

**WINTER MEETING OF THE CONGRESS  
USA HOCKEY, INC.  
January 19, 2025  
MINUTES (OF RECORD)**

**Call to Order**

Mike Trimboli called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the 2025 USA Hockey Winter Meeting of the Congress. Attendance at the meeting is both in person and virtual via Zoom.

**Roll Call**

Casey Jorgensen reported the roll indicating there are 85 eligible voters with initially 70 eligible voters present either in-person or via Zoom at the beginning of the meeting. Casey noted that approval of a motion or amendment is either a majority or 2/3 of those who vote on any issue (attendance and voting totals below include persons arriving late).

Voting Representatives:	85	
Present:	73	(including 11 athletes, each vote counts twice)
Total Votes	84	(62 single votes plus 11 athletes counting twice)
Majority:	43	(if all are voting)
2/3rds:	56	(if all are voting)

**ATTENDANCE**

**District Representatives**

Jay Finnigan  
Glenn Hefferan  
Frank McGady  
Gene Palecco  
Pat Culiberk  
Fran Finco  
Shawn Spencer  
Gino Cavallini  
Roy Davis  
Paul Day  
Ed Gingher  
John Karolcik  
Steve Gapinski  
Doug Kephart  
Jeremy Reed  
Kevin Suoja

Christine Mayer  
Thomas McGrath  
Steve Rizzo  
Bob Joyce  
George Atkinson  
Tom Berry  
Al Wakeman  
Kevin Wood(zoom)  
Cheri Bonawitz  
Richard Oliver  
Chuck Wilkerson  
Chris Washburn  
Joe Baudo  
Joe Eppolito  
Mark LaMarr  
Gary Lebrun

Rob Kittay  
Greg Evenson  
Kris Knauss  
Alex Morrison  
Wayne Sawchuk  
Doug Ritter  
Mark Servaes  
Ted Skinner  
Kathleen Smith  
John Coleman  
Kevin Universal

**Section Representatives**

Mike MacMillan  
Maureen Thompson-Siegel  
Bill Daly (zoom)

Don Wright (zoom)  
Ken Reinhard  
Don Wright (zoom)  
Mike McCurrough

Maureen Thompson-Siegel

**Officers**

Mike Trimboli  
Donna Guariglia  
Keith Barrett

Dwayne Dillinger  
Don Gould  
Donna Kaufman

TC Lewis  
Tom Cline  
John Tobin

**Athlete Representatives**

Declan Farmer (zoom)  
Taylor Lipsett  
Noah Grove  
Kevin McKee

Andy Yohe  
Catlin Cahow  
Shelley Looney  
Al Montoya (zoom)

Chris Clark  
Julie Chu (zoom)  
Lyndsey Fry

**At-Large Representatives**

Dave Margenau  
Sarah Fraser

**Independent Representative**

Ryan Bedford (zoom)

**Affiliate President Representative**

**Affiliate President Director**

Steve Oleheiser

**Absent Voting Members**

Eric Ballard  
Rick Hutchinson  
Marc Friedman  
Chris Powers  
Chris Van Timmeren  
Blake Bolden  
Craig Brady  
Richard Park  
Jenny Potter  
Molly Schaus  
Jen Yung Lee  
Sean Hogan



### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mike Trimboli requested a moment of silence to honor those who have passed away since the 2024 Annual Meeting:

