

**MINUTES OF MIAMA BOARD MEETING
LESUEUR COMMUNITY CENTER
October 6, 2004**

Board Members Present : Mike Bauer, Doug Brady, Walt Bruley Gary Bye, Pete Carlson, Bob Furland, Garry Hadden, Tom Moriarty, Al Payne and Russ Rose

Others Present: Rich Rakness and Dave Black

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM. Minutes from the September 7, 2004 board meeting, September 8 Annual Business Meeting and agenda were approved. There was a correction in the Business Meeting minutes regarding the fee MIAMA would receive for arena web page advertising. The \$25 is the rate for a member arena to advertise their own facility or programs and if the arena sells space to a sponsor/advertiser, then MIAMA would receive 25% of the advertising fee.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Service awards have been mailed to recipients not at the Fall Conference. Thank you notes were sent to the vendors sponsoring the socials and breaks.

Account balance 9-30-04 is \$23,620.74. Invoices for all outstanding conference registrations, vendor and sponsor fees have been mailed. A \$1,000 deposit check for the 2005 conference was mailed to Ruttger's.

The 2004 Fall Conference had income of \$12,725 and expenses of \$11,425. The projected budget for 2004 is income of \$41,310 plus \$14,790 balance from 2003 for total funds of \$56,100. Expenses are projected at \$40,000 for a net \$16,100 at the end of the year.

If membership and conference fees remained the same in 2005, then the preliminary budget for 2005 indicates income of \$37,350 plus \$16,100 balance from 2004 for a 2005 total fund of \$53,450. Expenditures, if the same as 2004 budget, would be \$42,000 for a net \$11,450 at the end of 2005.

Report was approved.

FALL CONFERENCE: Comments reflected that the location was well liked. The set-up for the trade show was good, but the breakouts at the tradeshow did not work. Possibly make use of ice at the IRA next year. Sessions were very well attended and of interest. There seems to be an interest in having round tables. Olympics was a success and should do again.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS: Al P. will mail to all board members a list of the vendors indicating an interest in doing presentations at district meetings, spring workshop and conference. Walt B. requested assistance from Pete C. and Bob F. regarding STAR and ISI programs. There was discussion regarding the training of resurfacers drivers.

WEB PAGE: Dean M. will be responsible for maintaining the web page. Mike B. will be the contact for web page advertising. There has been some difficulty communicating with Patrick Clark at Nova Technology. Al P. did speak to Patrick regarding the newsletter and the ice for sale. Patrick indicated that the ice for sale can be changed to be more customer friendly. Al P. will follow-up.

Regarding information for managers only, it was suggested to use the manager's bulletin board already in place. Currently the vendors do not have access to manage their page. Does this need to be changed?

MEMBER RECOGNITION: Al P. will mail to all board members the list of people who have received service awards. District representatives can then check with their district members if there are any additions.

MN Hockey: The HEP program was held at the Xcel. There was a good coaches turnout, but poor parent turnout. There is discussion about some possible redistricting. The board asked Rich Rakness if there were going to be any fliers or posters regarding the fair play point since there seemed to be a number of people unfamiliar with the program. Rich was not sure.

USA Hockey is investigating into policies for association's liabilities and insurance. Garry H. indicated that MN Hockey and Let's Play Hockey indicated they are willing to work with MIAMA on issues.

OLD BUSINESS: The board voted to accept the proposal by Dean Mulso to locate the office at his home in Cottage Grove and for Dean to fill the positions of Administrative Assistant and Treasurer.

There was discussion regarding the ISI Board position. There are currently 35 members on the board and the ISI is hoping to add 7 regional organization representatives, including MIAMA. There were questions regarding having different MIAMA members attend the ISI meetings and if the vote was by the organization, not an individual representative? The board approved that MIAMA accept the board position on ISI. The board then approved Russ Rose to attend the ISI meeting November 5, 2004.

Russ R. requested that he be a liaison with STAR. The board approved Russ R. as liaison. Russ then indicated that STAR is interested in holding it's SIRO program in MN. This program is to assist in training resurfacers operators. The workshop is to provide training and instruction on how to administer the SIRO program as an in-house training program. There was discussion on the fees, MIAMA's involvement, where and when to hold the sessions. Russ will investigate, so topic tabled.

Al P. indicated that he had not proceeded with a new rinkfinder poster for the arenas. MIAMA should consider a new posters now that we have "ice for sale", "job posting", etc and will have advertising and the newsletter on our sight. It was also suggested that MIAMA needs to develop a booth display for MIAMA. There may possibly be a vendor that can assist, such as Sightline Displays.

NEW BUSINESS: Board members were assigned to write an article in Let's Play Hockey as follows:

Issue	Deadline	By	Issue	Deadline	By
7	Nov 8	Mike B	16	Jan 17	Doug b.
8.	Nov 15	Walt B.	18	Jan 31	Pete C.
10	Nov 29	Tom M	20	Feb 14	Russ R.
12	Dec 13	Bob F.	22	Feb 28	Gary B.
14	Jan 3	Doreen G.	24	Mar 14	Garry H.

Dean M. will need to select an issue.

Al P. reminded the board that applications for the Padgett Award will be due in January so that board can select the recipient at the February board meeting. The board indicated that the \$400 grant would remain the same. Members will need to be notified of application due date this fall.

The board approved that 2005 membership fees remain the same: \$175 for new facility members, \$100 for facility member renewal and \$150 for vendors. There would be no newsletter subscription since it will free on rinkfinder.

The board approved that mileage reimbursement remain \$.31 per mile and meals \$32. Then that lodging be a reasonable rate along with a receipt.

Need to request or investigate locations for the Spring Workshop. A decision on the location needs to be finalized at the February meeting.

Russ R. contacted STAR regarding SIRO. STAR would possibly allow the host sight facility free registration. STAR would like to host 2-3 sessions in a 4-5 time frame. There would be a minimum of 10 and maximum of 20 people per session. There may also be the possibility to host 1 or 2 sessions plus a discussion group at the Fall Conference.

Russ requested that board approve hosting 3 sessions. There was discussion regarding option for MIAMA to pay a stipend to STAR to reduce the registration fee. Gary B. suggested sending out a notice for the full registration of \$125 to see what response we receive.

The board approved that MIAMA pay \$25 per facility registration, then advertise the fee as \$100 and that MIAMA would handle the registrations for 3 locations.

Russ will check on dates and locations.

Walt B. asked about the directory and web page updates. He also asked if maps could be included again? It's anticipated that new directories would be available by April.

Al P. recommended that the By-Laws be reviewed for the election process for board members. There needs to be a clarification regarding the re-election of board members who have been appointed.

The chairperson assignments for 2004-05 are as follows:

Fall Conference	Walt B. and Doug B.
Spring Workshop	Russ R. and Walt B.
Board Nominations & Elections	Pete C.
Member Recognition	Dean M.
Education Programs	Walt B. and Russ R.
Web Page	Dean M. and Mike B.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 1, 2005 at the St. Croix Valley Recreation Center, Stillwater. Walt B. asked if the start times could be later to accommodate travel? Time needs to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 1:14 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Payne
MIAMA Secretary/Treasurer