

MSBOA MEETING MINUTES

Horgan Skating Rink, Auburn, MA

November 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Gustafson at 10:00 A.M., and the following members were present:

BOARD 25 not represented
BOARD 26 DAVE GUSTAFSON, BILL LOFTUS
BOARD 27 MIKE HAMMOND, RICH ANTONELLI, DAVE ENGELSON
BOARD 28 MIKE CHURCHILL
BOARD 30 not represented
BOARD 31 JOE LAVOIE
BOARD 44 not represented
BOARD 54 PETER HANSEN, RON SCARBROUGH
BOARD 95 JON LOWE, JOHN RAFFERTY
BOARD 130 BILL BOUTILIER
BOARD 152 BERNIE BERIAU, MARY BRADBURY
BOARD 175 NICK CASTELLONE
BOARD 208 LARRY MACHIONE, RICH VITALI, BABE GRADY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Bernie Beriau and seconded by Joe Lavoie to accept the minutes of the previous meetings of April and September as presented to the board by email, with the following revisions: The motion to approve was unanimous.

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Secretary-Treasurer Mike Churchill reported the following account balances: Checking - \$14,512.63, Savings Maximizer - \$12,218.17 A motion was made by Bernie Beriau and seconded by Joe Lavoie to accept the report as presented. The motion was unanimous.

OFFICIALS VERSUS CANCER

Greg McKeever of the American Cancer Society was present and spoke to the efforts of our officials in the Officials Versus Cancer program. Greg let the group know that he is available to come and speak to any board that would like him to over the course of the season to continue this worth campaign. He also let us know that there is a way to setup a board page online where members can solicit donations as well for this campaign. Greg passed out a page to us all that can be used to send around to our members that had instructions as to how to set these board pages up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mike Hammond reported that Tim O'Brien of Board 44 will be receiving the Life Membership Award at the IAABO Spring Meeting in Connecticut this April. All members were made aware that this year's Life Membership applications are available and are due to be sent to Mike by April 1.

Mike Churchill reported that any nominations for the Vice President position could be sent to him or Rich Antonelli for consideration and to be voted on at our April meeting.

MIAA UPDATE

MSBOA Interpreter Bill Boutilier reported that at the October meeting of the MIAA it was reported that the officiating at last year's tournament was the best they have ever seen. They believe the process that was used by having the assignor select their officials for their regions was a key component to this success and will use the same process for this season as well. Officials should have 10 games officiated at the MIAA **BY GENDER** in order officiate games in the tournament for their gender. There is no desire at the MIAA level to regulate the methods used by each assignor.

MIAA plans to keep the tournaments as 3 person officiating for the foreseeable future. They believe that this is the best option and is running smoother than when it was first introduced. It was suggested that our boards find ways to have prospective tournament officials work 3 person games during the season. Bill mentioned that some summer/fall leagues may be a good way to get this experience.

MIAA admitted that they were at fault in not having an MIAA presence at the New Mission/Brighton North Sectional. The MIAA did report that our concerns about the game need to be reported sooner, as they felt the delay in our reporting the issue was significant. The MIAA is taking steps to prevent this type of issue from happening again.

The MIAA put information regarding the need for proper care of the officials in their newsletter to the schools.

The MIAA also believes that the Varsity fee and JV fee are too close together and have asked for a recommendation on an adjusted fee scale to be presented at the January meeting of the MIAA. Next two years are 80-58 next 82-60. One proposal that was considered was 85-55 for next year, then go 90-55 the following year. Second proposal was 84-58 then 88-58. Three person 80% of full fee. Boots to email a proposal to Mike for distribution to us all, going with 88-60 then 94-60.

Boots also reported that Peter Webb is retiring as IAABO's Coordinator of Interpreters and a letter was passed along requesting assistance from our boards to fund an IAABO Chair in Peter's honor. This letter will be distributed to all boards for action as they deem appropriate.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Babe gave dates and locations to the group for this year's games. Babe is hoping to once again have all 13 boards cover games throughout the state. Babe will reach out to all secretaries as the dates get closer to lock in their support.

HOSTING FALL CONFERENCE

We had been asked by IAABO to consider serving as the host for the 2018 Fall Conference for approximately 200 people. As we are one of the largest IAABO states, it was discussed that we should consider hosting the conference every 4-5 years. The proposed location would be the Cape Codder Hotel, Hyannis. Time frame would be mid to late September of 2018. Room rate is expected to be between \$139-\$169 per night.

There is a water park inside the hotel that is included in the cost of the room. We can bring in all food, liquor, etc. so that will help with the costs. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mike Hammond, and seconded by Peter Hansen to serve as host for the 2018 conference, with Rich Antonelli serving as the committee chair. The vote was unanimous and the Secretary will inform IAABO of our decision.

Paying for the cost of the conference was then discussed. As we have two years to prepare for this conference, it was discussed that boards would be charged an assessment per member and that the cost could either be paid all at once, or split

between the two years if that was a more viable financial option for each board. A motion was made by Rich Antonelli to charge a \$4 per member assessment to each board, and it was seconded by Larry Machione. The motion carried unanimously.

ANY AND ALL

Tony Haley of Board 119 (NH) recently had bypass surgery and is recovering at this time. Ron Martel of Board 208 is recovering from a recent knee replacement as well. Mike Hammond reported that a redistricting of IAABO Executive Committee is expected to occur soon.

NEXT MEETING

A conference call will be held if needed and would occur end of January following MIAA meeting. Should it be deemed necessary, the call would be setup and distributed to the group for their attendance. The group decided that the next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 9th at 10AM at the Horgan Skating Rink in Auburn.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Peter Hansen and seconded by Larry Machione at 11:07 A.M. for adjournment. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Churchill, Secretary/Treasurer