

1 Minutes of Midwest Amateur Hockey Association
2 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
3 May 22nd 2016
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8 **Call to Order.** Pursuant to notice distributed by electronic mail and posting on
9 the affiliate web site, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to
10 order by President Les Teplicky at 9 am at the West Des Moines Marriott, West
11 Des Moines IA. President Les submitted the previously distributed agenda for
12 approval which was forthcoming by acclamation. (See Agenda, attached.)
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14 **Opening Remarks.**

15 President Les referred us to the items in the packet as his report.
16 President Les asked all at the table to introduce themselves and identify their
17 association. President Les noted we had no USAH guests.
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19 **Roll Call.**

20 The roll having been handled by sign in, the secretary reported a quorum to be
21 present.
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24 **Iowa (11y+1a)**

25 IAH0117 Mason City	Steve Crane.
26 IAH0118 Sioux Center	Janie Haack
27 IAH0119 Cedar Rapids	Tim Frazee.
28 IAH0120 Lakes Area	Elijah Cornell.
29 IAH0126 Dubuque	David Zillig, Jason Shiehy.
30 IAH0135 Des Moines Adult	xx
31 IAH0136 Des Moines Youth	Scott Long
32 IAH0138 Waterloo	Justin Kerns.
33 IAH0139 Siouxland (S. City)	Darren DeVries, Honore Pettenger, 34 Tiffany Kane
35 IAH0143 Ames	Brian Wierson.
36 IAH0160 Coral Ridge (Iowa City)	Jason McKane
37 IAH0162 Quad Cities	Elliott Little

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39 **Kansas/Missouri (2y+3a)**

40 KSH0128 KC Youth	Mike Jones. Tom Tilley.
41 KSH0132 Wichita Youth	xx.
42 KS0133 Independence Adult	xx.
43 KS0134 Northland Adults	xx.
44 KSH0135 Wichita Adult	xx.
45 KSH0138 KCIC Adult	Mary Helmick.

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47	Nebraska (4y)	
48	NEH0002 Lincoln	Spencer Perry.
49	NEH0004 Tri City Youth	Kelly Warnken.
50	NEH0005 Fremont	Jason White, Jeremy Smutz.
51	NEH0134 Omaha	Jeff Chubb.

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53 **Officers & Staff**

54	Voting:	
55	President	Les Teplicky.
56	VP	Brad Parker
57	VP & Player Devt	Chris Schmale.
58	VP & Compliance	Shawn Spencer.
59	Treasurer	Mike Hurd
60	Secretary	John Shelton
61	MWHSL President	xx

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63 **Non Voting:**

64	Past President/DRE Chair	Ted Ohmart..
65	ACHA	xx
66	Adult	xx
67	Coaching	Nick Cecere.
68	Midwest League	Rick Murcek.
69	Player Development	Doug Dietz
70	Registrar	xx.
71	Referee-in-Chief	xx.
72	Associate RIC	Jerry Moon.
73	Rink Liaison/STAR	xx.
74	Risk Manager	xx
75	Special Needs	xx.
76	Web & Tournaments	Jena Cuzzo
77	Women's	none.

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79 **Guests**

80	Nebraska	Chris Magiotta
81	Kansas	John Breslow

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83 The Secretary reported that 16 of 20 youth associations and six voting officers

84 answered the role call. A quorum (viz., in excess of the minimum 40%, or nine

85 associations) is present.

86 The Secretary noted that the weighting for votes, when called for, would be

87 based on the sum of "players" and "coaches" on the (untitled) report as provided

88 by the Registrar. (Attached.)

89 President Les advised for the record that all youth associations either compliant

90 or making substantial progress toward compliance and are thus eligible to vote.

91 He also attested that all youth association representatives present and answering

92 the call are certified in accordance with the MWAHA ByLaws

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94 **Minutes.**

95 Minutes in draft of the August 23rd Special Meeting were distributed and
96 reviewed. Note was made of the corrections recommended and submitted by
97 President Les.

