

MIAMA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2016

Bielenberg Sports Center

Woodbury, MN

5:00pm

Board Members Present: Rick Ragan, John Cole, Dean Mulso, Mat Hennen, Craig Flor, Shayne Ratcliff, Jon Balvance, Walt Bruley, Troy Ciernia, Mike Bauer, David Wabbe, Rich Rakness, Jon Jackson

Board Members Absent: Travis Larson

Guests: Dave Black, Katie Broderick, Chris Potenza

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm. Motion to approve the May agenda was made by Rick R. and seconded by Mike B. Motion Carries. With addition of Hole one One Insurance in the New Business section. Motion to approve the February meeting minutes as submitted was moved by Rick R. and seconded by Jon B. Motions carried.

OPEN FORUM Chris Potenza from Rinkside Advertising wanted to inform us of what his company does. They would like to enhance our advertising within our facilities with no risk to the facility.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/TREASURER: The annual spring Workshop registration is 147 members in attendance including 36 vendor members. Our 2016 Memberships are Arena/Association 135 = -9 from 2015, Organizations 7 = same as 2015, Vendor 64 = -7 from 2015. MIAMA balance as of 4-26-16 is \$50,198.53.

SPRING WORKSHOP: Everything is all set. Shayne reviewed the agenda for the day and the business meeting and we will all set with his PowerPoint. Meals are ordered, donuts will be picked up in the morning. Al's Coffee donated a case of coffee for the event.

PADGETT AWARD - This year we had 4 applications. All the facilities were very deserving. The applicants were; Lakeville Arenas, Miners Memorial Building, LeSueur Community Center and Eden Prairie Community Center.

Congratulations to the John Bachman and the entire staff at Virginia, Minnesota's Miners Memorial Building upon receiving the 2016 James Padgett award recognized for excellence. Each year MIAMA member arenas are encouraged to submit materials in which demonstrates ways in which their facility has either created new business, improvement service and operations, made improvements to the facility etc.

In 2016 the Miners Memorial Building stood out for their commitment to improving their facility. There are four phases of construction incorporated over a long planning and implementation process which has taken over 10 years until actual implementation. Some of the improvements included enclosing the back rink, new compressors and refrigeration for the back rink and the main rink, installing an elevator, new player benches and penalty boxes, all new electrical wiring, boxes and main rink lighting. Phase I was 5.9 million in upgrades in 2015.

Phase II is budgeted for 7.1 million, Phase III for 9.9 million and Phase IV at 12 million. They have a long list of upgrades and new construction in the works but when it is all done will be the showpiece of Virginia and the entire iron range area.

ALAN K. PAYNE GRANT – The winners are:

Paul Kolar – Bloomington Ice Garden

Ron Burtman – Burnsville Ice Center

Jake Pederson – Neilson Reise Arena

Jeremy Gill – Richfield and Lakeville Arenas

Tom Guenther – Bielenberg Sports Center

Andrew Stoffel – Lakeville Arenas

FALL CONFERENCE: AED and First Aid class has been discussed as breakout sessions. After a lengthy discussion, the board has decided to work through John M with STAR for the Fall Conference this year and see what kind of turnout, response we get. If it is strong we can consider training one of our own to lead the classes in the future.

COMMITTEE/CHAIRPERSON ASSIGNMENTS

BOARD NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS – Shayne Ratcliff – No voting this year.

MEMBER RECOGNITION – Dean Mulso – No report. We will be post the document on the website for the members to view and then they can inform Dean if they aren't listed or if their dates are off, etc.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS – Rick Ragan and Mat Hennen – No report

WEB PAGE/COMMUNICATIONS – Travis Larson - No report

ISI – Troy Ciernia – Heading to Las Vegas for meeting and conference in late May and early June. Full report at the June board meeting.

MN HOCKEY – Rich Rakness – 15U pilot program will stay for one more year. Mite full ice events dropped from 10 to 6 and can be played only after January 31, 2017. Senior leagues wanted more USA hockey registrations and MN Hockey lowered to \$1 from \$10. Coaches will now be \$41 instead of \$50.

STAR – Rick Ragan – Conference upcoming May 16 and will present a full report at the June board meeting.

SOCIAL – Jon Balvance and John Cole – 100 attended the MN Wild game. Went very well. Looking at St. Paul saints game.

RETIREEES – Walt Bruley and Rich Rakness –nothing much has changed. Will have apps out tomorrow.

REGIONAL MEETINGS – Walt Bruley and Jon Jackson and John Cole – No response from any vendor members. Going to talk with vendors during the trade show and see if they need something different or what is their interests and see if we can develop something that will work.

BY-LAW – Dean Mulso and Rick Ragan and Rich Rakness – There was an oversight in getting the proposed by-law changes out to the membership in the allotted time prior to a vote. We will be sure to present changes at the Fall Conference.

FUTURE CONFERENCE SITE – Jon Balvance, Rich Rakness and John Cole – Waiting until October to make a decision

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR – John Balvance – Jon B. has put together some goals together. Pushing the social media sites, we have 107 Facebook likes and 68 Twitter followers. Promote some industry news, not necessarily the spotlight articles. Also, possibly bringing back the Spring Arena tour. Keep promoting member spotlights. Spotlight the new President each year. 11 member, 1 alumni and 2 vendor spotlights so far.

OLD BUSINESS

OTHER - None

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSAL – Dean and Jon presented an idea to give change to the board and make up in regards to number of members and positions needed. The proposal is meant to streamline all work items through Dean and Jon and have the board be more of the ideas and approval process instead of doing all the work as well. Will discuss in depth more at June board meeting.

HOLE IN ONE - Just passing on the information in a mailing Dean M. received. Good information if we ever wanted to run a contest, etc.

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, June 15, 2016 – 9:30am – Becker Arena Products

ADJOURNMENT – Rick R. Moved and seconded by John C. to adjourn at 7:01pm. Motion carries.