

# AUGUST 2023 MSHA BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes 08/10/2023

In attendance: President Eric Sabers, Board members: Ben Grenier (VP), Heidi Kludt (Sec), Steve Laufman, Jeremy Puetz, Tyler Graham, Mark Vaughan, Lindi Rauscher, and Josh Gebhart. Also, in attendance was Lori Goldammer (Treasurer), Darcy Sabers, Kris Polreis (Coaching Director), and Mark Zens (State Representative) arrived at 9:00pm.

Quorum Met: Yes

- Meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM at Blarney's by President Eric Sabers.
- Motion to approve the agenda with the additions of SDAHA Player Development Funding Application, Adult League, and Power Play Skills Clinic added to New Business by Steve, 2nd by Tyler. Motion carried all voted aye.
- Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tyler. Motion carried all voted aye.
- Public input – None

## **President's Report (Eric)**

- Player registration is open with the early bird registration ending August 15, 2023. We currently have approximately 40 skaters registered so far.
- Volunteer registration is open: all board members, coaches, committee members, etc. will need to get registered soon.
- Mitchell will possibly have two Sled Hockey events in October and January. David Tronnes is working with Siouxland Sled Hockey. There might be a need for some slight practice time adjustments to accommodate the January event.

## **Treasurer's Report (Lori)**

- Financials were reviewed and sock income will be moved into equipment expense instead of Other Income.
- Invoices will be going out to the two parties from Spearfish who has purchased the 1990 Olympia.
- Discussion was had on how the Treasurer should handle payment reimbursements that come in and the budget for that expense category has been met. Expenses must come in on a timely manner and people should have discussed items with the board prior to purchasing if not already budgeted.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Ben, second by Mark V. Motion carried all voted aye.

## **SDAHA Delegate Report (Mark Z)**

- Mark arrived approximately 9:00 pm after the State SDAHA BOD's Zoom meeting.
- Recap was given regarding the SD rostering proposals.

- SDAHA Board fall meeting will be September 16, 2023 in Watertown.
  - Rule change proposals are due August 13, 2023.
- Changes to the By-law regarding Playing Rules....For the interest of development growth the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> teams for an association's league level will have the option to be A or B.

### **Old Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- Boys Varsity is requesting the board's approval of a Blackout uniform set for special approved occasions. Design of the jersey, breezier covers, and socks were provided and reviewed. An anonymous sponsor will be paying for the jersey sets. The design has been sent to the state for approval. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made to approve the logo and design of the Blackout uniform set by Ben, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh for the Boys' Varsity team to use for special events with no cost to be incurred by the association. Motion carried all voted aye.
- SDAHA Player Development Fund Application – Funds application will close 08/31/2023. The application is for \$2,000 from SDAHA to be used for player development at the 6U – 10U levels. Discussion was had that this money could be used for new equipment at this level as the current equipment is in low numbers and in poor condition. The board has asked the President to complete the application and apply for the funds.
- Adult League – Steve discussed with the board that each adult league member that has registered with USA Hockey has been attached to a team as this is a requirement of theirs. The Lucky Devils adult league is not a Mitchell Marlin team and they should be considered a separate entity. If they would like the benefits of USA Hockey, they need to follow SafeSport rules. A discussion will be had with them again on the important of them becoming a separate entity.
- Power Play Skills Clinic – Darcy Sabers presenting the Culture Committee presented to the board the details of a clinic coming to our rink September 29 – October 1<sup>st</sup>. The clinic will be put on by our varsity coaches for Pee Wee – Bantam level skaters with a cost to the skaters of \$125 per skater. This clinic will be open to skaters from any association and will be advertised. Motion to allow MSHA Culture Committee to put on the Power Play Hockey Skills Clinic with registrations covering the ice time and any profits will go to pay the coaches made by Mark V, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeremy. Motion carried all voted aye.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Buildings Report (Mark V) – Discussed the items on the current worklist:
  - Floors on the player benches are weak and will need to be replaced.
  - Painting, new lights and counter tops in the skate sharpening room.
  - Locker rooms 5 & A will be painted and receive new partitions.
  - Cody Miles has verbally requested the board to consider adding a heated coach's room to be built in the northeast corner of the Innovative rink with Muth Electric offering to donate the wiring for it. After further discussion, the board has tabled the idea and has requested a formal proposal with details of the design so it can go to the Park & Rec board with the idea.

- Coaching (Kris P) – Report was given of the additional coaches found for the different levels: Ben Rauscher has agreed to coach the Squirt level, Ryan Storm has agreed to the Asst. Coach position for the BV/BJV level. No Executive Session was requested. Motion to approve the hire of Ben Rauscher as a volunteer Squirts coach for dibs and Ryan Storm as a paid Assistant Coach for \$2,600 for the BV/BJV level by Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh. Motion carried all voted aye.
  - Practice times for different levels were discussed.
- Culture Committee (Ben) – Question was asked if we will be having an all association meeting this year. Discussion was had that this worked well in the past and they could flow into team meetings after like how the Mitchell High School does.
- Executive Committee (Eric) –None
- Financial Development (Heidi) – Season Kick off meeting will be held 08/21/2023 at Heidi’s house. The rescheduled golf tournament was Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> and was well attended with nice weather. Discussion was had regarding the need for additional fundraisers this year as the budget was earmarked for a new fundraiser money needed totaling \$25,000.
- Governance Committee (Steve) – No report
- Programs Committee (open) – See minutes from 08/01/2023 meeting:
  - Titled positions in the association will need to be SafeSport trained & background checked.
  - Forms Turn in Night will be September 17, 2023.
  - Shawna is working to find coordinators for all levels.
  - Mite Jamboree will be a 1-day event this year.
  - Referee Clinics for certification changes were discussed.
  - SDAHA is asking each association what they are willing to do in the regards to possibly having upper-level league games on a weeknight and how far are they willing to travel.
  - We are in search for a Dib Coordinator replacement. Brandy has offered to stay on and train the replacement.
  - Jackie Penne accepted the Medical Services position.
- **Information/Discussion**
  - September Board meeting will be 09/14/2023 - 6:30pm @ Blarney’s
- Motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm by Steve, second by Tyler. Motion carried all voted aye.