



Minnesota Sled Hockey Association

Board Meeting Agenda – September 4, 2024

1. Call to order

x	Jason Smock	x	Criag Bose
x	Christy Zender	x	Betsy Paradise
x	Jason Saude		Lee Costley
x	Toni Gillen	x	Rose Misiewicz
x	Bob Ellinghysen		Judd Jaeger

2. Review/approve (last months) minutes

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3. Financials (report from ECF)

a. Review P&L

b. Review grants

c. Upcoming expenses/board approval

Review Financials-using the new system now. MN Hockey will pay the bills each month and quarterly Edina will be reimbursing. Simple process so far. Will see next month, 4 donations, MN Hockey grant to the districts, 3 other districts stepped up for additional donations. Funds will go to new equipment/sleds.

Criag to motion and Bob to second. Unanimous vote.

Toni is looking for permission for two payments for NHL Classic and logo creations for the programs. Criag to motion and Bob to second. Unanimous vote.

4. Team liaison reports

a. Wild-excited for the season to start in October. Having difficulty finding ice for a tournament.

- b. Hope-Few practices over the summer. Planning meetings coming up. Start date in the middle of November.
 - c. Rochester-completed non-profit status. Process of getting checking accounts set up. Setting up board structure and members. Looking forward to implementing actions from recent meetings. Going to be setting up milestone meetings as work progresses.
- 5. Outreach/team development report
 - a. Bill stepped back from this role and it is an open position.
- 6. Player/coach development report
- 7. Fundraising report
 - a. Donations over the summer. New donation letters will be going out soon. Impact study on previous donor's is complete and will be sent out. Had a pop-up banner with their logos so our sponsors banner will show up on any media. Looking into donor jerseys.
 - b. 50/50 raffle with the Wild-November 3rd 5:00pm game. Additional raffle still to be scheduled.
 - c. Looking for a fundraising chair position.
- 8. Social media/marketing/website report
 - a. Shane stepped back and this position is open.
 - b. Web site is updated and we are back in compliance.
 - c. Tracking up with recent event posts.
- 9. Review upcoming events/waivers <https://www.usahockey.com/sledhockey>
 - a. Email went to the reps and posted to the USA hockey web site and under sled hockey.
 - b. Play with your closest program that has an appropriate for you.
 - 1. There is a transfer form that can be completed to move programs.
 - 2. Grandfathering in adults to play youth for a 2-year window.
 - 3. Youth playing adults-will only play adults for classic and nationals. Cannot be rostered on two different teams for the same events.
 - 4. Follow grievance process if there is conflict on the teams.
 - 5. Sporadic player would be placed on the national travel roster, same if you wanted to travel with another team. Deadline is 12/31/2024.
 - 6. Will come up with a process to review the fair balance of the events and do best process to honor requests.

7. Can allow 3 able bodied players per team and cannot play goalie.

10. WILD Foundation report

- a. Giving us travels and us again. Special classic will be here in November, in Blaine. Hoing to have 4-5 practices prior to the classics. TBD.
- b. If we are selling programs we will need 30 people. Will confirm and start asking for volunteers.

11. Schedule Annual Meeting

- a. March.

12. New Teams

- a. Norther Lights has ice time. Moorehead, Vandis Heights.
- b. North American Sled hockey league out of Michigan, April 12/13 there will be a sled hockey tournament. Offer travel for this event.
- c. Women's program-new rules women can be dual rostered for the purposes of a women's event.
- d. Hats and swag for events.
- e. MN wild sled vets, Eagan, Duluth, Vandis Heights-partnering with the Warriors and Sentinels.
- f. MN Sled series- promote sled hockey throughout the state. Games and ice time in the state, three dates for these programs. Booked 2 hours of ice time. November 30, February 1, April 1
- g. 11 new sleds, and got more adult sleds. Have shafts but a current need for blades.
- h. Storage-we need to look into storage
 1. Toni made a motion for Jason to research storage options. Craig seconds the motion.

13. Summer skills clinic weekend

- a. June program was great. There were 4 programs this year. Coaching clinic was a successes as well.
- b. Can we commit to doing the program next summer?-yes! We will doing a coaching clinic and an officials clinic as well.

14. New board members

- a. Rose, Christy joined the board! Appreciate the additions. Rose is the coach for the women's sled program. Christy is liaison to the Wild program.

15. Registering

- a. Please encourage registration for the classic. No waivers will be needed.
- b. Every other week-send Craig the USA hockey roster numbers.

16. New items

17. Adjourn-