

**MOUND/WESTONKA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Monday March 24, 2014 @ 6:00 PM

Thaler Arena, Minnetrista, MN

***As recorded by Tim Schwob***

**Board Members present: John Ryan, Mark Studebaker, Tim Schwob, Tim Niccum, Machel Whitmore, Andrea Nelson & Dean Swanson**

**Absent: Kelle Bowe, Gary Pioske, Julie Maruska & Jim O'Donnell,**

**Hockey Operations present: none**

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Tim Hales, Sharon Thaler, Bob Rosey, Todd Courneya

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

- a. By President John Ryan @ 6:02 p.m.

**2. Approve Last Meetings Minutes**

- a. Motion to accept BOD Meeting Minutes February 2014 meeting minutes as presented.  
b. Discussion?

**Motion: Mark Studebaker 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tim Niccum** to accept February 2014 BOD Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion: Passed Opposed: None**

**3. Welcome Guests**

- a. Sharon Thaler – Westonka Sports Association  
b. Tim Hales – WSA  
c. Bob Rosey – WSA

**4. MWA Relationship with Members of WSA**

- a. Continuing decline in player numbers across all hockey  
i. USA Hockey  
ii. Minnesota Hockey  
iii. District 3  
iv. Westonka Hockey  
b. Financial challenges associated with ice costs – costs will go up  
c. Growth of Thaler Sports Center reserves over the past 3 years  
d. Options with Black Ice  
i. Reselling of purchased, however subsequently not needed ice – can we re-sell on Rinkfinder? – Yes, keep Bruce in the loop.  
ii. Returning it to Thaler/Pond inventory  
e. Monitors depicting locker room assignments – MWA buy the monitors, Thaler/Pond will hang them.  
f. Deployment plan for the acoustic squares initiative for Thaler – decided not to install due to air-flow issues and perceived to hold moisture. Looking for other solutions.  
g. Installation plan for hour clocks – to be installed before season starts.  
h. Volunteer challenges related to concession responsibilities – (ST) –  
i. Directly affects bottom line of the Thaler / Pond.

- i. Arena driven programs
    - i. Snow day open hockey
    - ii. 3v3 leagues?
    - iii. AAA league
    - iv. Breakfast Club
    - v. Other developmental programs
  - j. Interpersonal communication issues between arena employees and MWAHA members, players etc. – will be taken up with Thaler/Pond management group.
- 5. BOD vacancies**
- a. Nominees
    - i. Election?
    - ii. Resignations as of 3/14:
      - i. Jim O'Donnell, Julie Maruska,
    - iii. End of term –
      - i. Gary Pioske, Judy Hatchett (term filled by Machel W)
    - iv. Appointments?
      - i. Appoint Melissa Baklund to a three (3) year term -
        - a. Motion: Machel Whitmore, 2nd: Dean Swanson to appoint Melissa Baklund to a term as a Board Member.
        - b. all approved
      - ii. Appoint Christine Biehl for three (3) year term -
        - a. Motion: Machel Whitmore, 2nd: Dean Swanson to appoint Christine Biehl to a Term as a Board Member.
        - b. all approved
      - iii. Appoint Machel Whitmore for a three (3) year term -
        - a. Motion: Machel Whitmore, 2nd: Mark Studebaker re-appoint Machel Whitmore to a term as a Board Member.
        - b. all approved
      - iv. Appoint Robin Halonen for a term of two (2) years -
        - a. Motion: Machel Whitmore 2nd: Tim Schwob To appoint Robin Halonen, to fill the remainder of Jim O'Donnell's term, as a Board Member.
        - b. all approved
      - v. Appoint Selmer Moen as an alternate
        - a. Motion: Machel Whitmore 2nd: Tim Schwob To appoint Selmer Moen as an alternate for a term of one (1) year
        - b. all approved
      - vi. Pending By-law update and vote by  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority of the current members of BOD in 30 days.
- 6. Board Member assignments**
- a. Key April meeting exercise
  - b. Ad-hoc assignments
- 7. Year end survey results**
- a. Mark Studebaker



