

Minutes of Midwest Amateur Hockey Association  
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors  
June 21 2025

**Call to Order**

Pursuant to notice distributed by electronic mail and posting on the affiliate web site, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Shawn Spencer at 12:33pm

**Agenda**

President Spencer presented the agenda, previously distributed electronically. The meeting will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

**Roll Call.**

Honore Pittenger confirmed attendance by the Directors via sign in:

**Iowa**

IAD1001 Quad City Sled	Will Rebman*
IADnnnn Siouxland Sled	Terry Baker*
IAH0117 Mason City	Ashley Page*
IAH0118 Sioux Center	No Director Present*
IAH0119 Cedar Rapids	Shane Gailushas*, Jeff Stack*
IAH0120 Lakes Area	Michael Meyers*
IAH0126 Dubuque	Justin Muehlenkamp*, 2 <sup>nd</sup> director not present
IAH0136 Des Moines Youth	Stefon Gliwa*, Scott Jobgen*, Erin Finke*
IAH0138 Waterloo	Kelsey Carlson*, Conor Luck*
IAH0139 Siouxland (S. City)	Paul Koskovich*
IAH0143 Ames	Joshua Lundahl*, 2nd director not present
IAH0144 Iowa Wild AAA	Adam Geneser*
IAH0160 Iowa City Youth	Jason Jackson*
IAH0162 Quad Cities	Steve Drissel*, Jacob Waterman*

**Kansas/Missouri**

KSH0128 KC Youth	Adam Danner*, Tony Lee*, Director 3 -absent
KSH0132 Wichita Youth	Georgo Marko*
KS0133 Independence Adult	James Leath*
NoNmbr Nebraska Warriors	No Director Present
KS0134 Northland (Adult)	No Director Present
KSH0135 Wichita Adult	No Director Present
KSH0139 KC Womens Hockey League	No Director Present
KSH0138 KCIC Adult	Cristi Lewis*, Rick Murcek*, Mary Hemlick Not Present
KSH0140 Insomniac Adult	No Director Present
KSH0141 Mid America Hockey	Matt Stephenson*

## Nebraska

NEH002 Nebraska Adaptive  
NEH0002 Lincoln  
NEH0013 Lincoln Stars AAA  
NEH0004 Tri City Youth  
NEH0005 Fremont  
NEH0133 Omaha AAA  
NEH0134 Omaha

No Director Present  
Eric Alexander\*, Nathan Henke\*, Mike Todd  
Harrison Gates\*  
Nicholas Autry\*  
Greg Evert\*  
David Wilke\*.  
Tony DeSciscio\*, Sarah Morgan\*, Bob  
Danenhauer\*

### Notes:

\*' = Director

### Officers & Staff

#### Voting (The Executive Committee):

President	Shawn Spencer
VP Compliance	Todd Scebold
VP SafeSport	Doug Dorley
VP National Bound	Matt Moragues
Treasurer	Mike Hurd
Secretary	Honore Pittenger*
MHSHL President	Andy Wade-Not Present**

\*Pittenger is noted as serving as an interim for the meeting pending confirmation of the special 1 year term replacement of Melody Wright but will not have voting rights.

\*\*Andy Wade was not present..

The President noted that a quorum of 40 directors are present.

#### Non Voting:

Past President	Les Teplicky- absent
Registrar	Honore Pittenger
Web	Mary Helmick-absent
Player Development	Doug Dietz

President Spencer advised for the record that all youth associations are compliant and thus eligible to vote. He also attested that all youth association Directors present and answering the call are certified in accordance with the MWAHA Bylaws.

### Minutes.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held June 22, 2024 were reviewed.

**Motion** by Des Moines, 2nd by Tri City  
That the minutes be approved with the adjustment of the number of voting members updated from 53 to 40.  
Passed by acclamation. (1 abstain by Quad City)

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Mike Hurd submitted the financial report, which was distributed prior to the meeting.

**Motion** by Rick Murcek to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kelsey Carlson  
**Approved** with no dissension.

#### **President's State of the Affiliate and USA Hockey Annual Meeting Update**

#### **President's Comments**

President Spencer stated there would be four proposals to review and vote on. All proposals were given to directors prior as well as presented within their packets at the meeting.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Proposal-Proposal to Approve National Bound Tier I Teams only**

Legislation for this action is on the ballot at th USAH for January. The Executive Committee sees no reason in waiting and wants to implement this season. This proposal also does house cleaning of changes made last year on when teams will be requested and when approved.

