

MIAMA Special Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2011  
Roseville Skating Center, Roseville, MN  
9:00am

- I. Members Present – Dean Mulso, Brad Tullberg, Dave Black, Eric Edhlund, Rick Ragan, , Jordan Hirman, Mike Bauer, Cole Politski, Kevin Madsen, Jeff Horstman,
- II. Members Absent – Jon Balvance, Garry Hadden, Bob Haala, Bob Haala, Michael Sheggeby, Travis Larson, Rich Rakness
- III. Guests Present – Dale Hansen, Mark Clasen, Tony Burns, Todd Hill
- IV. Call to Order at 9:04 am
- V. Introductions
- VI. New Board Member – Cale Politski
- VII. Lobbyist – Air Quality – Todd Hill lobbyist and President of Osseo Hockey Association. Works on environmental issues a lot. Tax and commerce as well. Developed good working relationships with both parties, however leans more with republicans. Our air quality committee met two weeks and decided to get more information about the process.

Suggested that we talk to rep Gabler and Abrams and discuss the fee. Each arena member should contact their local reps. Does MIAMA want to draft a general stance and share with each MIAMA member facility. Spread that stance with your local rep and the league of MN Cities if it applies.

The board would like to have Todd help us draft a letter or statement that the membership can use to present to their local reps and other legislators.

Message is the Governor is proposing a \$900 tax on each sheet of ice. Arenas are not receiving any additional services for that tax than what we are doing already. That equals a quarter of a million dollar tax on indoor ice sports. With the new ruling becoming more stringent we are working towards cleaner and safer air quality. As

proposed, the new rule and tax there is no incentive to replace equipment with electric which in turn provides a safer environment. Ask the legislators to provided rebates on purchasing electric equipment.

Dean will contact Rich Rakness about the MN Hockey roundtable. Brad Tullberg will contact his brother-in-law and Paul Ostoff will be in attendance as well.

VIII. Other Business – Mike Bauer has contacted MRPA about their lobbyist and Chamber of Commerce.

IX. Adjourn – motion by Rich and Seconded by Jeff Horstman. 10:43 a.m.