#### **IN MEMORY SINCE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING**

Kevin Moritz, brother of James Schecter, USA Hockey System Technician  
Murray Costello, longtime Canadian hockey executive and IIHF Life Member  
Lloyd "Bud" Sheldon - Director Emeritus of WAHA, and a member of the Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame  
Mercedes Spellman, grandmother of Logan Spellman, USA Hockey Adult Hockey Coordinator  
Dennis Boggs, spouse of Kim Ashton-Boggs, USA Hockey Accounting clerk  
Karen Hubbard, mother of Stan Hubbard, member of the USA Hockey Foundation Board  
Marion Boxer, mother of Marc Boxer, USA Hockey Director of Junior Hockey  
Mary Gould, mother of Don Gould, USA Hockey Vice President, Girls  
Margaret Tranter, mother of Tami Tranter, USA Hockey Foundation Chief Development Officer  
Johnny Gaudreau, NHL player and member of multiple US National teams  
Matthew Gaudreau, former college and minor professional player and coach  
Betty Roehr, mother of Sheila May, USA Hockey Foundation Director of Donor Relations  
Chad Demers, former Team Captain and Assistant Coach of the Air Force Academy and coach of Fargo Force  
Dana Pinkowski, daughter of Kaye Pinkowski, former Mid Am Director  
Will Steinmann, brother-in-law of Kathleen Smith, Director Representative Rocky Mountain  
Jane Loughhead, sister of Bruce Urban, Representative Emeritus  
Loren Roethlisberger, father of Brad Roethlisberger, USA Disabled Hockey Section member  
Kim Krygier, wife of former US National team player Todd Krygier.  
Colin Brown, 16-year-old youth hockey player in St. Louis who was tragically shot while driving home after a hockey game.  
Connor Kasin, 17-year-old high school student from New York, who died after losing consciousness in a hockey game  
Thomas Karolcik, brother of John Karolcik, Director Representative Mid-Am  
Jack Tragus, Founding President of Arctic Lions and Alaska Grizzlies Hockey  
Marie Blakeman, mother of Judy Niemi, Vice President of Officials Michigan District  
Margret Ellison, mother-in-law of Mark Hilberg, USA Hockey Senior Director, IT

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Joe Eppolito moved to approve June 8, 2024 Annual Meeting minutes (John Coleman 2<sup>nd</sup>). The Annual meeting minutes were approved.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

President Mike Trimboli welcomed everyone to the meeting as we have gathered as leaders to discuss and project the path of USA Hockey forward. Mike expressed his hope that everyone had enjoyed their time in Nashville at our new property. Mike noted that it was heard, through the results of past surveys, and it is our hope that this property met everyone's needs. Mike expressed that we have a very rigorous schedule, and we pack a lot of meetings and information into two full days. But the conversations and dialogue have been engaging throughout the week. Mike wanted to take a moment to acknowledge and thank Taryn Cass, Maddie MacFarlane, Talli Brech and their vast team of helpers for once again getting everything set up for us.

Mike considers it is a privilege to stand before you as we reflect on the progress, growth, and the success of this organization since we last met in Denver. It's important to recognize that each person, in your respective positions, plays a critical role in our continued advancement, and it's also important to take a moment to affirm the collective impact we've made together. Mike expressed that our volunteer leadership is the foundation of USA Hockey. Your dedication to the sport at the Affiliate and District levels has been instrumental in expanding the game across the country and your efforts have a profound and lasting impact on the future of hockey in America in all classifications and disciplines. You, along with the expertise,

professionalism, and relentless drive of our national staff continue to guide the organization. This seamless collaboration, teamwork, and shared vision are progressively driving this organization forward.

Mike discussed the highlights of the Town Hall opening presentation; our national teams have delivered outstanding performances, demonstrating not only skill but the character and resilience that define America and USA Hockey. Our men's, women's, and sled hockey teams continue to inspire the nation with their competitive success on the global stage – these have included: World Junior A Challenge (Gold in Alberta), Women's Collegiate Six Nations (Gold in Finland), Men's National SLED World Para Cup (Gold in Canada), Women's Sled Team (Gold in Norway), World Juniors (Gold in Canada), World Women's Under 18 (Silver in Finland). Those successes go far beyond international victories because each of those players started somewhere at the grassroots levels and were incentivized to continue their path by your leadership or those that came before you.

Furthermore, the victories have a direct correlation to our growth. At the grassroots level, we've seen participation rise, especially among young athletes and first-time players. Programs like Learn to Play and Try Hockey for Free have introduced thousands of new families to the game. As you see in the membership report our registration numbers continue to show year-over-year growth in all categories. We have welcomed our new staff member Ted Devine and look forward to what he can bring to this organization with a new set of eyes. Our continued growth reflects our shared commitment to making hockey more accessible and inclusive across the country and we're making hockey a place where every child feels welcome, regardless of their background or experience level. Let's not forget that this progress also includes development and education. Coaching and officiating education programs continue to evolve and grow, ensuring we are equipped with the tools and resources to teach the game the right way. By emphasizing skill development, safety, and positive experiences, we are helping create environments where everyone involved can thrive both on and off the ice.

As leaders we come together at this meeting to look at and make decisions on our playing rules. The Playing Rules Committee has again done a tremendous job, led by Sarah Fraser and BJ Ringrose, analyzing the multitude of submissions and presenting their findings to aid us in charting the course for the next four-year cycle. The open and transparent process has hopefully allowed you to have the best information available as you make your decisions.

