

**MINUTES OF MIAMA BOARD MEETING
ALL SEASONS ARENA, MANKATO
FEBRUARY 6, 2008**

Board Members Present: Dean Mulso, Joe Balzer, Paul Ostoff, Rich Rakness, Gordy Atol, Dave Black, Dave Van Vickle, Mike Sheggeby, Craig Flor, Travis Larson, Maurice Slepica

Board Member Absent: Ted Mateski, Mary Pat Black

Visitors Present: Eric Edhlund

The meeting was called to order at 9:13a.m.

The agenda was moved Dean M. by and seconded by Paul O. the agenda was approved.

The minutes from the October 3, 2007 board meeting were moved by -- and seconded by --, the minutes were approved.

OPEN FORUM: Dave B. brought up the issue of FSN in arena's specifically in Woodbury without paying \$1,500.00 a year. They are considered a bar/restaurant. Dave wanted to bring the issue forward and it is based on Washington County cable commission is being charged by FSN. Maurice S. suggested a letter by MIAMA to show our relationship with them and the hockey community. No action will be taken at this time by MIAMA.

Joe B. had an e-mail from Gary VanSickle about using them to hold workshops on ice sheet install, etc... First thought would be to use our current vendors and work with them. Joe will follow up with Gary.

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Dean handed out the year end and "to date" expenditures and income budgets. Overall, MIAMA is in excellent financial shape with a year end balance of \$17,283.76. To date we have 156 arena members and 46 vendor members. The deadline for renewal was February 1st, 2008. Dean will send one more statement and finalize all current members by the middle of February. Current balance is \$35,496.9. Treasurer's report was accepted.

Dean will need the final layout of the Spring Workshop so he can make the brochure and get it mailed out by the last week of February. Dean will be doing a mass mailing in February to include the following items; Spring Workshop brochure, Fall Conference Grant application, James Padgett Award application, annual survey (long form) and a membership update page. Dean would like to be able to e-mail most everyone these types of documents in the future to get in their hands quicker.

SPRING WORKSHOP: Gordy A. and Dave V. brought forward their ideas for the Spring workshop. Nothing has been decided to date. They are thinking of Duluth and the date will be either May 6, 7, 8, 2008. Paul O. moved to keep the fees the same as 2007, \$10 members, \$25 for non-members. Seconded Craig F. motion carried.

FALL CONFERNCE: Eric E. and Mike S. gave the board a rough draft layout and discussed some other options they are still milling over. Dean M. moved to contact ISI and STAR to give us a proposal to a three year commitment to offer their classes at our conference(s). Seconded by Paul O. Mike S. and Eric E. will contact the two organizations. With good discussion about how and why the motion carried.

Joe B. moved to introduce our educational program at the spring workshop. No second, motion fails. Paul O. moved to approve the conference registration fee of \$135.00, seconded by Dean M. Motion carried. Paul O. moved to explore more sponsorships for the conference, Dave V. seconded. Discussion followed that there may be a concern that we are endorsing that vendor if they sponsor. Motion carried.

Dean will get proposals for 2010 and 2011 conference sites and pricing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Gordy A. reported that Doug Brady from Stillwater is looking for an ice maintenance training class in the fall. The board addressed the issue during our Fall Conference discussion and will be contacting STAR and ISI.

WEB PAGE COMMITTEE: Travis L. presented information to improve our website to include but not limited to, Conference registrations, information on conferences, Pay Pal processing, domain and hosting an additional site for all this information. This would give us complete control over this website but doesn't affect the rinkfinder.com website. It would improve the going green movement by providing most communication to the membership electronically. Travis L. moved to purchase www.MIAMA.org from godaddy.com for 5 years. Mike S. seconded. Motioned carried. Paul O. moved to pay for hosting for 5 years and pay pal option, Maurice S. seconded, motion carried.

MEMBER REGONITION: Should be receiving updates through the Annual survey plus the database MIAMA has acquired already.

MN HOCKEY: No longer have a representative attending from the board, however will still have Rich Rakness as the MN hockey board member attend our meeting to give us updates. No report at this time.

ISI BOARD REP: Jim Becker attended the meeting in Plano, TX. An overview of his report is as follows; ISI has a new office in Plano, TX. They are currently searching to fill a position of Director of Management Programs and Services. They have a new software program for the membership base called "gomembers". This program should be up and running completely by April 1st, 2008. ISI has a new website and they are very excited about its look and ease of use. ISI membership was done slightly in 2007 however the weSKATE program has over 6,000 registrants to date.

ELECTIONS: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

PADGETT AWARD: Will be mailing out by end of month. Joe B. moved to provide to full conference packages (lodging and registration) seconded by Travis L. Motion is amended to include double occupancy. Motioned carried. This replaces the \$400.00 stipend previously given.

ALAN K. PAYNE CONFERENCE GRANT: Will be mailing out by end of month.

NARCE CONFERENCE: STAR has agreed to give the MIAMA board to conference registrations and a trade show booth again this year at the conference. MIAMA will send two individuals to the conference and to man the trade show booth.

CREDIT CARD PROCESSING: Covered in Website report.

ASSIGN LET'S PLAY HOCKEY ARTICLES: These are deadlines that we need to submit articles. October 22– Gordy, November 5– Joe, November 16– Paul, December 3– Dave V., December 17– Mike, January 7 – Craig, January 21 – Mary Pat, February 4 – Ted, February 18 – Travis, February 29 – Dean, March 17 – Maurice. This was addressed to make sure each board member submitted their articles as some have forgotten to do so.

OTHER:

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNUAL SURVEY: Mailed out at end of February.

MIAMA COURTESY CARDS: Joe B. brought it up should we reissue them. Not decision was made.

NON-MEMBERS: Do we invite non-members to come to events and give them a carrot (savings). Joe will work on a proposal and bring back to May meeting.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

CENTRAL: No report

SOUTH METRO: No Report

SOUTHERN: SIRO program. Everyone was very happy and it went very well.

NORTH METRO: No report

WEST METRO: No report

NORTHEAST: No report

EAST METRO: No report.

NEXT MEETING: MAY, 2008 – Duluth? Meeting date time and location will be determined at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Mulso

MIAMA Secretary/Treasurer/Administrative Assistant