

Minnesota State University, Mankato  
**Hockey Blue Line Club**

Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes  
Monday – April 12, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Blue Line Club was brought to order by Club President Daniel Mundahl in the Bud Myers Field House Conference Room at 4:09 PM on Monday, April 12, 2004. A quorum of the Board was present.

**Board Voting Members Present** – 7 of 11 Active Seats

Daniel Mundahl, Club President	Board Voting Member
Jim Bullard, Club Vice President	Board Voting Member
David Cowan, Club Secretary-Treasurer	Board Voting Member
Keith Boleen	Board Voting Member
Eric Opsal	Board Voting Member
Tom Riley	Board Voting Member
Bob Bright	Board Voting Member

**Board Voting Members Absent** – 4 of 11 Active Seats

Rick Junker	Board Voting Member
Steve Duea (Excused)	Board Voting Member
Kent Schwickert	Board Voting Member
Jim Mehrman (Excused)	Board Voting Member

**Ex-officio, Nonvoting Board Members Present** – 3 of 8 Seats

Cheryl Regan	MSU Athletics Promotions
Troy Jutting	MSU Men's Head Hockey Coach
Jeff Vizenor	MSU Women's Head Hockey Coach

**Ex-officio, Nonvoting Board Members Absent** – 5 of 8 Seats

Diane Solinger (Excused)	Interim MSU Student Affairs Vice President
Kevin Buisman (Excused)	MSU Director of Intercollegiate Athletics
Ken Anglin (Excused)	MSU's Faculty Representative to the WCHA
(Schwickert Elected As Voting Member)	Immediate Past Blue Line Club President
Troy Leiferman (Excused)	Mankato Area Hockey Association Representative

**Approval of Agenda**

Club Vice President Jim Bullard moved and Director Eric Opsal seconded that the Board approve the meeting agenda for April 12<sup>th</sup> as distributed by Club President Daniel Mundahl. Motion carried.

**Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**

Club Vice President Jim Bullard moved and Director Eric Opsal seconded that the Board approve the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as corrected. Corrections included Bob Bright with an excused absence and this "\$95/\$180" reference modified to show "\$95/\$190".

### **Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

Secretary-Treasurer David Cowan circulated an April 12, 2004 dated financial report showing the current status of the Club's Operating Budget as well as its Golf Classic Clearing Account. Of its approved FY'04 spending plan of \$30,825, the Club has spent \$27,789.78 since July 1, 2003. The 2003-04 income plan of \$33,890 has been surpassed with receipts now at \$35,035, due in large part to increase in memberships.

The Golf Classic Clearing Account has a known balance of \$2,733.69, after \$8,500 had been transferred to the Club's "Spending/Special Purpose" account associated with the Club's Memorial Scholarship Endowment, and a \$23,850 transfer to the Club's Principal Account consistent with a June 9, 2003 "Cash Flow Management Policy" adopted by the Board.

Without objection the Secretary-Treasurer's report was accepted and placed on file.

### **Letters Received from Scholarship Recipients**

Club President Daniel Mundahl then read a letter he had received from Houghton (Skip) Smith, MSU Class of 1969, who, in his capacity as Foundation Board President, thanked the Blue Line Club for the "recent generous gifts to the Blue Line Club Endowment and the men's and women's hockey-scholarships." Board members assumed Skip was talking about the recent \$23,850 transfer made to the Club's Principal Account within the MSU Foundation and the additional \$8,500 transfer to the "Spending/Special Purpose" account associated with the Club's Memorial Scholarship Endowment. Both sums were transferred out of the Club's Golf Classic Clearing Account #339214 within the University's accounting system.

### **Build Out Room Update**

Daniel Mundahl reported that the ever changing "build out room" may cost from \$1.2 to \$1.5 million. For the 20 or so MSU home men's hockey games held each season this space would become the permanent meeting room of the Blue Line Club allowing us to eliminate the pre-game Hospitality Room and the intermission related "Maverick Corral" – the room would seat 350 to 400 people. Providing "naming rights" for the room would help lower the cost. Burt Lyman and his Civic Center folks are talking about an October 2004 finish date. Previously, the BLC's Build Out Room Committee members Daniel Mundahl, Tom Riley, Rick Junker, and Eric Opsal, have agreed to commit up to \$250,000 over a multi-year period in the form of annual rental payments for such a room. The number of years is still a question that has to be resolved though 25 year payoff was talked about with the Civic Center. The Civic Center wants a 10 year payback. We're now paying roughly \$13,000 annually for "rent" and that would increase to \$25,000 under the Lyman Plan.

### **Dues Increase**

Director Eric Opsal moved and Director Bob Bright seconded that the Board approved a new budget formula that would: 1) recover \$100 instead of \$95 from each individual Blue Line Club membership; and 2) earned \$200 instead of \$190 from each corporate Blue Line Club membership. Motion passed unanimously. Existing annual dues are: \$910 for Individual members; \$1,820 for Corporate members.

### **Women's "Goal Line Club" Proposal**

A revised proposal establishing a Women's Hockey Goal Line Club was presented by Jeff Vizenor, MSU Women's Head Hockey Coach. The upper lobby of All Seasons Arena would be the gathering place for the Goal Line Club. The club would be an off-shoot of the Blue Line Club as proposed.

Club Secretary-Treasurer David Cowan moved and Club Vice President Jim Bullard seconded that the Board endorse the revised Women's Hockey Goal Line Club plan. The revised plan has a \$50 Alumni membership fee, an \$80 Individual Membership would get one seat plus certain perks, the \$115 Membership would get a couple of seats plus certain perks, and a \$130 to \$150 would be the price range contemplated for a family pass. The Membership fees would have a \$20 or \$25 deductible clause if the person buying it was already a Blue Line Club Member. Motion carried.

#### **MAHA Representation on the Blue Line Club Board of Directors**

It was reported that Troy Leiferman was no longer on the Board of the Mankato Area Hockey Association (MAHA). MAHA's representative to the Blue Line Club serves as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the Board and as such can make motions but cannot vote on any motions nor is counted as a member of the Board's quorum. The Blue Line Club wants to continue to have a liaison from MAHA's Board. Men's Hockey Coach Troy Jutting agreed to contact MAHA to see what can be done to fill the Leiferman seat on MSU's Blue Line Club Board.

#### **New Endowment Announced**

Cheryl Regan announced that MSU's hockey program would soon see the establishment of an endowment whereby there could be \$50,000 or more set aside for hockey athletes within five years. The endowment idea is, to a degree, tied to Troy Volk. Volk Transfer of Mankato was the "Chuck a Puck" sponsor. The Chuck a Puck effort earned \$4,600 during the 2003-04 season.

#### **Reports from the Coaches**

Jeff Vizenor reported that he had signed 7 or 8 new athletes. Troy Jutting indicated that there was some interest in getting a sign which says "Home of Maverick Hockey" on the outside of the Midwest Wireless Civic Center building.

#### **Adjournment**

Without objection the Board adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted

David Cowan, Club Secretary-Treasurer