We have also heard about and had discussions around a defined and articulated resolution created by the work of the Fee Structure committee to assist and guide us on this difficult topic. This important resolution provides real world structure for future considerations on fees. You will decide on something that is never anyone's favor topic but a necessary aspect for a business of our magnitude. We are no longer just a simple hockey organization but rather a major national and international business that serves a vast constituency with real world operating costs, costs that have increased year over year due in part to the uncontrollable national economy. We realize and recognize that there are fears and trepidations associated with this - but having trust in our established process and trust in our fellow leaders on both the Fee Structure Committee and the Finance Committee is paramount as we decide what is best to continue the overall operation of USA Hockey. Looking at what is proposed and breaking it down into its simplest parts for everyone -- at the highest level (13-18) the total membership fee equates to \$6.58/month and at Adult it is \$4.33/month.

In closing, Mike spoke about the new development concept born out of the work of the Tier 1 Commission and conversations with the Affiliate Presidents. Keeping up with the ever-changing landscape of our sport is so important and we need to be visionary and proactive - not reactive. The National Development League concept is in its infancy and the working group of stakeholders will begin to meet shortly and the Commission will continue its work separately. We will also not waiver on our commitment to the development of 85-90% of our members in all categories of Youth, Girls & Disabled. In a nutshell, USA Hockey will continue to serve as the ultimate advocate and pathway to overall hockey development.

As we look to the next chapter, let's continue to build on our momentum. Let's inspire even more young athletes to pick up a stick for the first time. Let's keep investing in education, growth and development. And let's ensure that every rink, from small-town community centers to national arenas, reflects the values of inclusivity, respect, and passion for the game. Mike expressed his thanks for your unwavering dedication to USA Hockey. You are not just supporting a sport — you are shaping lives, teaching lifelong values, and

helping us build a brighter future for hockey in America. Together, we can continue to make a difference. Thank you for being a part of our USA Hockey Family.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

Pat Kelleher thanked our new friends in Nashville, hoping everyone enjoyed their time here. Our great friends with the Nashville Predators have been tremendous hosts. Just so you know they may be calling us back as they are 3-0 with all of us here in town. A good way to start a partnership.

Pat echoed Mike's sentiment and thanked Taryn, Talli, Maddie and our newest teammate, Emily, as well as others that worked to help put the event together. Thank you to the staff at NTDP and the national office. Thanks to everyone for what they do for USA Hockey. Pat also recognized our partners in the National Hockey League. Thank you to all the volunteers, especially everyone in the room for the great passion that everyone brings to the table.

Pat reported that in this changing landscape we all take time to discuss and debate topics. When we come together, we are wide when we begin, and then we come to the right place on Sunday morning in the best interest of the organization, the sport and the membership. Pat emphasized that we must do what is in the best interest of our people and the organization. How do we get more people on the ice, increase revenue off the ice. How do we put our teams in position to win gold medals, Mike rattled off an impressive list of teams playing in gold medal games and winning gold medals. It takes resources to run a successful organization. We need to have a safe environment; and Tony's presentation at Town Hall really hit home on things that we need to do that are challenging. Our people value an organization that they can stand by.

In closing we are committed to a welcoming environment for everyone, building a diverse, equitable and inclusive game, which is part of our hockey DNA. We must be urgent with our work, and patient with the outcome. Teams don't just show up and win gold medals. 2025 has gotten off to a great start, thank you again for what you do.

### **FOUNDATION REPORT**

Paul George discussed the Foundation's performance, highlighting a clean audit and an increase in net assets. Paul reported that the audit was completed with an unqualified opinion. The Foundation is having a good year with two numbers that really matter – our long term investments of \$20M, and property and equipment at \$25M, the large assets in the Foundation. The income was increased by \$1.8M. The Foundation gives a lot of grants, last year we made \$10.5M in grants. The big ones are the block grants to Affiliates and the NHL grants of over \$9.5M.

