

Minnesota State University, Mankato
Hockey Blue Line Club

Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes
Monday – November 10, 2003

*Approved as corrected
8 December 2003*

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Blue Line Club was brought to order by Club President Dan Mundahl in the Bud Myers Field House Conference Room at 4:04 PM on Monday, 10 November 2003. A quorum of the Board was present.

Board Voting Members Present – 7 of 11 Active Seats

Dan Mundahl, Club President	Board Voting Member
Jim Bullard, Club Vice President	Board Voting Member
David Cowan, Club Secretary-Treasurer	Board Voting Member
Jim Mehrman	Board Voting Member
Eric Opsal	Board Voting Member
Tom Riley	Alternate for Board Voting Member Dennis Miller
Keith Boleen	Board Voting Member

Board Voting Members Absent – 4 of 11 Active Seats

Bob Bright	(Excused)	Board Voting Member
Rick Junker	(Excused)	Board Voting Member
Steve Duea	(Excused)	Board Voting Member
Kent Schwickert		Board Voting Member

Ex-officio, Nonvoting Board Members Present – 6 of 8 Seats

Kevin Buisman	MSU Athletics Director
Cheryl Regan	MSU Athletics Promotions
Troy Jutting	MSU Men’s Head Hockey Coach
Jeff Vizenor	MSU Women’s Head Hockey Coach
Troy Leiferman	Mankato Area Hockey Association Representative
Ken Anglin	MSU’s Faculty Representative to WCHA

Ex-officio, Nonvoting Board Members Absent – 2 of 8 Seats

Denise Schlake	(Excused)	MSU Student Affairs Vice President
(Schwickert Elected As Voting Member)		Immediate Past Blue Line Club President

Approval of Agenda

Director Jim Bullard moved and Director Eric Opsal seconded the motion to approve the agenda for the 10 November 2003 meeting with the addition of “Proposed Joint Blue Line Club/Midwest Wireless 1/16/04 MSU/Gophers Pre-Game Activity”. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

Secretary-Treasurer David Cowan moved and Director Eric Opsal seconded that the Board approve the 13 October 2003 “Meeting Session Notes” as distributed and all actions taken at that session on behalf of the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer David Cowan circulated an 11/10/03 financial report showing the current status of the Club's Operating Budget as well as its Golf Classic Clearing Account. Cowan noted that the Club ended 2002-03 on June 30th with a deficit of \$3,001.10, an amount which will have to be made up in 2003-04.

Of its approved FY'04 spending plan of \$30,825, to date the Club has spent \$1,531.98 since July 1, 2003, and has two outstanding payables including \$3,700 for WCHA Media Guides and \$309.20 for a 10/16/03 Holiday Inn luncheon where Providence Friars Coach Paul Pooley and Mavericks Coach Troy Jutting spoke. Cowan noted that no deposits had been made from the luncheon, whereupon Club President Dan Mundahl presented \$110 in cash to the Secretary-Treasurer as the total collected at the 10/16/03 event.

Concern was expressed as to whether \$10,000 would be enough to cover the rent for the Club's Hospitality Room and Maverick Corral for the 20 home men's games held at the Midwest Wireless Civic Center. The Club President and the Secretary-Treasurer reported that attendance was way up over last year at both the pre-game Hospitality Room event and the Maverick Corral function during the intermission between the 1st and 2nd period of game play.

Cowan reported that he was waiting for final figures from Athletics to the number of "paid" Corporate and Individual Blue Line Club Members before he would formally invoice the MSU Athletics Department. [The Club's Operating Budget is based on a formula whereby \$95 is collected from each "paid" Individual Member and \$190 from each Corporate Member. Overall, Individual Members pay MSU \$910 and Corporate Members pay \$1,820 annually.]

Director Jim Mehrman moved and Director Eric Opsal seconded that the Secretary-Treasurer's report be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Meyer Memorial Golf Outing – Status Report

Secretary-Treasurer David Cowan reported that \$34,165 had been collected as proceeds from the 15 September 2003 annual Club Endowment fundraiser. Spending totaled \$12,098 to date, with another \$118 held for encumbrance yet to be paid. Assuming all deposits and bills have been processed, it appears that the event would "net" \$21,949, an amount which compares favorably to last year's net of \$19,253.49. Last year \$8,500 was transferred to the Club's "Spending/Special Purpose" account associated with the Club's Memorial Scholarship Endowment. That money is dedicated for use by both the men's and women's hockey programs and reflected \$8,500 estimated for full ride athletic scholarship costs (in-state tuition, books, lodging).

Board members were reminded that Midwest Wireless donated \$5,000 to the event. Charter Communications donated \$500, and \$1,500 was provided by Wells Fargo to cover meal costs. 47 corporate hold sponsors paid \$200 each and 116 golfers each paid a \$125 entry fee along with 8 eight who paid the \$50 social fee.

Midwest Wireless Civic Center Space Rental Agreement

Director Eric Opsal moved and Club Vice President Jim Bullard seconded that the Board authorize Club President Dan Mundahl to negotiate with Civic Center staff to ensure adequate beverage stock to cover the needs of both the Hospitality Room and Maverick Corral. During regular home games plenty of pop and three kegs should be planned for during Friday nights and at least two kegs for Saturdays. Leftover keg inventory from Friday should be set aside and kept for Club needs on Saturday of a two-game hockey series weekend. Special weekends when much larger Blue Line Club attendance is anticipated (e.g., U of M Gophers and UND), a three keg commitment for Saturdays is endorsed. Motion carried.

Midwest Wireless Offer Accepted for Joint Pre-Game Event Friday, January 16th

Tom Riley proposed that the Blue Line Club Board combined the Club's regular hospitality room affair on January 16, 2004, with one planned by Midwest Wireless to honor University of Minnesota alumni living in the area. Director Eric Opsal moved and Director Jim Mehrman seconded that the Board approve merging the two events and co-sponsoring a combined pre-game hospitality room for both Blue Line Club members and U of M alumni. Motion passed.

Noon Luncheons Planned

Blue Line Club luncheon dates at the Downtown Holiday open to the public include: Friday, January 16th with the U of M Gophers Coach Don Lucia; and Friday, February 20th with UND Fighting Sioux Coach Dean Bias.

Permanent Blue Line Club Hospitality Room Proposed

Club President Dan Mundahl explained the latest version of a the proposed construction of a room which could be used by the Blue Line Club for its hospitality functions during home hockey games. Cost of construction could top \$250,000 for a room overlooking the arena. Other community groups would enjoy the space as the Blue Line Club would probably only use it for the 20 or so men's home hockey games each year. One draft has its size capacity at 110, a number too small for the crowds the Blue Line Club is now experiencing. (Copies of the *Free Press* November 7, 2003, story entitled "Hockey booster club seeks sweet suite" were passed around.)

Annual Meeting – February 20, 2004

Without objection the Board agreed to set the Annual Meeting for the night of Friday, February 20, 2004, at 6:35 PM, in the Club's hospitality room.

TV Broadcasts

Kevin Buisman reported on the latest "brush up" with Victory Sports One and its inability to get Charter Communications to carry broadcasts of away hockey games.

Card Packets to Blue Line Club Members

Cheryl Regan assured the Board that each Club member would receive a complete packet of player cards in the mail in December.

Men's Head Coach's Report

Men's Head Coach Troy Jutting noted that it seems that MSU is considered 2nd in the WCHA in defense and last in the conference in offense. He hopes to improve both standings.

Adjournment

Without objection the Board adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted

David Cowan, Club Secretary-Treasurer