

# MCYHA Board Meeting Minutes

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## Manitowoc County Ice Center

March 2, 2009

Attending; Mark Herzog, Shannon Nickels, Missy Christensen, Carmen Persaud, Brian Kiley, Cassy Braun, Jennifer Rogler, Ken Deschene, Angie Morrelle, and Theresa Smoter.

Guests; Carmen Pankratz (Blue Line Club), Lisa Callsen (Blade Bash Coordinator), Dianne Mayer (WIAA Task Force), and Branden Hakala (JV Coach).

Call to order; 7:03 p.m.

Approval of minutes; A motion was made to approve February minutes as submitted, seconded and passed unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

WIAA approval and communication process; There has been some concerns/questions regarding the change from WAHA to WIAA. The plan is to include both JV and Varsity levels. Tryouts will be held as they always have, and fees will be determined by the same process we currently have in place. Basically, the athletic director will be in charge of scheduling games, refs, bussing, hiring coaches, etc. Our association will continue to be self-funded and the school fees will be invoiced to our association. The students will now be able to letter in hockey. It is becoming very difficult to schedule close games. As of next season, Oshkosh, Sheboygan, Shawano, and Appleton are all going to be WIAA. We will have a new team name, but as it stands we can keep the jerseys and bags we currently use because the colors are appropriate and our name isn't printed on the jerseys.

Appointment of MCIC Board/MCYHA representative; A representative is needed for communication between the MCIC and MCYHA Board who is currently a non-member of the MCYHA Board. There was a nomination of Kathryn Livingston. Mark is going to speak with her about this position.

Summer Ice; We still do not know when the ice will be in. There may be only 4-6 weeks of ice time ending towards the end of July. Due to costs, we would need volunteers from the hockey association to help set up the boards and glass and paint lines if we want to use ice this summer. Any programs this summer will need to work around public skate. A couple ideas were maybe a 1 week skills camp, or to maybe continue the Basic Skate program? There is not enough information as to which weeks are available to make any plans at this point.

### COMMITTEE, LIAISON & TASK FORCE REPORTS

Programs/Marketing Committee; They plan to have the Basic Skate, Travel teams and practice schedule dates for next season by their next meeting.

Blue Line Club; no report at this time.

Fundraising; The second pizza sale brought in \$1200 profit. The Blade Bash was successful this year. The estimated profit looks to be about equal to last years. Kohl's Department Store is donating \$500 to our association through their Kohl's Cares

Program. The attending number was lower this year than last year, however we had fewer expenses this year. Lisa is planning on developing a checklist or timeline for planning future Blade Bash dates. This would be a great key for any future coordinators to help make planning this event less stressful and smoother. A volunteer liaison would be beneficial also, someone to help find the volunteers to make this a successful event. Lisa mentioned a couple interested people in planning this event; Jill Schulander - Silent Auction, and Lisa Johnston- Blade Bash Marketing Director.

Coaching; There is no information yet on the player evaluation status. The evaluations on the coaches are complete. The majority was positive. We need to recruit the head and assistant coach for Bantam level and Basic Skate. Jay Hetland is no longer interested in chairing the coaching committee. Nominees for this position include Mark Persaud from the Pee Wee level, and Craig Everson from the Varsity level. There is a need for this committee to be expanded. There should be one coach from each level representing, and any other member with a hockey background would be welcome to join.

Finance; The current P & L was distributed. With the two pizza sales, the money deposited never went through the treasurer, so there weren't any details of actual profit. Lowell Johnson has resigned from his position as treasurer and as MCYHA Board member a little sooner than planned, and Brian Kiley will take over the treasurer position immediately. Lowell plans on assisting Brian with the transition. The IRS situation has been completely resolved and there will be no penalty.

#### OPEN FORUM

There is a fundraising opportunity for our association at the Resch Center for Gambler games. We can sell concessions and 50/50 raffle tickets. We need someone to head up and organize this program. Anyone interested can get more details from Cassy Braun.

With the new MC Sports Store that has just opened in Manitowoc, they have a MC Team Sports Program that is free, and can be utilized by any team or league in the community. Coaches can sign up by filling out an application card. Benefits include merchandise discounts, equipment checklists, free products, team supplies and equipment. Carmen is willing to sign up our association and have information on this program and any available coupons to be distributed next season.

Carmen mentioned an available grant of \$2500 through Liberty Mutual. The Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports Community Grant. If this is something we would be interested in looking into, Carmen volunteered to head this up.

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next regular Board meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2009 @ 7:00p.m. @ MCIC.