

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, March 31, 2015**

The MAHA General Membership Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by President, Jeremy Letourneau. The MAHA meeting was held at the Highgate School Library. There were 11 Board Members present and 30 MAHA Members present and 9 proxy vote request.

Secretary's Report:

All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the Monday, March 17, 2014 General Membership meeting. A motion was made by Laura Gilbert to accept the minutes. Seconded by Amy Parent. All in favor motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

All in attendance reviewed the end of the year treasurer's report. A motion was made by Laura Gilbert to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Amy Parent. Motion carried.

State Rep Report:

Karen stated that the State Tournaments and Championship weekend held at Cairn's Arena were a great success. The next state meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. The former VSAHA president Maurice Rosales will be moving on as the New England District treasurer. John Cioffi will be running for the VSAHA President position.

Facility Report:

Don Gilbert thanked everyone for a successful year. The boards and glass removal will be scheduled and will be removed by volunteers. Don stated that the facility will then be under DEW Construction all summer. The plan is to cut the floor and pull cement out. Custom Ice will come in and install the new system and new boards. MAHA is going to replace the tin on the back side.

Old Business:

By-Laws:

Jeremy stated that a committee was formed to work on revising the MAHA By-laws that were last revised in 1996. One item that will be addressed is the long standing gentleman's agreement that MAHA has with SASA. Both organizations will have receptacle language. It is the boards hope to have the by-laws ready for membership approval at the next General Membership Meeting.

Awards Night:

The MAHA Awards Night will be held in the MVU Commons on April 13, 2015 at 6pm. Pizza will be served.

New Business:

2015/2016 Teams:

Jeremy stated that the tentative teams for the upcoming season are a small Bantam team, 2 Pee wee teams, 2 Squirt teams, 2 Mite teams and T-Bladers.

The girl's teams U-12/U14 could merge, it would be a young team or the girls could play with the Squirts and Pee wees. Matt Laroche stated that he would not be comfortable with 10 year olds playing with 14 year olds. Marcy Stefaniak stated that she doesn't feel comfortable with Hallie playing Pee wees. Jeremy stated that we would have to look at final numbers and team make up once registration is completed.

Other:

Shannon Barriere and Joanne McDonald stated they were both upset with the end of the season when 5 members were not asked to take part in a Spring Tournament. Jeremy stated as the coach he made a mistake using MAHA resources (MAHA Jerseys) when the Glaciers determined they could not field a team. Jeremy apologized to the families and stated that it was not his intentions to hurt those boys.

Rob Tipper stated that the Presidents of the MAHA Facility and the MAHA Hockey boards should of thanked the Laroche family for their \$2500 donation. Matt Laroche added that he abd his parents are upset that they were not thanked in person by the presidents. Jeremy stated that he did thank them when he found out they were going to make the donation.

Rob added that Vermont Federal needed to be thanked as well. Jeremy stated that the board was under the impression that the thank you had been sent to Vermont Federal along with the other sponsors by the committee who had reached out to these businesses.

Membership Request:

Jeremy stated that per Article II, #4 of the by-laws, it states that MAHA Membership may be granted to individuals on a case by case basis by the board. Coaches not having children registered to play in MAHA shall be afforded membership if they so request.

Chris Hatin the MVU Boys Varsity coach is requesting membership to MAHA. Amy Parent made a motion to allow Chris Hatin membership to MAHA. Seconded by April Mathieu. All in favor motion carried.

Jullian Consejo, does not have children in the program, but his girlfriend Amy Reynolds son plays. Jullian helps work the required plan hours. Jullian is requesting membership to MAHA. Amy Parent made a motion to allow Jullian Consejo membership to MAHA. Seconded by April Mathieu. All in favor motion carried.

Elections:

Vice President: A motion was made by Mark Bessette to nominate Jason Butler for Vice President. Seconded by Rob Tipper. A motion was made by Mark Gilbert to nominate Laura Gilbert for Vice President. Seconded by Carrie Bessette. A motion was made by Don Gilbert to close the nominations and vote by paper ballot. Amy Parent seconded the motion. Jason Butler was elected Vice President for a 2 year term.

