

**MINUTES OF MIAMA BOARD MEETING
BURNSVILLE ICE CENTER, BURNSVILLE, MN
FEBRUARY 28, 2007**

Board Members Present: Mary Pat Black, Doug Brady, Gordy Atol, Russ Rose, Dean Mulso, Maurice Slepica, Joe Balzer, Travis Larson, Garry Hadden, Rich Rakness, Bob Furland, Dave Black

Board Member Absent: Ted Mateski,

Visitor Present: Mark Vaughan

The meeting was called to order at 9:31am.

The minutes from the December 6, 2006 board meeting were moved by Mary Pat B. and seconded by Dean M., minutes approved. The agenda was moved by Russ R. and seconded by Garry H., agenda approved.

OPEN FORUM: Should Arenas run in-house leagues to keep the costs down to the participants? Or is our role to find more skaters? The general discussion was about what direction the arenas should go when trying to provide more opportunities to skaters and increase revenues. Who is our demographics, when can we get them on the ice, how do we get them on the ice. Mark Vaughan would ask that all district reps have a district meeting prior to the spring conference to get them thinking about this issue and somewhat outside the box. Also to come to the conference and listen to other peers with an open mind.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Dean M. reported that all arenas from 2006 renewed their memberships except Centennial and Winter Arenas in Grafton, ND and Columbia Arena which no longer exist. He also reported that 59 vendors have renewed with 12 vendors choosing not to renew. Dean has sent out informational pieces on the upcoming Spring conference via snail mail twice and via e-mail numerous times. He will continue to send out e-mail until mid-March. To date 7 people have signed up for the conference.

Taxes have been completed for 2006 and the organization has been registered with the state for 2007. Dean M. presented the year end balances for 2006. MIAMA ended 2006 with a balance of \$23,269.60. MIAMA currently has a balance of \$54,671.69 as of February 27, 2007. The secretary/treasurer report was accepted.

MIAMA/ISI NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Mark Vaughan was present to give the board an overview of the conference agenda. He made a point to make sure the board informs their district members to attend and when arriving have an open mind to ideas and thoughts shared by people around the country. Our job is not just selling ice to the local youth association anymore; it is running the facility as a business to cover all of our costs – capital included. Bob F. will get three options on shirts for the board and e-mail t us. The board will vote via e-mail on the decisions.

MIAMA social is on Wednesday evening of the conference. Eight sponsors have been secured to date. Six sponsors with gifts of money, and two sponsors with the gift of a 42" plasma TV. It appears that we will have two Olympic curling team members present, the Dakota Curling members present to help with the how to curl part of the social and Phil Housley to mingle with the crowd. It looks as though we may have a signed Chicago Blackhawk's jersey as a door prize.

FALL WORKSHOP: Tentatively set for September 5th. Plans are very tentative and more answers will be brought back to next board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

PADGETT AWARD: The 2006 winner is Burnsville Ice Center. The Arena will be contacted.

ALAN K. PAYNE CONFERENCE GRANTS: The winners are Kyle Bodsberg of Veterans Memorial Community Center in Inver Grove Heights, MN and Mike Scherer of the Burnsville Ice Center in Burnsville, MN. The winner will be contacted.

NARCE CONFERENCE: The one attendee from the board is Gordy Atol. The board will pay \$500.00 to help defray costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

RAMSEY COUNTY: They are requesting a waiver of \$150.00 for 2007 membership dues. Bob F. moved to agree that Ramsey County pay \$200.00 for 2007 and MIAMA send a letter to state such and that for 2008 their fee will be \$350.00 or more if membership dues are increased by the board. Seconded by Russ R., motioned approved.

MINNESOTA ICE ARENA BOOK: Enter into an agreement with MIAMA and Dale Decker to have link on website to sell books. For every book sold off the website MIAMA will receive \$3.00 per book. He will also like to have each member rink put up a poster in their rink to help them direct people to the website for purchase the book. Joe B. moved to accept agreement with sales tracking quarterly and payment quarterly with a one year term and renewable by both party's. Bob F. seconded, motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Working with STAR and ISI to get them to offer classes.

WEB PAGE COMMITTEE: Bob F. moved not to exceed \$500.00 for the capability to upload pictures on each arena and vendor pages. Seconded by Garry H. Motion approved. Dean M. will contact Mike B. at the web provider to get cost.

MEMBER REGONITION: No report

MN HOCKEY: No real news

RETIREES/ALUMNI: No report

ELECTIONS: No report

DISTRICT REPORTS:

CENTRAL: No report

SOUTH METRO: Next meeting March 28 at Bloomington Ice Garden

SOUTHERN: No report

NORTH METRO: No report

WEST METRO: No report

NORTHEAST: No report

EAST METRO: No report.

The next board meeting will be held at 11:00am at the May 29th, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Mulso
MIAMA Secretary/Treasurer/Administrative Assistant