

Minutes of Midwest Amateur Hockey Association  
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors  
June 22 2024

**Call to Order.** Pursuant to notice distributed by electronic mail and posting on the affiliate website, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Shawn Spencer at 12:30pm

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

**Roll Call.**

Secretary Westendorf confirmed attendance by the Directors:

**Iowa**

IAD1001	Quad City Sled	Will Rebman*
IADnnnn	Siouxland Sled	Duane Duden*
IAH0117	Mason City	Brandon Keeling*
IAH0118	Sioux Center	Brent Suing*
IAH0119	Cedar Rapids	Dustin Timm*, Jeff Slack*
IAH0120	Lakes Area	Scott Braddum*
IAH0126	Dubuque	Justin Muehlenkamp*, 2 nd director not present
IAH0136	Des Moines Youth	Scott Long*, Lacey Schiesl*, Erin Finke*
IAH0138	Waterloo	Mike Wirtjes*
IAH0139	Siouxland (S. City)	Honore Pittenger*
IAH0143	Ames	Caleb Dohrman*
IAH0144	Iowa Wild AAA	Ryan Bennett*
IAH0160	Iowa City Youth	Jason Jackson*
IAH0162	Quad Cities	Michelle Arndt*, Todd Mahoney*

**Kansas/Missouri**

KSH0128	KC Youth	Clarinda Marty*, Jason Wood*, Dan Carier*
KSH0132	Wichita Youth	Elizabeth Carranza*
KS0133	Independence Adult	No Director Present.
NoNnbr	Nebraska Warriors	No Director Present
KS0134	Northland (Adult)	No Director Present
KSH0135	Wichita Adult	No Director Present
KSH0139	KC Womens HL	No Director Present
KSH0138	KCIC Adult	Mary Helmick*, Carolyn Maddox*

## Nebraska

NEH0002	Lincoln	Eric Alexander*, Nathan Henke*, Mike Todd
NEH0013	Lincoln Stars AAA	Harrison Gates*
NEH0004	Tri City Youth	Not Present*

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NEH0005	Fremont	Warren Peters*, 2nd Not Present
NEH0133	Omaha AAA	David Wilke*.
NEH0134	Omaha	Tony DeSciscio*, Christian Graham*, Bob Danenhauer*

Notes:

'\*' = Director

**Due to a coaching clinic being offered at the same time, several directors were unable to be present for the meeting as they attended the clinic.**

### **New Associations without voting rights for the meeting:**

Mid America Hockey  
Insomniac Adult  
Nebraska Adaptive

### **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	Melody Westendorf
MHSHL President	Andy Wade-Not Present**

\*Moragues is noted as an interim pending confirmation for special 1 year term replacement of Mike Dudzinski.

\*\*Andy Wade was not present..

The President noted that a quorum of 26 directors is present.

Non Voting:

Past President Les Teplicky\*  
Past President Ted Ohmart  
Registrar Jason Sheehy  
Web Mary Helmick  
Player Development Doug Dietz-Not Present\*

\*Two not present due to coaching clinic

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.

**President's Comments.** President Shawn expressed appreciation and emphasized the need for time management given the number of proposals that would need significant Discussion.

### **Minutes.**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held June 24, 2023 were reviewed.

Motion by QCHA, Cedar Rapids

That the minutes be approved with the adjustment of the number of voting members updated from 52 to 50.

Passed by acclamation.

### **Elections.**

President Shawn opened the election of even year officers. In the normal rotation of Executive Committee positions, Vice President-Safe Sport, Secretary, and President were up for election. Additionally, a special off-cycle election was added for Vice President-National Bound/Growth to fulfill the remainder of the term due Dudzinski resigning. Todd Scebold served as clerk of the election. The Incumbents Doug Dorley, Melody Westendorf, and Shawn Spencer all noted their desire to continue to serve. There were no nominations made from the floor. No other nominations being forthcoming, Vice President Scebold asked for any opposition. Voting commenced.