Secretary: A motion was made by April Mathieu to nominate Karen Fortin as Secretary. Seconded by Amy Parent. A motion was made by Don Gilbert to close the nominations and asked the President to cast one vote. Seconded by Amy Parent. Karen Fortin was elected Secretary for a 2 year term.

Head Coach: A motion was made by Lisa Letourneau to nominate Ian Zier as Head Coach. Seconded by April Mathieu. A motion was made by Don Gilbert to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one vote. Seconded by Amy Parent. Ian Zier was elected as Head Coach for a 1 year term.

State Rep: A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to nominate Karen Fortin as State Rep. Seconded by Laura Gilbert. A motion was made by Laura Gilbert to close the nominations and asked the President to cast one vote. Seconded by Amy Parent. Karen Fortin was elected State Rep for a 1 year term.

Bantams: A motion was made by Rob Tipper to nominate Amy Parent as Bantam Director. Seconded by Eddie Bouchard. A motion was made by Laura Gilbert to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one vote. Seconded by Carrie Bessette. Amy Parent was elected as Bantam Director for a 1 year term.

Peeweess: A motion was made by Lisa Letourneau to nominate Laura Gilbert as Peewee Director. Seconded by Amy Parent. A motion was made by Krystin Valenti to nominate Rob Tipper for Peewee Director. Seconded by Jullian Consejo. A motion was made by April Mathieu to close the nominations and vote by paper ballot. Amy Parent seconded the motion. Rob Tipper was elected Peewee Director for a 1 year term.

Squirts: A motion was made by Amy Messier to nominate April Mathieu for Squirt Director. Seconded by Laura Gilbert. A motion was made by Carrie Butler to nominate Carrie Bessette for Squirt Director. Seconded by Amy Parent. A motion was made by Laura Gilbert to close the nominations and vote by paper ballot. Amy Parent seconded the motion. Carrie Bessette was elected Squirt Director for a 1 year term.

Girls: A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to nominate Marcy Stefaniak as Girl Director. Seconded by Carrie Butler. A motion was made by Laura Gilbert to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one vote. Seconded by Amy Parent. Marcy Stefaniak was elected as Girls Director for a 1 year term.

Mites: A motion was made by Amy Parent to nominate April Mathieu as Mite Director. Seconded by Ian Zier. A motion was made by Laura Gilbert to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one vote. Seconded by Carrie Bessette. April Mathieu was elected as Mite Director for a 1 year term.

T-Blade: A motion was made by Rob Tipper to nominate Angela DeSantis as T-Blade Director. Seconded by Mark Bessette. A motion was made by April Mathieu to nominate Amy Messier for Mite Director. Seconded by Carrie Bessette. A motion was made by Laura Gilbert to close the nominations and vote by paper ballot. Amy Parent seconded the motion. Amy Messier was elected T-Blade Director for a 1 year term.

SafeSport: A motion was made by Angela DeSantis to nominate Rick Sawyer as SafeSport Director. Seconded by Amy Parent. A motion was made by Laura Gilbert to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one vote. Seconded by Rob Tipper. Rick Sawyer was elected as SafeSport Director for a 1 year term.

Grievance Committee: A motion was made by Laura Gilbert to nominate the following MAHA members to be on the Grievance Committee: Corey Fregeau, Angela DeSantis, Rick Sawyer, Carrie Butler and Lynette Fresn. Alternates: Krystin Valenti and Katina Farnham. Seconded by Amy Parent. All in favor motion carried.

Mandy Bouchard stated what she had accomplished and incorporated into the organization during her time as Vice President and SafeSport director.

A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to adjourn the MAHA General Membership meeting. Seconded by Jason Butler. All in favor motion carried.

Submitted by,

Karen Fortin
MAHA Secretary