**Motion** Erin Fink (Des Moines), 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Jobgen (Des Moines)  
**Discussion:** None  
**Proposal-Approved**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Proposal-Proposal to Eliminate Billeting at Tier I 13O**

The number one Tier 1 problem dealt with at the association and affiliate levels relate to billeting. Allowing 13-year-olds to be billeted compounds the opportunities for problems at an unnecessary age.

**Motion** Lincoln, 2<sup>nd</sup> Omaha Mastery  
**Discussion:** There was clarification that a 13U Omaha Mastery program did have a family that did exercise using family to stay with the 13 year old players. Mastery did not do the billeting and this was ok.  
**Proposal-Approved**

#### **3rd Proposal-To Qualify Candidates Seeking Positions on the Executive Committee**

Over the past five to ten years appearances of Conflict of Interest have been cited by individuals or Associations based on loose ties or specific positions held by members. The last three years

have driven this problem home, having investigations removed from the Affiliate and given to outside agencies.

**Motion** Tri City, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lincoln

**Discussion** included questions such as who checks on who if someone has a conflict of interest and where the line of conflict of interest is drawn. Concern was voiced by 2 associations about how conflict would be determined. Shawn explained that positions that would have interest would be checked into by the executive board.

Vote Count: 31 yes, 4 no, 3 abstain

**Proposal-Approved**

**4th Proposal- TO CHANGE A DIRECTIVE IN THE COMPLAINT, RULES & ETHICS POLICY TO FOLLOW OTHER MWAHA POLICIES PERTAINING TO COMPLAINTS, RULES, AND ETHICS.**

This has been standard precedent and operating procedures within the Affiliate for several years. The MWAHA's Safe Sport Coordinator review of a Summary Suspension is to ensure the affected parties are treated similarly and fairly by an impartial Hearing Panel. This is done to ensure impartialness in any disciplinary decision vetted out within the Affiliate by any local program and/or the affiliate.

**Motion** Omaha, 2<sup>nd</sup> Omaha Mastery

**Discussion** None

No - Quad City

**Proposal-Approved**

**Elections.**

President Spencer opened the election of Vice President Growth & National Bound, Vice President Compliance and Treasurer, odd year officers. Additionally, a special off-cycle election was added for Secretary to fulfill the remainder of the term due Westendorff resigning. Honore Pittenger served as clerk of the election. The Incumbents Matt Moragues, Todd Scebold, and Mike Hurd all noted their desire to continue to serve. There were no nominations made from the floor. No other nominations being forthcoming, President Spencer asked for any opposition. Voting commenced. All three were approved by acclamation. Candidates for the special off-cycle election for Secretary for 1 year were Paige Meyers, Sarah Morgan, and Tiffany Barrs-Kane. President Michael Meyers from Lakes Area spoke on behalf of his wife Paige Meyers. Morgan and Barrs-Kane both spoke on their own behalf and were in attendance.

**Paige Meyers was elected by vote via ballot for the 1 year term.**

**Matt Moragues, Todd Scebold, and Mike Hurd were approved by acclamation.**

Positions begin July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

All ballots were collected and counted by Mike Hurd and affirmed by Registrar Honore Pittenger. Ballots are on file for the record.

### **Midwest High School Hockey League Report**

Honore Pittenger reported on behalf of President Andrew Wade that 26 games would be scheduled that would allow each team to play the other twice. The league will help schedule the other 6-games from a request to play, but would not count towards the EOY tournament. Pittenger reported that all teams should have their solidified representative for the 25/26 season named and turned in by the beginning of June and then were to talk with their coach about this as well as other discussion points. The group then would be coming back to the table on June 29, 2025 to solidify changes, if any. President Spencer shared that Iowa (Sioux City and Waterloo) and Nebraska (Omaha and Lincoln) sent teams to the National tournament. Waterloo played Lincoln in the final and Waterloo was named the National Champion in their division. Omaha made the quarter finals and Sioux City took 3rd place. Accolades were given for having our High School program known nationally.

### **Goaltending Report**

Brad Parker reported that there was a drive to have retention of new goalies and to grow new goalies through opportunities at camps and training. USA hockey has a focus to streamline the process for travel teams. There are forms that are available for evaluations for goalies that are more objective and less subjective. It is encouraged that there are goaltending specific practices. Parker is working on developing a goal tending specific camp for next summer that would be offered district wide. The central district 14U Bantam Camp was in Ames this past week and he reported that the goalies were some of the best he has seen. He also reported that he had attended the USA Hockey National Goalie summer in May.

