

**MINUTES OF MIAMA BOARD MEETING**  
**Grand View Lodge, Nisswa, MN**  
**September 2, 2008**

Board Members Present: Dean Mulso, Joe Balzer, Dave Van Vickle, Mike Sheggeby, Maurice Slepica, Dave Black, Mary Pat Black, Craig Flor, Ted Mateski, Rich Rakness, Paul Ostoff

Board Member Absent: Travis Larson, Jim Becker, Gordy Atol

Visitors Present: Eric Edhlund

The meeting was called to order at 8:14pm.

The agenda was moved by Mary Pat B. and seconded by Mike S. The agenda was approved.

The minutes from the June 18, 2008 board meeting were moved by Maurice S. and seconded by Craig F. The minutes were approved.

OPEN FORUM: None

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Overall, MIAMA continues to be in excellent financial shape with a current balance of \$52,647.71. To date we have 174 arena members and 67 vendor members. We still have our major expenditures for the 2008 budget to pay, that being the Fall Conference bill. We also have about 25 outstanding invoices to be paid. I will have a full report with a proposed 2009 budget for the October board meeting. The Secretary/Treasurer's report was accepted.

FALL CONFERENCE: Registration started today with the iAIM attendees and will continue each day. Dean will be present at all registration tables. Packets will need to be finished on Wednesday afternoon with just the tablets left to be put into the folders.

The President Balzer will introduce the conference co-chairs and they will welcome the attendees and then President Balzer will also welcome our attendees and introduce the board of directors, Padgett Award Winner and conference grant recipients.

The board will have assigned duties for the business meeting so please have your topic ready for Wednesday evening. We need to keep the meeting moving so, be short and to the point.

Dean M. has all the awards ready, and President Balzer along with Craig F. will hand them out to the people that are present. Dean M. will mail those out that are not attending. We will ask if an arena staff is present to take award home to save on costs.

Mary Pat B. has the results and Jeff Horstman from Becker Arena Products is the new vendor member rep and Kevin Madsen from Willmar is the new Central District rep.

Maurice S. and Dean M. will handle the golf tournament and Paul O. will handle the trap shooting. Dean M. purchased prizes for the winning teams, etc...

Dean M. has the ballots for the Concept and Horror stories of the year. However, we did not publish it well this year so not sure how the turn out will be. We can have a table at the trade show. Winner(s) will receive a prize.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Continue to promote iAIM and look at STAR for the Spring Conference.

WEB PAGE COMMITTEE: MIAMI.org we have 123 registered users. Really want to get the blogging area to get going. The managers section on Rinkfinder.com needs to have everything migrate to miama.org.

MEMBER REGONITION: It is ready and we will hand out at Wednesday meeting.

MN HOCKEY: One site tournament has been nixed. New director will start September 9<sup>th</sup>.

ISI BOARD REP: Dean M. has offered to be the MIAMA representative since he was elected to the ISI board as Public Section representative. He would like MIAMA to continue to give a \$500 stipend for the two meetings that this representative attends. This would be no change to the current situation MIAMA has done in the past. Moved by Mary Pat B. and seconded by Maurice S. Motion was amended by Mary Pat. B. and seconded by Ted M. to raise the motion to \$750.00 for each meeting. Motion carries.

ELECTIONS: Completed and new board members will be brought on board in October.

GREEN: No report

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. FALL CONFERENCE PROPOSALS – The committee is recommending to the board to accept the proposal from Ruttger’s Sugar Lake Lodge for 2010 – 2013. They have presented the best offer for all years based on pricing. They also will give us a credit of \$1,000.00 to be used in 2009 or 2010. They have added new meeting spaces as well as lodging next to the main lodge. The committee did take into consideration that it is about 53 miles further north than Bay Lake Lodge or Breezy Point (the other two finalists), but felt the savings outweighed the drive. Motion by Dean M. to approve Sugar Lake Lodge for 2010 through 2013 seconded by Mike S. 6 in favor and 3 against. Motion carries.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. VENDOR CONCERNS: Spring show was to cold and lacked participation by the attendees. Should we only have one trade show per year? Price break for doing both shows? Have attendees sign a card in order to win door prizes. Set standard rules for future boards to follow when putting conferences together.
- B. ELECT NEW BOARD MEMBERS – Joe B. and Mike S. were nominated for President. Ballot vote for President with Joe B. receiving the votes to serve a second term. Mary Pat B. moved to

destroy the ballots, seconded by Maurice S. Motion carried. Dean M. motioned to approve Travis Larson as Vice President, seconded by Paul O. Motion carried.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

CENTRAL: No report

SOUTH METRO: No Report

SOUTHERN: No report

NORTH METRO: No report

WEST METRO: No report

NORTHEAST: No report

EAST METRO: No report.

NEXT MEETING: October 2008. Location TBD, MN 9:30a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Mulso  
MIAMA Secretary/Treasurer/Administrative Assistant