In the investment portfolio the equity markets have been strong. The interest rates have not gone down, and we are currently not thinking they will come down as quickly as people thought. Inflation is 2.9% going into an uncertain year and we simply don't know about the impact of tariffs. Growth stocks are up over 33%, which helped our portfolio. There is \$4.8M in Affiliate monies in the Foundation today, with no fees charged and 15 Affiliates participate. HARP, our captive insurance company, has a conservative portfolio and is at \$4.5M in the event we have claims. US Olympic and Paralympic endowment portion is at \$2.8M. We have a diversified portfolio with equities showing strong. In Plymouth, we have a capital campaign to help finance improvements. We also have a parcel of land in Plymouth that we are trying to sell; it has not been successful in the current market but we will keep it listed. We are also looking at the restaurant operations and expenses, and how that could operate better. In closing, the Foundation is running well.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Donna Guariglia provided the 2025 Winter Meeting financial review. The consolidated assets have grown by \$1.7M. We have \$1.5M in accounts receivable for IIHF Women's Championship, Men's World Championship development support, and travel reimbursement support. Total assets increased by \$3.7M due to accounts receivable and long-term investments from the Foundation. The liabilities are higher than

last year by \$1.8M, coming in at \$32.9M due to increase in \$1M deferred revenue membership registration, and the increase in accrued payroll and benefits.

Total net assets grew by \$3M, mostly due to the increase in long-term investments of \$2.9M. Total revenue increased by \$8M, to \$67.8M, Membership revenue increased by \$1.2M, Tournaments grew by \$3.1M mostly due to the Women's World Championship. Investments on a consolidated basis are \$2.5M over last year. Expenses grew by \$7.7M, membership expenses were higher by \$1M, and international expenses were higher by \$2M. The change in net assets is \$ 3.1M on a consolidated basis, and our investments, Arena and HARP performed very well. The bulk of revenue is registration at \$37M, with last year's percentage dropping to 55% because we had revenue from Women's World Championship and investment income. Membership is 22% of expenses and followed by International at 20.4%. The NHL allocation is 8.75M and you notice that \$175K more for College Hockey Inc., which had an increase in passthrough ending in FY 2025. In the income statement, net income is over \$1.2M ahead of last year, and \$4M ahead of the budget which will even out. Donna expressed her thanks to the Finance Committee, which together with the Board approved the audit.

Donna reported on the resolution of USA Hockey Congress and Board of Directors adopting the National Consumer Price Index as the guideline for setting annual membership fees. Gene Palecco moved to approve the resolution (Steve Oleheiser 2<sup>nd</sup>). With no discussion, the resolution was adopted.

Donna then presented the proposed fee schedule structure. There have been discussions with the Disabled Section, and they will be looking at the age distribution and will work together to come up with a plan for the teams that have the difference in ages. Chris Washburn moved to approve the proposed fee schedule structure (Frank McGady 2<sup>nd</sup>). In discussion, Steve Oleheiser reported that the Affiliate Presidents voted against the fee increase. With no further discussion, the proposed fee increase passed by majority.

#### **AUDIT REPORT**

John Tobin reported on behalf of the Audit Committee, which reviewed accounting, internal controls, and financial reporting processes in preparation of the June-2024 Annual Meeting. The Audit Committee met in early November with Jill Goodwin; there were substantial discussions following which we would like to recommend the approval of the audit. John Tobin made a motion accept the consolidated audits as presented, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Joe Baudo. With no discussion, the audit was approved.

#### **COUNCIL & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Donna Kaufman reports on the Membership Council and welcomes Ted Devine. The council is looking forward to the different directions, looking at data and growth initiatives.

Don Gould reports on the Girl's Council, which will look at activities more granularly in the sub committees. The new technology is moving forward, and everyone is engaged in moving forward.

Dwayne Dillinger reports on International Council. He welcomed Kim Pederson, Sport Director with IIHF. Glad he can be here for the meeting and hopes that people had opportunities to talk with him. We have a big year upcoming with the three events in US. It will be the first time since 2015 that the Sled team will play for a medal on American soil. The IIHF is currently looking at 3 on 3 hockey being a discipline for the 2030 Olympics. Dwayne also congratulated the 29 male and 37 female American officials who were licensed with the IIHF to do international events.

Keith Barrett reports on the Youth Council, and everyone knows the NDL discussions are up and running, and there are a few milestones to hit prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> for whatever legislation we need to propose for approval at the 2026 Winter Meeting. A report on status and structure will be presented at Annual Meeting.

TC Lewis reports on Junior Council that with the NCAA changes there are a lot of unknowns, but we have leadership on top of things and they are keeping everybody informed. TC expressed that this could be a great opportunity to show we have the best Junior hockey in the world.

Tom Cline reported on Adult Council. Things are looking good for the Pond event and the temperature in Eagle River is currently 13 below. As of Friday, there was 14 inches of ice, and they were prepping 24 rinks. Tom thanked Donna Kaufman for her mentorship.

