

MINUTES of MIAMA BOARD MEETING
ROGERS, MN
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2009
10:30 AM

Board Members Present: Dean Mulso, Dave Van Vickle, Mike Sheggeby, Paul Ostoff, Brad Tullberg, Rich Rakness, Eric Edhlund, Dave Black, Dave Van Vickle, Jon Balvance, Mike Bauer, Craig Flor, Jeff Horstman

Board Member Absent: Kevin Madsen

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m.

Motion to accept October agenda with the addition of STAR under the Committee Reports was made by Jon Balvance and seconded by Mike Bauer. The motion carried.

Motion to accept August 31st, 2009 board meeting minutes was made by Jeff Horstman and seconded by Paul Ostoff. The motion carried.

OPEN FORUM: None

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/TREASURER:

Dean Mulso will be getting invoices ready to be mailed out in early December 2009 for 2010 membership. We have \$550 of outstanding invoices from the Fall Conference. All accounts payable are up to date. Enclosed in your e-mail packets are the current budget and proposed 2010 budget.

It is treasurer Mulso's opinion that MIAMA continues to be strong financially, but with us offsetting education we need to be sure we keep our yearend balance around \$10,000 to \$13,000. We should see a 2009 year end balance of approximately \$28,879.58. I anticipate expenses left for 2009 to be approximately \$14,550.00. With the proposed 2010 budget it is anticipated to spend down the balance to be 10,824.58 at the end of 2010.

The Secretary/Treasurer's report was accepted.

FALL CONFERENCE REVIEW:

Positive feedback overall on the Conference. Moving trade show up a day was a good move. If possible, see if we can move the trade show up one hour. Attendees would like to see coffee and pop during breaks. Use new presenters next year and new topics. Due to low registration we had to cancel one of the ISI courses that were offered. Suggestion by attendees and the board is that we would like to discuss with ISI, that anyone that signs up for the courses will be able to complete a portion (TBD) online prior to conference and then complete the remainder of the course Tuesday – Friday and then be able to network on Thursday afternoon with the rest of the attendees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION – Where do we think we are going and what direction we want to go in the future was the comment from committee member Paul Ostoff? Does MIAMA want to provide classes for air quality testing to all MN and surrounding state ice arenas? Do we try and partner with the MDH for hands on class and possibly be able to certify each arena that completes the course.

The ISI contract is due to either expire after the 2010 Fall Conference or we can extend it for years four and five. Discussion was had about the drop of 50% of attendance from year one to year two. DO we just go through the three year period? This will have provided our membership the opportunity to attend ISI's three main iAIM courses. Mike Sheggeby made a motion to not extend past the three year commitment, seconded by Paul Ostoff. The motion carried.

WEB PAGE – Working with TST Media and getting a new design for rinkfinder.com. Committee will be meeting with ad people to see if selling ads and a revenue share will work for MIAMA. Committee will update the board more at February meeting. The Green information piece is on miama.org and is a work in progress type of document. All members can add to the document.

MEMBER RECOGNITION – Dean Mulso will continue to head this one person committee and get all the certificates ready for those members that are on the recognition list currently and any new ones that come in through the annual survey. These are handed out at the annual Fall Conference.

MN HOCKEY – Rich Rakness will continue to stay on as the rep for MN Hockey. A lot of negative feedback on school based registration this year so they may go back to residence based. MN Hockey may go from 12 to 14 districts next year. More information to come in the future.

ISI – Dean Mulso will be attending the Fall board meeting in Plano, TX November 13-15, 2009. No report at this time. He will have a report at the February board meeting.

ELECTIONS – No report

GREEN – Added document to maima.org for membership to add to. The committee and the board have decided to reduce the topic at conferences in 2010 and just talk about changes and updates during annual meetings.

STAR – Discussion around their website and looking at TST Media also to change their look and function. STAR is possibly going to be doing online education classes as well. Education classes in MN were very strong. The rest of the country is struggling. National conference numbers were down as well and classes were canceled there as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

FOLLOW UP WITH LETTER TO BOARD ABOUT CERTAIN VENDOR ACTIONS – It is in the best interest of MIAMA to not get in the middle of a rink and vendor issue. Do we want to put together a vendor code of conduct? No decision was made at this time. We can inform our membership to use the tools in place that we have for each arena, such as e-mail lists, chat rooms, word of mouth, etc... to discuss issues that arise with clients, vendors, other arenas and staff.