98 **Motion**

99 That the minutes be approved as presented with Pres Les' recommended
100 changes...

101 (M:Shelton/2:Hurd) Passed by acclamation.

102 (Before the vote, President Les reviewed the MWAHA practice of voting by the
103 board by show of hands. On the request of a board member (viz., an association
104 representative) a weighted vote may be taken. The weighting of each
105 representative's vote is by the paid registered players and coaches in the
106 association.)

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108 **Treasurer.**

109 Treasurer Mike Hurd referred to the proposed budget presented in the packet.
110 Mike briefed on the finances of the organization. He made specific reference to
111 the establishment of a reserve account line item in the amount of \$10,000. Pres
112 Les recommended associations do the same, based on six months' fixed
113 expenses. This being Mike's first year, he's adjusting to where the pieces fit.

114 **Motion**

115 That the budget be modified to add \$2,000 line item to the budget for the
116 girl's program.

117 (M:Popeshil/Jade/2:Long) Motion carried.

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119 **Elections.**

120 President Les noted that the positions to be elected are President, VP, and
121 Secretary.

122 For President, only one had filed (Shawn Spencer). No other nominations were
123 forthcoming. Pres Les announced that Shawn Spencer is the new President.

124 Shawn requested that Les continue to chair this meeting. Les agreed.

125 For Vice President, two had filed for the two positions: Todd Larson and Chris
126 Schmale (an incumbent). As no one then responded to Les' request for additional
127 nominations, Les noted that Chris and Todd (in that order) are considered
128 elected to the two positions.

129 President Les then noted that only one had filed for Secretary (John Shelton,
130 incumbent). Les' request for additional nominations not producing any names,
131 Les ruled that John Shelton is elected secretary.

132 **Motion**

133 That Shawn Spencer be elected President,
134 That Chris Schmale be elected Vice President,
135 That Todd Larson be elected Vice President,
136 (so serve in line for succession to President, if necessary, in the order
137 listed)

138 And that John Shelton be elected Secretary

139 (M:Spencer/2:Hurd) Passed by acclamation.

140 Les congratulated the officers on their new terms of office.

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142 **ADM Report.** VP Brad Parker reviewed the analysis in the packet, noting that for
143 the first time in five years we're actually down in numbers for 8U. We lost 64.
144 Overall we're down by about a per cent. He referred reps to the USAH '2 and 2
145 Challenge' and 'Try Hockey for Free' as vehicles to improve additions and
146 retention.

147 Brad noted that Kansas City and Mason City where the two associations meeting
148 their '2 and 2 Challenge' goals.

149 He also noted the affiliate is participating in the new USAH goalie coordinator
150 program. Upon recommendation by the executive committee, he was selected by
151 USAH as the affiliate designee.

152 Brad requested anyone who would like to take over the ADM program should talk
153 to him or Shawn Spencer.

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155 **USAH Adult Hockey & Star Program.** Mike Vlassakis noted page 23 in the
156 packet identifies which rinks in the affiliate are NOT members of the program.
157 This is a program to equip management of rinks to become more supportive of
158 hockey.

159 Mike introduced Chris Maggiotta who spoke briefly on the program.

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161 Mike also commented on the adult program. IA leads affiliate registration, KS is
162 next, and NE follows.

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164 **VP (Compliance).** 'Past VP' Shawn Spencer described what deadlines are
165 approaching and reviewed the helpful guide to association compliance found in
166 the packet. 'Compliance' has to do with having our paperwork and structures
167 conformed to the requirements of USAH and the MWAHA ByLaws.

168 Safe Sport is the youth protection program. Every adult in contact with hockey
169 youth needs to have registered by 9/1 every year. 'President Shawn' invites an
170 applicant to take over the SafeSport Coordinator role!

171 Les noted that USAH opens registration 5/1 each year. If registering after 5/1
172 then the termination date is end of August the following year.

