

Missouri Hockey Affiliate Meeting

1/24/24

Attending: Chris Durso, Charlie Busenhart, Tom Woolf, Craig Ragland, Larry Hellwig, Deb Hellwig, Shawn Deaver, Mike Rynes, Julie Jordan, Chris Peterson, Hardy Woodward, Joe Kalin, Danny Bethmann, Tim Deimeke, Pat Culiberk, Bob Howenstein

Minutes: In the United Girls High School league portion of the December minutes the verbiage of “appeal” needs to be changed to “presentation”. Motion to approve: Culiberk, 2nd Howenstein; Passes- 11-0-0

Registrar Report: Files have been transmitted to the board prior to the meeting, total registration is over 11,000.

Treasurer Report: Monthly reports had been transmitted to the board prior to the meeting. All accounts had be reconciled through December. Still no update from Sports Commission regarding budget/reconciliation of the USA Hockey Festival. Tax returns have been returned for review. Received USA Hockey Membership funds. Request for motion to pay for tax preparation services-\$900, Motion: Busenhart 2nd Ragland; Passes 11-0-0. Motion to approve Treasurers report as presented. Motion: Howenstein 2nd Diemek; passes 11-0-0

Website: Woolf preparing website for registrations for Player Dev Tryouts. Tryouts being held at Mills April 8-11

R/D: Culiberk reported that there have been more match penalties to date than the total match penalties in previous season. Missouri Hockey Membership has received Durso’s “Fairplay/Sportmanship” email. Panelists are working effectively and efficiently at processing all game reports.

MIHOA: Kalin spoke for MIHOA-appreciated the “Fairplay/Sportmanship” email to membership. Final Level 1 seminar conducted in December with 17 attendees. Over 1700 game requests have gotten officials assigned in December. However, the upcoming weekend-there may not be officials available to cover all game requests. Scheduling priority has been given to league games vs. practice/exhibition games. MIHOA officials receiving threats of litigation and being reported to law enforcement for assault when trying to break up on-ice fights, disputes. MIHOA is consulting with experts on how to proceed when litigation and law enforcement action is being taken. Woodward presented trends on officials joining/leaving MIHOA. Net result is that Missouri Hockey Official membership is up 26% from 2019. Affiliate would like more time to discuss the MIHOA agreement for the upcoming year.

CEP Director: Not present, no report

Safesport: Not present but, Durso spoke to Safesport report. Kevin has been busy with SafeSport complaints. Most SafeSport complaints revolve around locker room attendants and lack of supervision.

ADM: Not thing to report.

Player Safety Coordinator: Candidate identified, will interview this month.

Player Development: Tryouts for district player development camp will be April 8-11. The district player development camps have been proposed to be split within the district. Chris is going to discuss the benefits of holding at a single location to increase the effectiveness of being scouted.

Youth Division: Smith reported that playoffs of the season are approaching. Blue Note Cup Championships will be the first weekend of March at Centene. National Qualifier Tournament scheduling meeting has occurred with coaches. National Qualifier Tournament will be March 4-10. Smith made a request on behalf of the YD for a \$10,000 to assist in budget support of the Blue Note Cup. Motion: Woolf 2nd Jordan; passes 11-0-0

Mid States: Ragland reported that this is the last week of the season. Playoff and general membership meeting will occur on 1/31. Disappointed that Tier 1 blackouts for the first weekend of February didn't work out correctly. Smith offered to bring in relevant YD parties in FEB/MAR to discuss 2025 playoff dates before the Tier 1 clubs can say the schedule is solidified and locked in. Ragland discussed Mids States desire for Varsity 4 man officiating system. Was brought up that this wasn't consistent with policy. Smith made motion to affirm a 4-man system for Varsity Playoffs for this year. Friendly amendment by Woolf was accepted have a deep dive discussion on impacts and pros/cons. Motion: Smith, 2nd Jordan; passes 9-0-2

MVCHA: Regular Season winding down.

Girls: Not present. However, Jayne will be headed to Women's World Championships in NYC in April. United Girls Hockey League appeal to USA Hockey Tournament committee was denied.

Adult: Not present, Durso commented that Adult game reports are down from previous seasons

Special Hockey/Disabled: No Report

New Business:

Goalie Development Coordinator: Seven candidates have applied for Goalie Development Coordinator. Will begin interviewing process and should be hired by next meeting. Would like to have role filled for Player Development tryouts.

Open High School Apportioned Director Role: Motion made by Howenstein to table election until either meet/greet or resume can be received by either candidate: Motion: Howenstein 2nd Deimeke; passes 11-0-0

By-Laws: New proposed by-laws have been distributed in red line format. Preparing a clean version that will be ready to pass. Once received a special meeting with ALL directors will be required along with 30 days advanced notice.

Aaron Tinker Request: Request for registration fee assistance due to parent out of work due to injury. Request has already passed by the youth division and Affton/Family willing to make the required portion of the payments. Request is for \$875. Motion to grant request Culiberk, 2nd Busenhart; passes 11-0-0

Motion to adjourn; Rynes, 2nd Deaver. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Scott Smith