### **MHL Report**

Stephon will be taking over for Scott Long on travel. Mary will continue with selects. Ice availability was an issue this year and the lost rinks on short notice.

### **SafeSport Report**

Doug Dorley reported that we have robust reporting in SafeSport. He reported that we could expect background checks to move to yearly instead of every other year in the future. 25/26 membership is open and participants have started registering. There was a reminder that if members reach out to the center, MWAHA Safesport and USA hockey safesport will not know until they are contacted by the Center. He welcomed anyone to reach out if they ever have questions.

### **Girls Hockey Report**

Kristi Francis submitted written report

### **Player Safety Report**

Concussion reporting is not where the affiliate would like to see it.

## Website Report

A reminder was given to keep pages updated to each association.

## Adaptive/Disabled

Warrior hockey is growing. Will requested to send Veteran's information his way so he was able to reach out. Terry Baker reported that sled hockey also continues to grow with two youth teams in Sioux Center and a new team in Omaha.

## Showcase Team

Jessica Hurd reported that the team did well in pool play. They won their division (Lone Star Division). She reported they would have liked to see more scouts present. They will take the team to Tier II Nationals this upcoming year. This will not compete with our high school national teams. Try-outs are in July.

## Player Development

Rick Murcek will be making a strong effort to move coaching clinics forward. All associations should encourage their coaches to get clinics done early. They are working on more opportunities for continuing ed for levels 4 and 5. Doug Dietz reported the select camp process for April for the 14/15/16/17 and about districts. He shared that 3 kids from camp were chosen for national camp (1 from 15's and 1 from 16's). The 14 camp in Ames just concluded. Thanks was given to Doc Murdock.

## Registrar

Honore Pittenger provided information in breakout session

## New Business

A new developmental league is still in the works. Teams will be allocated to districts. Midwest does not anticipate getting a team out of the initial 22. This will have an impact on Tier 1. The number used today for Tier 1 is 15% but this number will move to 5% in the future. Safesport and concussion protocol were discussed at summer congress. Shawn reviewed the growth for associations.

## Directors that will vote at the June 2026 annual meeting:

Association Name	2024-2025 Director Count
QUAD CITY SLED HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	1
SIouxLAND SLED HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	1
MASON CITY YOUTH HOCKEY	1
SIoux CENTER HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	1
CEDAR RAPIDS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	2
LAKES AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	1
DUBUQUE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	2
DES MOINES ADULT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC	0
DES MOINES YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	3

WATERLOO YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	2
SIouxLAND YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	2
AMES MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	1
HOCKEY CLUB DES MOINES	1
IOWA CITY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	1
QUAD CITY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	2
KANSAS CITY WARRIORS HOCKEY	1
MID AMERICA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	2
KANSAS CITY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	3
WICHITA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	1
INDEPENDENCE ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUE	1
NORTHLAND HOCKEY LEAGUE	1
KCIC ADULT LEAGUE	3
KANSAS CITY WOMENS HOCKEY LEAGUE	0
INSOMNIAC ADULT HOCKEY CLUB	1
NEBRASKA ADAPTIVE SPORTS	1
NEBRASKA WARRIORS HOCKEY	1
LINCOLN ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	3
TRI-CITY YOUTH ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	1
FREMONT ICE ASSOCIATION	1
LINCOLN STARS AAA	1
OMAHA AAA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	1
OMAHA HOCKEY CLUB	3
	<b>46</b>
<b>Executive Council</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>

## Growth Awards

Association Name	Growth	Funding
DUBUQUE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	106.70%	<b>\$250</b>
SIouxLAND YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	113.86%	<b>\$250</b>
QUAD CITY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	101.76%	<b>\$250</b>
MIDAMERICA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	109.18%	<b>\$500</b>
LINCOLN ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	104.19%	<b>\$500</b>

**Next Meeting.** In accordance with Bylaws, President Spencer announced the next annual meetings will be held after Summer Congress 2025 in June of 2026.

**Closing Remarks**

President Spencer expressed gratitude for all volunteers and shared that he will be seeking more volunteers for the affiliate on various committees.

**Adjournment.** Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Honore Pittenger 712-281-3939

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