Motion by QCHA, 2nd by Lakes

Shawn Spencer, Doug Dorley, Melody Westendorf, and Matt Moragues be elected

Approved by acclamation

Positions begin July 1 st , 2024

## **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Mike Hurd submitted the financial report, which was distributed prior to the meeting. He noted changes with the contributions of other Central District Affiliates for the bantam camp, which will lessen the burden on MWAHA

Motion by Todd Scebold to approve, 2nd Melody Westendorf  
Approved with no dissention. Budget attached.

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

### **Young Leader Award**

Kristi Francis is the recipient of the USA Hockey Young Leader Award for her efforts advancing Girls Hockey in the Affiliate.

### **1st Proposal-Establish a Hall of Fame for the Mid-West Affiliate**

The intention is to establish a hall of fame for players, coaches, and volunteers.

Motion Scebold, 2nd Westendorf  
Discussion: None  
Proposal-Approved

### **2nd Proposal-Affiliate Approval for Association Safe Sport Coordinators**

Affiliate aims to replicate the same approval process for association-level Safe Sport Coordinators that USA Hockey uses for Affiliate Coordinators. The process includes a nomination of a candidate to the MWAHA Coordinator, a vetting process including relevant experience and general understanding of the time commitment involved with the Position.

Motion Siouxland Youth, 2 nd Lakes  
Discussion Requests for providing an FAQ for associations so they put forth qualified candidates. The procedures involved in a denial of a candidate by the Affiliate Coordinator would be the appeal to the Executive Council. From there, if denied, another candidate would need to be selected. Existing SafeSport coordinators would be "grandfathered" in their positions.  
Proposal-Approved

### **3rd Proposal-Collection of an Administrative Fee from Local Associations Annually**

With the rise in Safe Sport workload and the support necessary for the program throughout the affiliate, the fee collected would be given to the MWAHA SafeSport Coordinator to cover their time and efforts. Additionally, it would cover incidentals like travel for training, laptop, required software, and other incidentals. The fee amount would be \$100 per year from each association.

Motion KCYHA, 2nd Westendorf

Discussion Much discussion surrounding the amount not being big enough. Other affiliates are now outsourcing this work to 3rd parties at a significant cost. MWAHA is not at that point yet. General sentiment from several was the amount was too low and should be significantly higher. Current Coordinator Dorley would not be accepting any monetary compensation at any time. As a result, any amount collected would be provided to the incoming coordinator at the time of Coordinator Dorley's departure from the position.

There was a friendly amendment proposal to leave the dollar amount open-ended so it could be changed as needed.

Motion for Friendly amendment-DMYHA, 2nd Omaha

Discussion-Ongoing surrounding the dollar amount

Motion for Friendly Amendment-Fails

Proposal-Approved

### **4th Proposal-Player Movement Policy**

Proposal came out of Girls Committee to modify existing language whereby players could only move 1 time throughout their youth career. The only exception would be if the "home" association does not have a travel or girls team available to play on. Then the movement would not count as a move. Requests for Girls movement and/or exemptions would go through the girls committee first and the youth players would go through the executive council. A limit on the number of non-home association players allowed on a roster at a given age level would provide structure to Tier 2 that currently exists in a slightly different format in Tier 1. Exceptions for all girls programming must be appealed to the girls committee, who will maintain sole authority over the decision with the criteria of geography, needs of the team, and the effects on home associations.

Motion Lincoln, 2nd Lakes

Discussion There was spirited discussion surrounding the limitation of 1 move versus the current 2 moves and the application to all players and not limited to the girls teams. The issue is predominantly a girls only team issue and less so for the youth teams therefore they did not want to "fix something that isn't broken." There also was concern

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that language around allowing a certain number of players on each age level team from another association would encourage movement for boys and lead to the creation of super teams. Lengthy discussion was held.

