

MID AM DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2025 MINUTES

MEETING: Mid Am District (District) Meeting was held via a Zoom conference call. The meeting was called to order on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 8:00 pm EST by President John Karolcik. Biff Cummings (BC) performed a roll call. Twenty-one members attended, with sixteen of the twenty-two voting members, so a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE (in no particular order): Paul Day, Tim O'Shaughnessy, Biff Cummings, Ed Gingham, John Karolcik, Roy Davis, Beth Stalnaker, Bill Switaj, Shena Link, Renee Loftspring, Ladd Wagner, Kathy Santora, Craig Scully, Doug Losure, Roger Wallin, Andy Wolf, Dave Caruso, John Folmer, Zach Hill, Lori Billings, and Scott Paluch

AGENDA:

1. Conflicts of Interest: John requested possible COIs. None were identified at this time.

2. Motion Last Meeting Minutes (Biff): The Board reviewed the minutes from September 25, 2025. John F motioned to approve. Doug seconded, and the Board voted to approve.

3. Update Treasurer Report (Tom): Paul reported for Tom. Our USAH audit is scheduled for November 10, 2025. There might be an issue with us not being registered as a foreign entity in states outside of Indiana. It has come up in other multi-state districts. That will be addressed if need be.

4. Motion Rules and Regulations

a. Association Definition Policy (Roy/Keith) proposal: Renee asked to add an amendment to the current version of the Association Definition Policy to allow disabled associations to start a program with fewer than 8 participants. Paul asked to include an effective date of February 1, 2026. John accepted Kathy's motion for approval. Zach seconded it. The Board voted to approve.

b. Review Girls Tier II Policy: John reported that Ladd and Jimmy proposed to address rules related to Tier II Girls teams. Ladd explained that the policy intends to grow the game, limit "outside the border" movement, and establish some consistency in team movement.

5. Motion Membership Grow Committee (Kathy)

a. Mid Am Next Step Award proposal: Kathy explained that the membership growth committee suggested awards made to try hockey and learn to play hockey programs that show retention. Kathy presented her written proposal. John F made a motion to approve. Craig seconded it. The Board voted to approve.

6. Update Association Education 2025-2026 Season (Roy): Roy reported that the final session will be held with PAHL the evening of October 29, 2025.

7. Update Game Misconduct Tracking Sheet (Lori): No update now.

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8. Motion New Association Applications: Tim is going to get with the Ohio VPs and Paul next week to review.

a. Mastodon Ice Arena: Small rink

b. Columbus Academy: Individual HS team

c. Thunderbirds (OH)(Tim/OH VP's): Lori urged that a decision be made about the T-Birds sooner rather than later.

9. Update Communication Committee: Shena summarized the progress of the committee. The goal is to establish better communication with the associations. They intend to have more information out before the next meeting.

10. Update 2026 Mid Am Annual Meeting: John requested potential hosts.

11. Future Meetings November 20, 8 pm December 5-6, in person, Columbus: Lori is to get the information out.

New Business:

12. John indicated that Mark F. resigned, and he (John) will be looking for good candidates.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm. Kathy motioned to approve. Craig seconded, and the Board voted to approve.

Meeting minutes by Biff Cummings