173 Refer to the MWAHA website for appropriate links to this content rich area.

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175 **Coaching.** Nick Cecere reviewed the clinics over the past year. Nineteen were
176 conducted in eight locations; 304 (about 40%) of our coaches participated in one
177 of our clinics. Nick asks that associations communicate with him their clinic
178 needs for the coming year.

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180 **ACHA.** VP Chris Schmale read into the record Al Murdoch's report. There are
181 now five divisions including 467 teams, about 10,300 student athletes, 874
182 coaches. The new championship format will have all games in one city in one
183 week. Next two years will be in Columbus: 100 teams will participate.

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185 **Disabled.** (A director is needed for this slot.)

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187 **Discipline.** Discipline Chair Mike Jones described how the process has been
188 steamlined. The program allows review of both players and officials.
189 Mike encouraged associations to check what video recording resources might be
190 available at our locations. Having those tapes can improve the reviews.
191 Les complimented Mike and his committee (Ohmart and Mercer) on their
192 contributions.

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194 **Midwest League.** Reviewed challenges and prospects.

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196 **Midwest High School League.** League president Todd Scebold reviewed the
197 year. Season varsity champs were Des Moines Capitols, JV was Kansas City. At
198 the year end tourney, KC took both divisions. The use of 4 man officiating crews
199 continued selectively through the season. PointStreak live storing was used. He
200 observed that for the past two years they've obliged the home team to video
201 each game. In '17 planning on combining varsity and JV championship
202 weekends.

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204 **National Bound Teams, Tournaments, Web.** Jena Cuozzo, national bound
205 chair, pointed board members to the extensive information on the MWAHA site.
206 Tier 1 Districts were run in Omaha, a first in recent history. No one went to
207 nationals from Districts. Omaha Lancers JV went in the high school division.
208 She noted that we're allowed to send a tier 2 team from each state to nationals in
209 each division. She noted that these trips can be done at minimal cost if well
210 planned. Registration, though, has to be completed by November 15th. See the
211 MWAHA site for more info!

212 Tier 1 notice of intent for the 16-17 season is past due.(May 1st).

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214 **Player Development.** Director Doug Dietz noted that about 140 players
215 participated in ADM camps this year. He described the path by which these
216 camps filter players to national teams.

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218 **Scholarship.** President Les led a discussion on the administration of the
219 scholarship program resulting from the \$10,000 contribution of the Frederes
220 memorial.

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222 **RIC.** Assistant RIC Jerry Moon reported that about 300 game reports were
223 reviewed this year. The supervision program continues to expand, moving down
224 now to the younger officials; 137 evaluations were accomplished.

225 He noted that EVERY U.S. born official presently in the NHL has come through
226 the national development program.

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228 **Registrar.** In the absence of Registrar Eric Herr, Les reviewed the registrars
229 report in the packet. He demonstrated how volunteers can become part of the
230 system without cost. As result of registration, those people will get
231 communications directly from USAH. Encourage participation. Association

232 registrars have to claim people (players, coaches, and volunteers) to make the
233 system work effectively.

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235 **SafeSport.** President Presumptive Shawn reviewed the SafeSport packet. This
236 is a very important area: it's our youth protection program. No one should be
237 interacting with our youth who have not registered and complied with SafeSport.
238 Shawn noted that monitors are required for practices as well as games.
239 Associations are encouraged to find people who really want to help and get them
240 into this position!

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242 **Web.** Jena noted that anyone in an association who needs help with the site,
243 either administrative or use, should reach out to her! She reminded us that is the
244 MWAHA site from which the contacts (as in President and MWAHA Rep) are
245 pulled for these meetings.

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247 **Women's Hockey.** New director Jade Popeshil reviewed his hopes for affiliate
248 activities. He'd like to have a point person in each association and will be in touch
249 with the presidents on this objective.

