

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association  
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting  
Thursday, April 7, 2016**

The MAHA General Membership Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by President, Jeremy Letourneau. The MAHA meeting was held at the Highgate School Library. There were 10 Board Members present and 44 MAHA Members present and 7 proxy vote request.

**Membership Request:**

Jeremy stated that he has received two written requests for membership and asked if there was anyone else present that would like membership. Jeremy added that per our 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.

Adam Fortin has requested membership to MAHA. Amy Messier made a motion to allow Adam Fortin membership to MAHA. Seconded by Shannon Barriere. All in favor motion carried. Adam Fortin is now a member of MAHA

Brian Fortin has requested membership to MAHA. Jason Butler made a motion to allow Brian Fortin membership to MAHA. Seconded by Eddie Bouchard. All in favor motion carried. Brian Fortin is now a member of MAHA.

**Secretary's Report:**

All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the Monday, March 31, 2015 General Membership meeting. A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to accept the minutes. Seconded by Marcy Stefaniak. 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 Marcy Stefaniak to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by April Mathieu. All in favor, motion carried.

Judy stated that there is still a small amount of Spring Thaw League money coming in. The MVU payment for the goal judges and penalty boxes has not been received. Sarah Sawyer asked if the (\$22,000) for hours was for the upcoming field days. Judy stated yes and it will decrease as people work their hours. Judy added that she has created two billing documents, one for the hockey plan and one for the hours.

**State Rep Report:**

Karen stated that the VSAHA Board is requiring each organization to change their websites to Sport ngin. The State will cover the cost of the new website of \$1000 for the first year. The reason for the change is so all the association's websites will follow the same model and will be used for the State Tournaments. Karen added that the State Tournaments and Championship all went smoothly. Stowe will be hosting the state tournaments in 2017 and St.Albans in 2018. Karen added that the next state meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Facility Report:**

Don Gilbert thanked everyone for another successful year. He added that Ty Choiniere worked for 4 hours cleaning the cement with the new floor cleaner. The turf is almost completely installed. Josh LaRocque suggested MAHA give hours for people helping with projects in the arena as it's always the same people that put in the hours. Don stated that some possible projects for the summer will be to paint the beams, possibly new bleachers, lights over the bleachers, air exchanger for locker rooms and new tin on the end of the building facing the road. The snack bar RFP will be put out to bid as the Laroche's will not be returning.

**Old Business:**

**By-Laws:**

Jeremy stated that a committee of three, Amy Parent, Mandy Bouchard and Laura Gilbert worked on the bylaws and have been in the works for over a year. The last time they were revised was in 1996. Jeremy stated that he would like to review and approve them tonight. MAHA members raised concerns that they have not seen them and were not aware they could request them. Ty Choiniere made a motion to table the bylaws. Randy Connolly seconded the request. Jeremy asked for a vote from the members to table the bylaws or to continue to review the bylaws. The vote was 22 votes to table the bylaws and 34 to continue with the review. Amy Messier and Marcy Stefaniak read the changes as none of the committee members were present. At the completion of the review Ty Choiniere made a motion to accept the amendments. Seconded by Jeremy Valyou. All in favor motion carried. It was requested by the MAHA members to provide the amended "draft" bylaws to the members at the Awards Night for review and another meeting will need to be scheduled to approve the bylaws. It was agreed that the amended "Draft" bylaws will be handed out at the Awards Night.

**Awards Night:**

The MAHA Awards Night will be held in the MVU Theater on April 13, 2016 at 6pm. Jeremy will be putting together a slide show and is looking for 10-15 photos from each team coordinator.

Krystin Valenti request if the banquet could be held in March. Karen stated that we would try to honor her request when scheduling next year.

**New Business:**

Ty Choiniere suggested that the President and Head Coach not coach and focus on issues within the organization. Ian Zier stated that it's hard enough to find coaches and not allow them to coach would make it even more difficult to find coaches. Devon stated that if these individuals have to bring their child to games and practices why not allow them to be on the bench. Marcy added that if they were away and an issue did come up the Vice President and other board members could take care of it until the President returns.

Aaron Porter asked if we could allow parents on the ice without certification. Ian Zier stated only at the U-8 and under levels as long as there are enough certified coaches on the ice. Karen Fortin added that everyone on the ice would have to be covered under USA hockey and complete the Safesport certification requirements. Karen added that the high school players are allowed on the ice as junior coaches and speaking with the varsity coaches, they will be scheduled to take turns for practices next season.

#### **Elections:**

**President:** A motion was made by Shannon Barriere to nominate Adam Fortin for President. Seconded by Krystin Valenti. A motion was made by Aaron Porter to nominate Jeremy Letourneau for President. Seconded by Greg Farnham. Jeremy declined the nomination. A motion was made by Don Gilbert to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one vote. