus Two' all the way up to structure of
142 the Tier 1 championships. We'll hear more on these later. He shared the USAH
143 recommendation that screening issues should be resolved at the affiliate level
144 rather than by the associations and that consents to screen should be done on
145 May 1st.

146 Les encouraged all of us to review SafeSport requirements

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148 **VP (Growth).** VP Brad Parker described efforts and accomplishments in player
149 acquisition and growth using such programs as Play Hockey for Free. p 15-18.

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151 **VP (Compliance).** VP Shawn Spencer reviewed MWAHA compliance history
152 and protocol. Discussion of composition of affiliate boards and methods of (and
153 challenges in) achieving compliance ensued. He hopes that at the August
154 meeting Affiliate agreements can be completed since the new year's officers are
155 likely to be in place for all associations. p 19.

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157 **USAH Adult Hockey.** Shawn Peterson, retiring Adult Director, described the
158 status of adult hockey in the affiliate. p 25-26.

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160 **ADM.** Coaching Director Nick Cecere described plans for a level 4 clinic in the
161 affiliate in June. p 20. Doug Dietz is now the Central District coaching director.

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163 **Player Development.** Reporting for Doug Dietz who is at a district meeting, Nick
164 relayed Doug's report. p 21-22.

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166 **ACHA.** USAH Director Al Murdoch described the evolution of being head coach
167 at Iowa State and now concentrates on USAH Junior Council and World
168 University Games (as USA general manager).

169 ACHA is now at 467 schools with a team in every state. There are still about
170 2000 arenas without a team. That a smaller college like Union won NCAA Frozen
171 Four this year should be an object lesson for many schools.

172 Al noted that the Women's Olympic Bronze Medal team was an 'all ACHA' roster.

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174 **Discipline, Rules, and Ethics (DRE).** Past President and DRE Chair Ted
175 Ohmart described the flow of complaints and how hearings are managed. He
176 noted that match penalties must be reviewed by the affiliate but game
177 misconduct penalties are typically the purview of local associations.

178 President Les noted that RIC Kyle Larson is the distributor to local associations
179 of game misconduct reports. Also, in the 2014-2015 season, there will be a new
180 procedure for handling a progression of game misconducts.

181 Ted noted that game suspensions under the rules only apply to scheduled
182 games of the team on which the player received the penalty.

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184 **Midwest Hockey League.** In the absence of chair Rick Mercek, Mary Helmick
185 summarized the experience of this league serving house and select players.
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187 **Midwest High School Hockey League (MWHSL).** League President Todd
188 Scebold noted that the league had great closing tournaments. For the first time,
189 referee management and assignments were centralized for the entire league. He
190 recognized the contributions of RIC Kyle Larson in managing that.
191 In new Rule 411 the penalties will be tracked with the player rather than with the
192 team.
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194 **Referee in Chief.** In the absence of RIC, discussion ensued on the challenges of
195 complying with tracking progressive penalties next year. President Les observed
196 this will be a major subject at the August special meeting.
197 President Les invited attention to the handouts on rules and registration of
198 officials. p 23-24.
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200 **Registrar.** Eric Herr's registration counts were included by reference. p 25-26.
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202 **Women's Hockey.** Director Andy Ketterson described a strategy for expanding
203 women's hockey in the affiliate. He noted that the goal of USAH is to have 20%
204 of registrations be girls. Our most advanced association is probably Omaha with
205 9% so, affiliate wide, we have a way to go.
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207 The secretary reminded all speakers that their written reports or comments are
208 required for completeness of the minutes.
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210 **Old Business.**

211 **Policies & Procedures.** President Les noted turned the policies and procedures
212 project to John Shelton for presentation. Les noted that this document is the
213 result of the efforts of the board over the past year and a half and, in the present
214 form, has been distributed to all the Affiliate Representatives and posted on the
215 website. p 30 to 49.

216 Shelton noted that some items may require more discussion before a vote so he
217 observed that, on the list on p 30: 1 – 10, 12, 17 – 18 may be able to be
218 approved by acclamation and 11, 13 – 16 might be dealt with individually.

219 President Les said that some of the changes are to conform vocabulary to the
220 ByLaws which call for an annual meeting and special meetings.

221 **Motion:**

222 11: Player Movement Policy. Conforms to USAH vocabulary
223 (M:Shelton,2:Schmale) Passed 24/0/1.

224 **Motion:**

225 13+14: Roster Policy including Tier 1 and girls' teams.
226 (M:Shelton,2:Scebold) Passed 24/0/1.

227 **Motion:**

228 15: National Bound Tier 1 Teams Policy.
229 (M:Shelton,2: Scebold) Passed 25/0/0.

230 **Motion:**

231 16: Playing Up Policy.
232 (M:Shelton,2: Scebold) Passed 22/6/1.
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234 **Safe Sport.** President Les, in the absence of an affiliate Safe Sport coordinator,
235 reviewed the status of the program. He implored all to read the manual for this
236 program and to ensure each association has a coordinator. We all need to go
237 through this training! This will be required of all coaches in the '14-'15 season.
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239 **High School Nationals '14.** MHSL President Todd Scebold described the high
240 school nationals that were held in Omaha recently. Last year in Florida there
241 were 20 teams, this year 32! Next year will be in Chesterfield. The '16 site was
242 be determined during the annual congress in June.
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244 **New Business.**
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246 **Breakouts.** President Les then disbursed attendees to breakout sessions and
247 lunch. The breakouts were

248 Association Issues

249 Parent Education

250 Grant Program

251 Midwest Hockey League

252 Showcase

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255 **MWAHA Grant Program for Adults.** Sean Peterson presented a proposal for a
256 grant program.

257 **Motion**

258 That beginning in the '14-'15 season the affiliate create a grant for adult
259 hockey program applicable to associations registering adult players in an
260 amount up to \$2 per adult player claimed in Cybersport being used to
261 sponsor a One Goal grant application to the affiliate.

262 (M:Peterson,Schmale). Passed by acclamation.
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265 **'Look Up!" Line.**

266 Doug Dietz reviewed the external proposal. p 60 – 62.
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268 **Next meeting.** In accordance with the ByLaws, President Les announced that
269 there will be a Special Meeting of the board on August 17th, 2014.
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271 **Adjournment.** Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.
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274 Respectfully submitted,
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277 John Shelton

278 Secretary
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