



Minnesota Sled Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes – Feb. 7, 24'

1. Call to order
 - a. In attendance: Robert Ellinghysen, Kelly Buhr, Judd Yaeger, Craig Boser, Craig Trenary, Jason Smock, Antonia Gillen, Jason Saude
2. Review/approve (last months) minutes: - Approved anonymously
3. Financials (report from ECF)
 - a. Review P&L
 - b. Review grants
 - c. Upcoming expenses/board approval – Logos are completed, rack cards are completed – both approved expenses, but will be coming up
4. Team liaison reports
 - a. Wild – Recently attended Wisconsin Dells tournament, attending Pucks on Prairie in Brookings this upcoming weekend, two additional tournaments coming up in March, a couple youth players in the search for a team to play on for Nationals
 - b. Hope – Junior Team played UND Mens Hockey Team last night at Ralph, also attending Pucks on Prairie, working on schedule for Jamboree
 - c. Rochester – continued work on getting non-profit status, 3 players looking to play on other teams for Hendrickson, just a couple weeks left of season
5. Outreach/team development report – Bill unable to attend meeting
6. Player/coach development report – Lee unable to attend meeting
7. Fundraising report
 - a. Beginning of year letters mailed
 - b. 2nd round of grant applications are being submitted

8. Social media/marketing/website report
 - a. Social media traffic continues to increase
 - b. Will be launching team pages for new programs
 - c. Will be creating a monthly newsletter
9. Review upcoming events/waivers - no upcoming waivers
10. WILD Foundation report
 - a. March 10th @ 2:30PM – Diversified Hockey Night at Wild Game
 - b. Expect email next week with in-game opportunities as well as MSHA fundraising responsibilities at event
 - c. Will have informational table at event
11. USA Hockey report
 - a. Youth hockey requiring neck guards next season
 - b. Wheelchairs are not allowed on ice
 - c. Nationals in April – registration open, submit waivers as needed
 - d. There will no longer be a development team
 - i. Instead there will be 7 additional players that travel with team to events
 - ii. Will be adding additional regional development camps – one being at our MSHA summer skills camp
 - e. Updating USA Hockey website
 - f. Antonia Gillen selected as National Sled Hockey Representative
 - g. USA Hockey Disabled Athlete of the Year – will be selected soon, please share nominations, nomination form on USA Hockey website
12. Schedule Annual Meeting
 - a. Scheduled for March – will provide 30-day notice/invitation
13. New Teams
 - a. May 4 – Veterans Program (Name - “Sled Vets”) kick-off from 3-7PM at Eagan arena (ice has been reserved)
 - b. April 6 – Women’s Program (Name – “Northern Lights”) kick-off at Vadnais Heights (ice has been reserved)
 - c. Recreation Program (Name – “Mighty Pucks”)
 - i. Looking for grant opportunities to purchase sled for new programs
14. Summer skills clinic weekend
 - a. Scheduled for June 21-23 @ Eagan Civic Center

- b. Ice time is locked in – may extend ice time now that the camp is also a regional national development camp
- 15. Intern Introductions
 - a. Bailey – will be attending meeting next month
- 16. U of MN partnership
 - a. Head of Kinesology Department approached MSHA and looking to volunteer, will be volunteering at our new programs and camp, as well as assisting with social media and marketing and interested in long-term internships for graduate students
- 17. Sled Production Update
 - a. Engineering class is creating CAD drawings and in process of adapting sled, making it fit better, bucket production, etc.
- 18. Adjourn – Kelly Buhr made motion, Craig Boser seconded the motion