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251 **Old Business.**

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253 **Policies and Procedures.** Les reviewed the affiliate protocol by which the
254 executive committee can change procedures but board action is required to
255 change policies. He invited attention to p.31-37 of the packet with proposed
256 changes that have been vetted by the EC and are brought hereby to the board.

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Motion

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That the Policies & Procedures be approved as presented in the packet.

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(M:Teplicky/2:Zillig) Motion carried.

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261 **Award Program.** Les referred to p.38 of the packet which describes the
262 Tyler Frederes Fund which involves a golf tournament mounted in Kansas
263 City by family and friends of Tyler, who was killed in a car accident in '13.
264 Over the last several years they have given out tens of thousands of
265 dollars in hockey scholarships to affiliate players.

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267 While players in all associations in the affiliate have been eligible (and
268 participated) in these scholarships, support has been concentrated in
269 Kansas City. To remedy this situation, the plan now is that to be eligible
270 for a \$1,000 scholarship for an association, at least one golfer from the
271 association must participate.

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272 The deadline to make application for a scholarship for the coming season
273 is 9/1 for a travel player and 10/1 for a house player. Contact Les with
274 questions.

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275 The tournament will be Monday 9/12. For more information and golfer
276 registration: <http://www.tylerfrederes.org/>.

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278 **New Business.**

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280 **Pittsburgh Showcase.** Chris Schmale reported on the history of Showcase, a
281 program conducted every April for juniors and seniors playing high school
282 hockey. The '16 affiliate team operated on budget. Brad Parker and Chris are
283 working together on this project.

284 Proposed for the future is a model whereby the showcase team be expanded to
285 be a pre and post season activity. This is based on feedback from the 15 – 16
286 families. While actual Showcase participation is for juniors and seniors, the
287 broader pre & post team would could include underclassmen.

288 Les pointed out that the \$5,000 for Showcase support is already in the budget
289 and remains dedicated to that event. Since that element of the funding remains
290 constant (and specified), no motion is needed to adopt the new strategy.

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292 **August MWAHA Workshop.** Les reviewed the plan to have a workshop
293 Saturday August 20th. The recommendation of the executive committee is that
294 each association be required to send two people to attend the President and
295 Registrar sessions, respectively.

296 **Motion**

297 That a minimum of two people be required from each association, one to
298 attend president workshop and the other the registrar workshop.

299 (M:Teplicky/2:Parker) Motion carried.

300 In discussion, Presumptive President Shawn noted that the affiliate meeting
301 would be imbedded in the workshop event.

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303 **Goaltender Coordinator.** USAH now wants each affiliate to be a goaltender
304 coordinator, p.42 in the packet. Brad Parker was selected by USAH for this role.

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306 **Player Development Allocations.** Les reviewed the policy issue of where
307 players who reside in one affiliate but play in another should compete for a slot.
308 Packet p.44-45 describes the issues. The complication is that USAH rules are
309 different for team construction/limitations and for development allocations.

310 The two issues that come into discussions are (1) where did the kid play and (2)
311 where did the kid register. It's pointed out that some register where they live and
312 some where they expect to play. Regardless, to actually play on a team one only
313 needs to have registered somewhere. When a player is picked up by a team the
314 registration does not change. Registration is more often dictated by chance
315 circumstances than by ultimate team assignment.

316 Shawn pointed out that discussions within the executive committee included the
317 guidance from USAH that the players should go where they registered and also
318 that it's possible an affiliate parent might perceive their player didn't advance
319 because of an out of affiliate player. The number of out of affiliate players
320 historically advanced has been small relative to affiliate players. No comment
321 was made as to the weighting of these considerations.

322 **Motion**

323 That a player has to register within the affiliate to compete for an affiliate
324 development allocation.

325 (M:Teplicky/2:Parker) Motion defeated.

326 Les reminded the board that this means that things 'remain the same' within
327 MWAHA. A player who participated here throughout the year can compete in our
328 development camps, regardless of where registered. A collective sigh of relief
329 was heard...

