

**MIAMA BOARD MEETING**  
**WAKOTA ARENA**  
**SOUTH SAINT PAUL, MN**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015**  
**9:30 AM**

- Board Members Present:** Craig Flor, Jon Jackson, Rick Ragan, Shayne Ratcliff, Rich Rakness, Jon Balvance, Dave Black, Walt Bruley, Troy Ciernia, John Cole, Rich Czech, Travis Larson
- Board Members Absent:** Dean Mulso, Dave Umlauf, Mike Newton
- Guests:** Jason Eisold-- St Louis Park Rec Center Manager,  
Michelle Snider-MRPA Executive Director
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:36 am.
- Open Forum:** President Craig Flor thanked the board for responding to the budget increase approval for the Fall Conference speaker amount to increase to \$11,000.00.

Guest Jason Eisold St Louis Park Rec Center Manager and Michelle Snider-MRPA Executive Director attended our meeting to discuss the MRPA 2 day seminar that will bring Ian Storey to Minnesota to discuss Energy Efficiencies. Ian has presented this information at NARSC and has been a huge success. The MRPA is offering this session for \$129.00 per person includes lunch and is asking MIAMA to help promote the session to the MIAMA Membership. Attendance size is only 50. MIAMA is more than happy to send out this information to our Membership. Jason will get us a 1 page flyer to send out via e-mail to membership as well as on MIAMA.org.

Motion to accept the February 2015 agenda. Motion was made by Rick Ragan; it was seconded by Shayne Ratcliff. The motion carried.

Motion to accept the October 2014 Meeting Minutes. Motion was made by Jon Balvance; it was seconded by Jon Jackson. The Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/TREASURER:** The income and expense report were shared updated as of February 1, 2015. Motion to accept the treasurer report was made by Shayne Ratcliff: it was seconded by John Cole. The motion carried.

### **SPRING WORKSHOP**

FEES – based on approved budget – arena personnel \$20, vendor table - \$150, sponsors - \$200, extra meal -\$20

- TOPICS AND PRESENTERS John Kriesel is our Keynote speaker just after the business meeting
- GENERAL SESSION TOPICS Department of Health and a few others.

BY-LAW CHANGES – if we have any we will need to present at the business meeting

NON-MEMBER RATE- \$35

The National Hockey Center and St. Cloud State is not charging MIAMA for the spring workshop. They are requesting that their 2015 MIAMA Membership be waived in exchange

### **FALL CONFERENCE**

FEES – based on approved budget – arena personnel \$175, one day \$80, vendor table - \$150, sponsors - \$200, STAR/ISI Member -\$350, STAR/ISI Board Member -\$275

SCHEDULE Committee is working on finalizing schedule. 3 breakout sessions Thursday and 3 on Friday morning to be offered.

EDUCATION- Much discussion on ISI and STAR Classes. The Committee is offering both a STAR class and an ISI Class.

TOPICS AND PRESENTERS - 3 Keynote speakers are all lined up. Lou Nanne, George Campbell, and Jerrid Sebesta

REGISTRATION GIVE AWAYS – Committee is looking at T-Shirts and a gift bag with a logo that would have 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary significance. Committee will be asking Dave Wabbe to acquire door prizes again.

Professional development will include shooting and golf as well as the Bean Bag competition one of the evenings.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BOARD NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS** – Craig Flor, Dave Umlauf, Mike Newton, and Rich Czech are the positions to be replaced. Please let Craig know of anyone interested in participating on the board.

**MEMBER RECOGNITION**- Dean Mulso - Nothing to report

**EDUCATION PROGRAMS** – Rick Ragan and John Cole - Nothing to report

**WEB PAGE** – Travis Larson - Working on Updates for Rinkfinder.com and MIAMA.org

**ISI** – Troy Ciernia - Attended the meeting in November and had several questions regarding ISI participation at our Fall Conference in 2015

**MN HOCKEY** – Rich Rakness - Season winding down and folks gearing up for District playoffs. A survey will be going out on finding out what rinks are accessible for Sled Hockey. Also there will be discussions about the Orange look-up line at the upcoming meeting.

**STAR** – Rick Ragan – Nothing to report

**SOCIAL** – Jon Balvance and Dean Mulso - the Wild Social, March 8, 2015 vs the Colorado Avalanche has 135 people registered. Jon is looking into a weeknight St. Paul Saints Game event for this summer at the new CHS Stadium in St Paul.

**RETIREEES** – Walt Bruley and Rich Rakness - Walt reported that the following applications have been received and approved. Tom Moriarty,(Ramsey County) John VonBank (Burnsville) , Gary Harker (Burnsville) , Gary Petig(Apple Valley), Mark Clasen(Fogerty), Kevin Madsen (Wilmar), Steven Olson (Litchfield)

**REGIONAL MEETING(S)** - Dave Umlauf, Walt Bruley, Recently, a regional meeting was held in Duluth at Fryberger arena to highlight their installed air quality detector built into the boards. It is the state of the art and one of a few installed as I know it. SCR was there to talk about the constant monitoring. Other discussions were regarding Emergency Management and incidents on the ice. Dale Hansen was on sight to discuss resurfacers issues as well.