### **LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

Donna Kaufman presented the legislative and playing rules proposals, going through the legislative proposals first, which are up for ratification, amendment or repeal as they have already been approved by the Board.

Tier I Commission Proposal #1 would amend the rules and regulations to impose a moratorium on new Tier I programs for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 seasons. Glenn Hefferan made a motion to ratify (Wayne Sawchuk 2<sup>nd</sup>). The motion passed.

Tier I Commission Proposal #2 would amend the rules and regulations to require Tier I teams to submit their roster by October 15 of each season, subject to adds or drops made in compliance with the rule before 12/31. Frank McGady made a motion to ratify (Shelley Looney 2<sup>nd</sup>). The motion passed.

Tier I Commission Proposal #3 would amend the rules and regulations to make the Vertical Integration Pilot Program a permanent rule and add Vertical Integration for 16U and 19U Girls Tier. Gene Palecco made a motion to ratify (Dave Margenau 2<sup>nd</sup>). The motion passed.

Tier I Commission Proposal #4 would amend the rules and regulations to make a 22-player roster for 18U Tier I teams a permanent rule and also for rosters for 15U and 16U youth and 19U girls' teams. John Karolcik made a motion to ratify (Sarah Fraser 2<sup>nd</sup>). The motion passed.

Tier I Commission Proposal #5 would amend the rules and regulations to make the 13O Tier I National Championship Pilot Program and 13O age classification for Tier I youth a permanent rule. Joe Baudo made a motion to ratify (Mark LaMarr 2<sup>nd</sup>). The motion passed.

Coaches Proposal #1 would update the CEP education requirements. John Karolcik made a motion to ratify (Joe Eppolito 2<sup>nd</sup>). Mike MacMillan made a motion to amend as shown on the written amendment provided to the Congress. (Steve Oleheiser 2<sup>nd</sup>). The amendment passed. Coaches Proposal #1 passed as amended.

Junior Proposal #1 would incorporate a previous pilot program into the Annual Guide through June 2028, allowing the NAHL to have up to 8 non-citizen players on the roster. TC Lewis made a motion to ratify (Gene Palecco 2<sup>nd</sup>). The motion passed.

### **PLAYING RULES PROPOSALS**

Moving to the playing rules proposals, Donna presented a block of housekeeping and major playing rules proposals in the general playing rules that are recommended for Defeat by the Playing Rules Committee. Sarah Fraser made a motion to defeat the block of proposals (John Karolcik 2<sup>nd</sup>). The motion to defeat passed.

Next a block of housekeeping and major playing rules proposals in the general playing rules that are recommended for Approval by the Playing Rules Committee. Sarah Fraser made a motion to approve the block of proposals (Joe Baudo 2<sup>nd</sup>). The motion to approve passed.

Housekeeping proposal #17 would incorporate the Disabled Hockey playing rules into the main Playing Rules book. Gary LeBrun moved to approve Housekeeping #17 (Mike McCullough 2<sup>nd</sup>). Maureen Thompson-Siegel moved to amend the proposal to change the word from Sled to Disabled (Taylor Lipsett 2<sup>nd</sup>). The motion to amend passed. Housekeeping #17 passed as amended.

Playing Rule Proposal #3 requires an amendment to conform to the Legislative Proposal that increased the roster size. Frank McGrady moved to approve the proposal (Wayne Sawchuk 2<sup>nd</sup>). John Karolcik moved to approve an amendment to allow teams playing in youth Tier I 15U, 16 and 18U, and girls Tier I 19U classifications to dress a maximum of 22 players (Sarah Fraser 2<sup>nd</sup>). The amendment was approved, and Playing Rule Proposal #3 then passed as amended.

Playing Rule Proposal #11 A would require "HECC certified" neck laceration protectors. Glenn Hefferan moved to approve. (Kathleen Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>). Jay Finnigan moved to amend the proposal to include that for all disabled hockey disciplines, all players including goalkeepers under 18 are required to wear HECC certified neck laceration protection. (Mike McCullough 2<sup>nd</sup>). The amendment passed, and Proposal #11.A then passed as amended.

Playing Rule Proposal #8 requires HECC Certified neck laceration protection. John Karolcik moved to approve the proposal (Shelley Looney 2<sup>nd</sup>). Cheri Bonawitz made a motion to permit BNQ certification through the 2026-27 season. (Kathleen Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>). The amendment passed. Proposal #8 was approved as amended.