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331 **Application for New Associations.** Les noted that two requests for associations
332 status had been received but past the deadline for specified in the procedures. In
333 order to now be considered, by Roberts Rules of Order the rules would have to
334 be suspended, requiring a 2/3 vote.

335 The question was raised whether the board could even consider an application
336 without submission of the requisite compliance items. Les observed that the
337 practice has been that requesting status was different than being 'in compliance'.
338 Les observed that both applications had been presented to Les with the
339 information that had been requested of them.

340 **Motion**

341 That the rules be suspended in order to consider the application of
342 Lincoln Adult.

343 A weighted vote was requested.

344 (M:Teplicky/2:Spencer) Motion failed for lack of 2/3 in favor.

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346 **Motion**

347 That the rules be suspended in order to consider the application of
348 Topeka.

349 A weighted vote was requested.

350 (M:Teplicky/2:Spencer) Motion failed for lack of 2/3 in favor.

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352 **Consideration of Electronic Meetings.** Les noted that discussions continue
353 reflecting interest in an electronic format such as skype. Face to face interaction
354 continues to be valued, at least once a year. The discussions continue....

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356 **National Bound Tier 1 Teams.** Les reviewed the applications for authority to
357 operate national tier 1 teams for the coming season. The deadline was May 1st
358 for application. The executive committee recommends designations for the
359 coming season be approved for Omaha and Des Moines.

360 **Motion**

361 That Omaha and Des Moines each be authorized a national bound tier 1
362 team for the '16 – '17 season.

363 (M:Teplicky/2:Schmale) Motion carried.

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366 **Next meeting.** In accordance with the By Laws, President Les announced that
367 the Annual Meeting will be held in August of 2016.

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369 **Adjournment.** Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

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372 Respectfully submitted,

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375 John Shelton
376 Secretary
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379 *(20160812 draft)*

AGENDA - MWAHA Board Meeting – 22 May 2016

- Welcome, Introductions & Agenda – Les Teplicky
- Roll Call & Minutes – John Shelton
- Treasurer – Mike Hurd
- Elections
 - Up for reelection are; President - Teplicky, VP – Schmale and Secretary – Shelton
 - President Teplicky not seeking reelection
 - VP Schmale and Secretary Shelton are seeking reelection
 - VP Spencer is running for President and that would create a VP vacancy if he is elected President
- Reports
 - Presidents report – Les Teplicky
 - ADM, Acquisition & Growth – Brad Parker
 - Adult Hockey & STAR – Mike Vlassakis
 - Compliance - Shawn Spencer
 - Coaching – Nick Cecere
 - College Liaison – Al Murdock
 - Disabled Hockey –
 - Discipline, Rules & Ethics Committee – Mike Jones
 - Mid-West Hockey League – Chairperson pending
 - Mid-West High School League – Todd Scebold
 - National Bound Chair – Jena Cuozzo
 - Player Development Boys – Doug Dietz
 - Risk Manager – Monty Brown
 - Referee-In-Chief – Kyle Larson
 - Registrar – Eric Herr
 - SafeSport Coordinator – Shawn Spencer
 - Webmaster – Jena Cuozzo
 - Women’s Hockey – Jade Pospeshil
 - Old Business
 - a) Bylaws, Policies & Procedure Changes – John Shelton / Les Teplicky
 - b) Frederes Golf Fundraiser and MWAHA Awards
 - c) Mid-West Hockey League
 - New Business
 - i. Showcase
 - ii. Pre / Post Team Mid-West
 - iii. August Board Meeting and Workshop planning
 - iv. 2016-2017 Budget
 - v. Goaltender Development Coordinator
 - vi. Player Development Camp requirements
 - vii. Request for Association Status
 - 1. Lincoln Adult
 - 2. Iowa Wild Tier 1 – Des Moines
 - 3. Topeka Youth
 - viii. Attendance via Skype