

**Mankato Area Hockey Association  
 Monthly Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, September 17, 2007, 7:00PM  
 All Seasons Arena**

**Board Members attending:** (X = present, E= excused absence)

Jason Westerlund	X	Darren Bruns	X	Kent Kvislen	X
Jeff Nickels	E	Lynette Cline	X	Holli Loe	E
		Tim DeSutter	X	Joe Sieberg	X
Traci Hays	X	John Goettl	X	Chad Sisco	X
April Austin	X	Ruthann Kragh	X	Sherry Stagg	X

**Others Present:**

Jo Nickels, Dan Devenport, Steve Isakson

**Meeting Called to Order:**

President Jason Westerlund called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**Review and Approve current agenda**

Motion to approve agenda

M/S/P: Darren/Joe

**Review and Approve Minutes of last regular meeting**

August 13, 2007 Regular Board meeting

General discussion on minutes.

Motion to approve minutes.

M/S/P: Joe/Sherry

**Gambling Manager Report and Expense Approval:** - Jo Nickels presented

Net profit (loss) \$9,233 for the month ended 8/31/07

Net profit (loss) \$(101) last year for the month ended 8/31/06

Jo reviewed bills paid in August and bills to be paid in September.

Hooligans and TJ's are expected to start operations in October. For the purposes of the MN Charitable Annual Report, for reporting estimated expenditures for lawful purposes, we are estimating 20% of gross proceeds will be donated to the MAHA general fund.

Motion to accept Gambling Report and approve bills for payment.

M/S/P Kent/Tim

**Treasurers Report:** - Traci Hays presented

In August, the general fund received \$10,000 from the Gambling account. Other August receipts included \$4,100 from home tournament registration fees. August expenses were normal operating expenses with the exception of a billing paid for March 2007 ice time.

There was general discussion regarding the amount of scholarships available from the Children's Project. A contribution to the Children's Project in the amount of \$1,400 was approved to provide funds needed for scholarships.

Motion to accept Treasurer Report.  
M/S/P Joe/Darren

**Fundraising Report:** – Sherry Stag presented

Sherry reported that we had 23 families elect the Schwan's buyout option.

**Expansion and Growth:** – Dan Devenport presented

Dan reported that we have booked ice time in New Ulm through Thanksgiving to fill times that we are short here in Mankato.

The ice time is looking good for all teams and we may not need as much time from sports Institute.

**Operations Committee:** – Dan Devenport presented

There was general discussion regarding team sizes and Dan reported that the Operations Committee has not made a final decision yet regarding the number teams.

The Pee wee C coach position has been filled and the Committee is looking to fill positions for Squirt A2 and Bantam C.

Please see the full report attached.

**Communications:** – Kent Kvislen presented

Kent reported that with this being the first year of on-line registration, that we had 23 families registering on-line. There was general discussion on the benefits and disadvantages of the on-line process and how it went. With on-line registrations, it was difficult to obtain signatures for authorizations and fundraising obligations.

Overall, Kent reported that the process went smooth.

## **Follow-up Business -**

- Apparel Update – Jane Lebert is working with MGA graphics.
- Sponsorship – Darren Bruns reported that we have lowered the team sponsorship from \$750 to \$500. Darren is looking for two to three more sponsors.
- Olson Insurance Issue – Jason Westerlund proposed that MAHA consider responding to the Olson’s request with one of three options:

A) Offer to pay nothing and acknowledge no wrong-doing by MAHA or any MAHA representatives. MAHA believes all actions were taken with the express concern for the safety of the skater;

B) Offer to pay \$500 towards their deductible as a “show of good faith” without acknowledging any wrong-doing on part of MAHA or any MAHA representatives. Again, MAHA believes all actions were taken with the express concern for the safety of the skater;

C) Same as option B, but offer to pay \$1,000 towards their deductible as “show of good faith”.

There was much general discussion regarding the facts that occurred as presented to the MAHA Board, what MAHA’s obligations and options are and USA Hockey’s recommendations.

The Board voted by a “show of hands” to approve option A.

## **New Business –**

**Wild Program Sales** – Jason Westerlund reported that this would be a good fundraiser for MAHA. There was general discussion regarding MAHA’s past participation in the program. There was a general consensus that MAHA will participate in this fundraiser.

**Insurance** – April Austin reported that MAHA may need to assess coverage for equipment. April will look into adding MAHA owned computers to the policy.

**Gambling Manager Compensation** – This discussion was postponed until next month.

**Secretary Position** – Steve Isakson submitted his resignation from the Board and his position as Secretary effective immediately. Steve agreed to provide minutes of Board meetings until a permanent replacement is named. Steve will be serving in a volunteer capacity, not as a Board Member.