Friendly Amendment was proposed to change the language to apply to Girls Only teams and not the youth teams

Motion to Add Friendly Amendment-Dorley, 2 nd KCYHA

Motion Passes

Proposal-Approved with the addition of the application to Girls Only.

### **5th Proposal-Increase Oversight on the Girls Affiliate Border Players**

The purpose of this proposal non-affiliate female players cannot be rostered on an all-girls team without the explicit recommendation from the Girls Committee, with the executive council then approving. A denial at the Committee level may be appealed to the Executive Council.

Motion Lakes, 2nd Lincoln

Discussion Noted was an issue the most recent playing season with out of affiliate players potentially unseating less skilled affiliate female players. Much debate surrounded what constituted a "border" state, with the definition explained as "having a shared border with MWAHA." It was noted that the girls that played in from Arkansas were closer to Kansas City than they were to Nashville or anywhere else.

Proposal-Approved

All ballots were collected and counted by Secretary Westendorf and affirmed by Vice President Dorley. Ballots are on file for the record.

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

Jason Sheehy reported the league expanding to 14 teams with the addition of Boji. Iowa City had to rescind their approval for participation at this time.

### **Goaltending Report**

TGFF is encouraged as USA Hockey tries to grow the development of goaltenders. Working to build better network of goalie coaches and provided his contact information for all associations.

### **MHL Report**

Participation was strong and growing with 56 total teams. They are using My Hockey Rankings for seeding. Always looking for more help. Mary reported Select Tournaments will be held December 13-15, January 10-12, and January 24-26 (Championships)

### **SafeSport Report**

Doug Dorley reported affiliate had 71 cases this season. Overall handling them well.

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**Girls Hockey Report**

Kristi Francis submitted written report

**Player Safety Report**

Concussion reporting is still poor.

**Website Report**

Mary Helmick reported the need for updating the website with new association board members.

**Referee in Chief**

Russ Coll-not present

**Showcase Team**

U18 tryouts in July

**Player Development**

Doug Dietz-at the coaching clinic

Les Teplicky-at the coaching clinic

**Registrar**

Provided information in breakout session

**New Business**

The affiliate is looking for volunteers to run the growth committee. The primary function of the committee is to encourage growth through grass roots efforts. They will be responsible for awarding funding for programs at the local level annually, either through submitted requests or achieving growth milestones. All associations that name a growth coordinator are eligible to apply for funding. The committee will determine the process required.

**Directors that will vote at the June 21, 2025 annual meeting:**

Association Name 2024-2025 Director Count	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	1
AMES MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	2
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	1
KANSAS CITY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	3
WICHITA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	1
INDEPENDENCE ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUE	2
NORTHLAND HOCKEY LEAGUE	2
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

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TRI-CITY YOUTH ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	1
FREMONT ICE ASSOCIATION	1
LINCOLN STARS AAA	1
OMAHA AAA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	1
OMAHA HOCKEY CLUB	3
	47
Executive Council	7
Total	54

## Growth Awards

Association Name	Growth	Funding
QUAD CITY SLED HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	145.5%	\$750
SIOUXLAND SLED HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	104.3	\$250
LAKES AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	108.9	\$250
DES MOINES YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	123%	\$500
WATERLOO YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	124%	\$500
AMES MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	111.7%	\$500
HOCKEY CLUB DES MOINES	119.1%	\$500
IOWA CITY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	119.8%	\$500
QUAD CITY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	118.4%	\$500
WICHITA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	104.9%	\$250
NEBRASKA WARRIORS HOCKEY	122.6%	\$500
LINCOLN ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	118.4%	\$500

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**Next Meeting.** In accordance with Bylaws, President Spencer announced the next annual meetings will likely be held after Summer Congress 2024 on June 21, 2025.

**Closing Remarks**

President Spencer expressed gratitude for all volunteers.

**Adjournment.** Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melody Westendorf 563-676-9395