



MN WILD DEAF/HOH HOCKEY

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors

May 24, 2023

7:00pm to 8:00pm

Meeting Location: Remote (Zoom)

Roll Call: Tracy Barnhart, Jack Rugroden, Elizabeth Steyer, Pete Palmisano, Zachary Otness, Rai Fusco, David Uzzell

Guests:

Absent: Abi Girard, Carolyn Lane, BJ Vriezen

I. Call To Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the MN Wild Deaf/HOH Hearing Hockey Program was called to order at 7:00pm on May 24, 2023, by Rai Fusco:

II. Approval of Agenda

- The agenda for the meeting was distributed.
- Discussion:
- Motion to Approve by: Tracy
- Seconded by: Pete
- Vote: Unanimously approved

III. Secretary's Reports / Review of Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed.
- Discussion: Move the approval of April minutes to the next month; the April minutes to be approved along with the May minutes
- Motion to Approve by:
- Seconded by:
- Vote: Nay

IV. Officer's Reports

- President's Report - Rai

V. **Standing Committee Reports-**

- Fundraising Report -
- Team Manager Report - Pete
- Marketing Report - Carolyn
- Volunteer Report - Tracy
- Equipment & Ice Report - Jack

VI. **Special Committee Reports**

VII. **Old Business / Decisions Resolved**

NONE

VIII. **New Business / Decisions Resolved**

- Proposal #1: New Board Member / Secretary
 - Proposal #1a: Board receives/accepts Elizabeth's resignation
 - Discussion: Elizabeth will take over the role of accessibility coordinator in lieu of this position
 - Motion to Approve by: Tracy
 - Seconded by: Pete
 - Vote: Unanimously approved
 - Proposal #1b: Board votes on New Board Member
 - Discussion: Sandy Cariveau to be the next Secretary
 - Motion to Approve by: Tracy
 - Seconded by: Pete
 - Vote: Unanimously approved
 - Proposal #1c: Board appoints New Board Member to Secretary
 - Discussion: none
 - Motion to Approve by: Tracy
 - Seconded by: Pete
 - Vote: Unanimously approved
- Proposal #2: New Season – approval of new season structure
 - 2023-24 Season
 - Discussion: First session to be held in St. Louis Park, Faribault, Blaine between September and October; second session to split between Lakeville and Blaine between October and March, one city before Christmas and the other city after Christmas; third session to take place in Blaine; the goal is to be consistent at certain rinks
 - Motion to Approve by: Pete
 - Seconded by: Tracy
 - Vote: Unanimously approved
- Operations Committee Report
 - Update on ice schedule for next season
 - Discussion: Three Open Houses in St. Louis Park, Blaine and Faribault; free accessibility to skate rentals; Faribault confirmed for October 7; need to consider which Open House is the main one to have a couple of MN Wild players coming over; either St. Louis Park or Blaine would be a main Open House on September 23

- or 30; if St. Louis Park isn't confirmed, consider either Edina or Bloomington; another option is September 16th as the big Kickoff date in either Blaine or Lakeville; once the ice schedule is confirmed, the communications and marketing committees need to develop a plan for community outreach about Open Houses - this item should be added to the agenda for the next board meeting to be discussed in depth;
 - Motion to Approve by:
 - Seconded by:
 - Vote:
- HF Festival. Check on status / any last minutes need
 - Discussion: the podcast in the morning, maybe have somebody coming to join the podcast conversation; earplugs will be handed out to people who are interested in having a different sensory experience on the ice
 - Motion to Approve by: N/A
 - Seconded by: N/A
 - Vote: N/A
- Proposal #3: BoD/Committee meeting cadence
 - Proposal #3: To change BoD meeting cadence to every-other month and initiate Committee meeting cadence every month
 - Discussion: change monthly meetings to every other month to give committees an opportunity to organize their own meetings in between; Rai to give more directions for committees to deliver; communications committee to come up with a 12-month plan and calendar; executive committee to meet monthly
 - Motion to Approve by: Rai
 - Seconded by: Pete
 - Vote: Unanimously approved
- Proposal #4: Around Town TV Celebrity Golf Classic hole fundraising opportunity
 - Discussion: \$250 to sponsor a hole for a networking opportunity to seek more sponsorships for the program
 - Motion to Approve by: Tracy
 - Seconded by: Pete
 - Vote: Unanimously approved
- Treasurer's Report
 - [ECF Fund Balance](#)

IX. Announcements

The next regular meeting will be held remotely via Zoom on May 25, 2023 at 7:00pm.

X. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm by Rai

