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To: All members of MIAA

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Re: Minutes of initial meeting

On Monday, March 23, 1970, at 10:00 a.m., the initial meeting of the Metro Ice Arena Association was called to order by acting chairman, Mr. John Rossi of the Columbia Arena. Represented at the meeting were the following arenas: Columbia, Roseville, Wakota, Aldrich, Williams and Drake. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

1. Following discussion, it was voted unanimously that a group be formed, consisting of representative personnel from the ice arenas both in and around the Twin City Metropolitan Area. This group will hereafter be referred to as the Metro Ice Arena Association (MIAA).
2. Mrs. Lois Beckstrom of the Wakota Arena nominated Mr. John Rossi for the office of President of the MIAA, and following a unanimous vote he was placed in that office. Mr. Mike Foley of the Drake Arena was appointed to the post of covr. and rec. sec..
3. Membership dues for the MIAA will be \$8.00/yr. per arena. Payment of dues is expected at the next meeting. Checks are to be made out to Metro Ice Arena Assoc..
4. Following discussion it was decided that the minutes of this meeting would be mailed to all arenas in the metropolitan area, regardless of their presence on this date.
5. Frequency of group meetings will be established at a later date. All members, however, are asked to please give consideration as to frequency and possible sites for future meetings.
6. The following topics came up for brief discussion and represent possible in-depth discussion subjects for future meetings:
  - A. Composite schedule of rental rates of all member arenas
  - B. Composite schedule of salaries paid with job descriptions included
  - C. Creation of a "stockpile" of ZAMBONI parts
  - D. Composite list of credit ratings of various rental groups
  - E. Composite list of insurance rates paid by member arenas
  - F. Scheduling of ice time for long-bladers of the metropolitan area
  - G. Comparison of tuition and rental rates for hockey schools

- H. Situations confronted when renting ice to groups and allowing them to sell tickets.
  - I. Establish guidelines for rates and frequency of blade changes and sharpening procedures
  - J. Establish guidelines for cancellations at various arenas (time limits, etc.)
  - K. Composite list of rates for open skating, season tickets, etc. Age levels, cutoff dates, etc.
  - L. Costs of skate sharpening and income and charges of skate rentals
  - M. Composite schedule for all arena operating seasons (Examples: Columbia, May 18-June 18 Shutdown, Roseville, Aug. 20-Sept. 14 Shutdown, Dakota, March 23-June 15 Shutdown, Aug. 8-Oct. 1 Shutdown, etc.)
  - N. Discuss possibility of mailing of monthly schedules to MIAA members
  - O. Percentages of vending incomes from various companies (Also incomes from concessions at member arenas)
  - P. Discussion of pro shops at member arenas
  - Q. Develop professional attitude regarding referring of good rental groups to other arenas when we are unable to accommodate them
  - R. Discussion of game costs for Suburban and Skyline High School Conferences. Also list services provided, such as goal judges, P.A. man, ticket sellers and takers, timers, etc.
  - S. Composite list of charges for youth hockey tournaments
  - T. Discussion of use of ice during daytime, weekday hours (Columbia, for example, offers free babysitting for mothers interested in daytime skating)
  - U. Comparison of contract forms used by member arenas
  - V. Discussion of procedures used to accommodate figure skating clubs, shows, etc.
7. In closing, Mr. Rossi proposed the following date for our next meeting:
- Time: 9:30 a.m.  
 Date: Weds., April 15, 1970  
 Place: The King's Chalet, Sherwood Plaza  
 Highway 65, Fridley
- Date, time and site were unanimously approved.
8. Adjournment was called for and recorded at 12:45 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

  
 H. Michael Foley  
 Sec.-Treas., MIAA