COMMITTEE/CHAIRPERSON ASSIGNMENTS:

FALL CONFERENCE – Eric Edhlund and Jon Balvance

SPRING WORKSHOP – Craig Flor and Brad Tullberg

BOARD NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS – Mike Bauer

MEMBER RECOGNITION – Dean Mulso

EDUCATION PROGRAMS – Paul Ostoff and Mike Bauer, Mike Sheggeby, Brad Tullberg, Joe Balzer, and Shayne Ratcliff.

WEB PAGE – Mike Sheggeby and Travis Larson

ISI – Dean Mulso

MN HOCKEY – Rich Rakness

GREEN – Paul Ostoff and Mike Bauer and Shayne Ratcliff

STAR – Mike Sheggeby

RE-DISTRICTING – Mike Bauer, Rich Rakness and Jon Balvance

AIR QUALITY – Eric Edhlund, Rich Rakness, Paul Ostoff and Dave Black, Eric will ask Mike Mattson from Ramsey County if he would like to serve

OTHER - None

NEW BUSINESS:

PADGETT AWARD – Dean Mulso told the board that 2010 application will be forwarded to the website editors to be posted on miama.org for February 1st, 2010. Applications will be due April 1st, 2010 and the winner will be announced at the 2010 Spring Workshop.

CONFERENCE GRANT APPLICATIONS - Dean Mulso told the board that 2010 application will be forwarded to the website editors to be posted on miama.org for February 1st, 2010. Applications will be due April 1st, 2010 and the winner(s) will be announced at the 2010 Spring Workshop. Dean Mulso made a motion to offer up to ten (10) Fall Conference grant applications this year, seconded by Dave V. Motion carries.

PROPOSED 2010 BUDGET – Treasurer Dean Mulso went over the proposed 2010 budget with the board. He mentioned that now is the time to change anything before we agree on a final budget.

MEMBERSHIP FEES – The 2010 MIAMA fees for memberships, workshops and conferences were proposed by treasurer Mulso. The board had discussions and Jeff Horstman made a motion to accept the proposed fees for the 2010 budget, seconded by Eric Edhlund. The motion carried.

MILEAGE/LODGING REIMBURSEMENTS – SET EXPENSE FEES – Motion by Dean Mulso to increase mileage to .45 a mile and all other fees remain the same, seconded by Dave Van Vickle. The motion carried.

APPROVE CONTRACTS THAT ARE DUE FOR PAID POSITIONS – All contracts were approved by a motion made by Paul Ostoff and seconded by Craig Flor. The motion carried.

APPROVE 2010 BUDGET – Motion to approve the 2010 budget was made by Eric Edhlund and seconded by Brad Tullberg. The motion carried.

LAYOUT FORMAT FOR 2010 FALL CONFERENCE – New co-chairs will present rough layout and topics at February board meeting.

FSN – COMMERCIAL FOR MIAMA/RINKFINDER.COM – Craig Flor made a motion that MIAMA film another TV commercial with FSN not to exceed \$750.00, seconded by Dean Mulso. The motion carried.

MEMBERS USING VENDORS FIRST – MIAMA will encourage membership to please inquire with MIAMA vendor members when purchasing products or services. Dave Black will put a small comment in the next newsletter.

AIR QUALITY – Paul Ostoff mentioned he would like MIAMA to partner with the State of MN to tackle the air quality issue and problem for the state and possibly surrounding states. Let's be proactive to help solve this problem and come to a solution.

SPRING WORKSHOP LOCATION – Mariucci Arena, Minneapolis, MN – May 5th, 2009

SET MEETING DATES FOR 2009-2010 – First Wednesday of the Month. February 3rd, June 2nd, August 4th. May 4th and September meeting will be via e-mail or Tuesday of the Fall Conference.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

Northeast – Met at DECC in Duluth, MN and painted the ice rink. Alex Karos of Spartan Group talked about H1N1 virus. The group took tour of new rink being built. They also talked about air quality and the upcoming meeting dates with the MDH.

North Metro – Possible meeting coming up. Still trying to get a firm date.

NEXT MEETING: February 3rd, 2010. Location - Roseville Skating Center, Roseville, MN Time - 9:30am

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Dean Mulso and seconded Craig Flor. Meeting adjourned at 1:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Mulso
MIAMA Secretary