Playing Rule Proposal #20 has similar language applying the HECC certification requirement to goalkeepers. Bob Joyce moved to approve the proposal (Kris Knauss 2<sup>nd</sup>). Gene Palecco moved to approve the amendment permitting BNQ certification until 2026-27 (Gary Lebrun 2<sup>nd</sup>). The amendment was approved and Proposal #20 was approved as amended.

Playing Rule Proposal #102 would add shorthanded icing in all age categories Youth 150 and above, and Girls 16U above. Joe Eppolito moved approve (Frank McGrady 2<sup>nd</sup>). Proposal #102 was approved.

Playing Rule Proposal #104 would add shorthanded icing to the 14U age classification. Glenn Hefferan moved to approve (John Coleman 2<sup>nd</sup>). John Karolcik made a motion to amend to change the language to 14 and older, instead of 14U, 16U and 18U as it is listed. (John Coleman 2<sup>nd</sup>). The amendment would include 19U on the Girls side. There was discussion of whether this includes 130 and above as they technically fall under 14U. Bob Mancini spoke to the rule adding this would not only add 19U for the girls, but it would also include 14U and 130 depending on how it is written. Jay Finnigan moved for another amendment that would add the 130 and 14U and above language to this rule. (Frank McGrady 2<sup>nd</sup>). The amendment was approved. On a vote on the proposal as amended, the motion to approve is defeated.

Playing Rule Proposal #118 would add delayed tag- up offsides in all categories 150 and above, and girls 16U and above. Glenn Hefferan moved to approve (John Coleman 2<sup>nd</sup>). The proposal was approved.

Playing Rule Proposal #117 would add delayed tag- up offsides at the younger age levels of 130 and 14U and above. Gene Palecco moved to approve the proposal (Bob Joyce 2<sup>nd</sup>). Bob Joyce moved to amend the proposal (John Coleman 2<sup>nd</sup>). On the vote on Proposal #117 as amended. The amendment is defeated. Proposal #117 was not approved.

Next considered were a block of Junior Rule housekeeping and proposals that were recommended for defeat. George Atkinson moved to defeat the proposals (Mike McCullough 2<sup>nd</sup>). The motion to defeat passed.

A block of Junior Rule housekeeping and proposals that were recommended to approve. Jay Finnigan moved to approve the proposals (John Karolcik 2<sup>nd</sup>). The motion to approve passed.

Junior Playing Rule Proposal #4 would require neck laceration protection. Gene Palecco moved to approve (Jeremy Reed 2<sup>nd</sup>). Jay Finnigan moved to amend the proposal to incorporate goalkeeping equipment (John Karolcik 2<sup>nd</sup>). The amendment passed. Junior proposal #4 passed as amended.

Junior Playing Rule Proposal #8 would require neck laceration protection for players. Jay Finnigan moved to approve the proposal (George Atkinson 2<sup>nd</sup>). Cheri Bonawitz made a motion to include the applicable BNQ language through the 2026-27 season (Glenn Hefferan 2<sup>nd</sup>). The amendment passed. Junior Proposal #8 passed as amended.

Junior Playing Rule Proposal #16 amends the playing rules regarding game misconducts. Gene Palecco moved to approve the proposal (Cheri Bonawitz 2<sup>nd</sup>). Joe Baudo moved to amend to clarify that any player receiving a game misconduct penalty under 615-fighting shall be suspended for the next scheduled league game (Cheri Bonawitz 2<sup>nd</sup>). The amendment passed and Junior Proposal #16 passed as amended.

Junior Playing Rule Proposal #29 would clarify and change face-off locations in Junior hockey. Gene Palecco moved to approve the proposal (Kathleen Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>). John Coleman moved to amend the proposal to further clarify the rule (Keith Universal 2<sup>nd</sup>). The amendment passed and Junior Proposal #29 passed as amended.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None reported.

**NEW BUSINESS**

John Karolcik from Mid-Am District would like to nominate Kaye Pinkowski as an Emeritus Representative (Tom Cline 2<sup>nd</sup>). Kaye was elected by acclamation.

**AWARDS**

Mike Trimboli honored the following individuals who were presented with Presidents Award for their contributions to USA Hockey: Lauren Tesler and Steve Thompson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

In closing Mike asked the Board of the Director to stay for the concluding Board of Director meeting. Mark Lamarr moved to adjourn (Chris Washburn 2<sup>nd</sup>). The meeting was adjourned.

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