**OTHER** - None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**PADGETT AWARD** - Applications will be posted on MIAMA.org and are due in April

**ALAN K. PAYNE GRANT** - Applications will be posted on MIAMA.org and are due in April

**MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2014-2015** – May 11, - St. Cloud – 5pm, June 3, 2015 – Fergus Falls, September 8, 2015 – Breezy Point, 6pm dinner, meeting at 7pm October 7, 2015 – Rosemount.

**OTHER** - None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PROPOSAL FOR LOBBYIST** - MIAMA received a proposal from John Evans - see below.

**Background** - The legislature last year appropriated 1.5 million dollars to be distributed by grant administered by the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission to Minnesota Ice Arenas. This year the legislature has introduced bills proposing to provide 2 million dollars for air quality improvements and a bill to provide 3 million dollars from Freon R22 removal.

**Objective** - Work to include 5 million dollars for Freon, Air Quality, and infrastructure improvements in this year's bonding bill and or during next year's bonding bill.

### **Scope of Work**

#### **Legislative Monitoring and Education**

-Monitor the public process to ensure: The Mighty Duck bills get introduced in both the House and Senate.

-Work to ensure the bills get scheduled to be heard in the House and Senate Capital Investment Committee hearings.

-Help organize speakers to testify at the committee hearings.

-Meet with members of the House and Senate Capital Investment Committee to educate them on the Infrastructure Issues/Freon/Air Quality

-Identify key Governor's staff person to work on the Governor's bonding budget and educate them on the Infrastructure Issues/Freon/Air Quality

-Seek support from the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission to support the Mighty Ducks bills

## **Grassroots Support**

- Generate Grassroots support state-wide to the needs of Ice Arena Infrastructure needs/Freon/Air Quality
- Organize Grassroots effort to contact Governor Dayton about allocating money for Ice Arenas in his proposed bonding bill budget
- Organize Local Ice Arena manager/cities to contact their local state legislators to educate them on the Infrastructure Freon/Air Quality needs
- Generate support from the Boarder Hockey Community: USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey, Local Hockey Associations, and MN High School Coaches Associations

## **Cost**

A retainer of \$2,500 a month for February, March, April, and May would be required.

Shayne Ratcliff stated we can keep an eye on these bills in the house and senate and keep membership informed if needed. Also we can ask MASC of any updated for these proposed bills as they organization to grant the awards. The President called for a motion and there was no action via any board members. No action taken on this proposal. President Flor was going to contact Mr. Evans and let him know that MIAMA would not be using his services.

**B. DONATION REQUEST** - MIAMA Secretary Treasurer and President also received a proposal from Mark Vaughn (Eagan Civic Arena) regarding MIAMA giving financially to memorials that benefit member's families who have passed away etc. In light of the Sudden passing of Tony Burns Mark requested the following

To help the request process I recommend MIAMA put together a process and criteria for future.

Items needed for request:

1. Organization or cause must have bank account set up to receive. Making someone official request takes the concern of MIAMA missing something that happens to a member or organization.
2. Request must have specific request of value that they are requesting – and MIAMA should have bylaws that cap a per year donation policy.
3. MIAMA should discuss what they would donate to – i.e.: memorials only or per member hardship. (When I was President a request came from fundraiser for Tom Murphy at Rosemount that had a stroke, MIAMA ended up donating I believe \$250 toward it and Tom Moriatry and I presented at the fundraiser).
4. I suggest MIAMA make all requests effect members only. Example if someone's spouse had passed away or was unable to work.
5. Per this policy I also recommend that MIAMA included request for arenas that find hardship. An example would be fire, flood or accident at arena.
6. Maybe MIAMA looks as being a communication portion of non-member or facility or user for donation requests? Example if something wants to get posted in Arenas for fundraiser?

The Board discussed this proposal and agreed that many of these issues are a case by case basis but MIAMA should have an outline of criteria for giving. Items like Flowers for an immediate family members passing, giving up to \$500 for a members death. And allowing money for any medical hardship. We agreed that any gifts for families for hardship etc. need to be to an established fund at a trust or bank etc.

Board will look into further and propose a specific outline.

I am formally requesting that MIAMA makes donation toward Tony Burns' memorial fund for his family. I understand MIAMA has to be careful about making donations,

A motion by Rich Czech was poposed for MIAMA to send a check for \$500.00 to the Amanda Klinker-Burns benefit fund at US Bank 320 West Broadway, Forest Lake, MN 55025. Second by Rich Ragan. Motion Carried.

**NEXT MEETING – MAY 11, 2015 – St. Cloud, MN - 5:00pm**

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn at 11:25am was made by Rick Ragan and seconded by Shayne Ratcliff, motion carried.

After the meeting, a tour of Wakota Arena was led by Jayson Dwelle to highlight the remodeling that has taken place.