

## ***Board of Directors Meeting Notes***

***Monday, February 12, 2001***

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Blue Line Club was brought to order at 4:05 PM by Club President Kent Schwickert. The meeting was held on Monday, February 12, 2001, in the second floor conference room of the Alumni and Foundation Center at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

### **Board Voting Members Present 6 of 8 Active Seats**

Kent Schwickert, President Board Voting Member  
Henry Okleshen, Vice President Board Voting Member  
David Cowan, Secretary-Treasurer Board Voting Member  
Jim Bullard Board Voting Member  
Dan Mundahl Board Voting Member  
Keith Boleen Board Voting Member

### **Board Voting Members Absent 2 of 8 Active Seats**

Randy Glaser (Excused) Board Voting Member  
Mike Lloyd (Excused) Board Voting Member

### **Ex-officio, Nonvoting Board Members Present 3 of 5 Active Seats**

Cheryl Regan MSU Athletics Promotions  
Malcolm O'Sullivan Alternate for Margaret Healy, MSU  
Student Affairs Vice President  
Don Amiot MSU Athletics Director

### **Ex-officio, Nonvoting Board Members Absent - 2 of 5 Active Seats**

Troy Jutting MSU Men's Head Hockey Coach  
Ken Anglin Conference Faculty Rep. to WCHA

### **Approval of Agenda**

Club Vice President Henry Okleshen moved and Director Jim Bullard seconded that the Board approve the February 12th meeting agenda. Motion Carried.

### **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**

Director Jim Bullard moved and Club Vice President Henry Okleshen seconded that the meeting minutes of January 9th be approved as distributed. Motion Carried.

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

Club Secretary-Treasurer David Cowan reported that the Club's Operating Budget had accumulated deposits since July 1 of \$31,040 against outlays of \$17,929.44. Cowan noted that roughly \$1,300 from last Friday's Blue Line Club luncheon had yet to be deposited in the Club's cost center and the Best Western luncheon bill had not been received (133 people attended the luncheon). [Also not showing on the budget summary printout was the pending reimbursement of \$62.50 to Director Dan Mundahl for cookies at the Club sponsored hospitality room at the Women's game in the All Seasons Arena Saturday, January 20th. ] Cowan reminded Board members that the Club still was carrying a shortfall from last fiscal year of \$6,060.21.

Club Vice President Henry Okleshen reminded Board members that the Club should expect to pay for plaques at the upcoming end-of-the season awards banquets. [The Women's Team Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, March 31, with the Men's Team Awards Banquet the next day on April 1.]

The Secretary-Treasurer noted that the new formula generated income plan has produced a claim of \$34,620 (Corporate Memberships of 129 x \$180 each = \$23,220; Individual Memberships of 120 x \$95 = \$11,400; Combined total of \$34,620.). Against this claim of \$34,620, the MSU Athletics has transferred \$30,000 to date and still owes a "final" payment of \$4,620. Membership fees from both Corporate and Individual Club Memberships totaled \$330,000, of which \$34,620 comes back to the Club to cover operating costs like parking, hospitality room drawings, ticket costs, banner expenses, *Hat Trick* mailings, member "favors", etc.

Board members agreed to shoot for a \$100,000 endowment before committing interest to scholarship support. Interest earned annually should be folded back into the endowment's principle.

Director Keith Boleen moved and Club Vice President Henry Okleshen seconded that the Secretary-Treasurer's report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**Annual Meeting of Club Membership - Friday, February 16th** Michigan Tech Series  
Without objection the Board agreed to establish the time and date of the Annual Meeting as Friday, February 16th, at 6:35 PM, at the Midwest Wireless Civic Center.

#### **Board Vacancies to be Filled at Annual Meeting**

It was noted that of the nine voting seats on the Board of Directors, four need to be filled during the Annual Meeting on February 16th. These two year terms expire this February:

Dan Mundahl Mike Lloyd David Cowan (Vacant)

Of the incumbents, Mundahl and Cowan have indicated an interest in going for a two-year term. Other names suggested included Lou Bredemus, James Mehrman, Walter Gates, and Bob Bright.

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#### **Board Membership Increase Anticipated**

Board members noted that should there be a large number of candidates for the four Board seats scheduled to be filled at the Club's February 16th Annual Meeting, the Board has the capability of increasing by two the overall number of Board seats from its present nine.

#### **Value Added - Membership Extras Discussed**

Board members again discussed how it could work with the Civic Center leadership to enrich the experience of each Club member. Draping off a hallway to ensure a private setting for members to gather during each intermission was discussed. Installing cup holders on each Blue Line Club Member's seat would be a plus as well.

Keith Boleen suggested that the Club rope off a section of the Civic Center's first floor over by the concession area on the Riverfront Drive side of the building. That concession stand is never used and would provide a great place to talk over the game during intermissions. It would be even more attractive if the Civic Center would install a television monitor so we could watch parts of the game from that location. That location also has nearby restrooms.

Board members agreed that Dan Mundahl and Kent Schwickert should present the Boleen recommendation to the Civic Center's senior staff.

**Adjournment**

Without objection the Board adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Cowan  
Club Secretary-Treasurer

**Next Board Meeting:** Monday, February 12, 2001 @ 4PM in the 2nd Floor  
Conference Room of the Alumni and Foundation Center

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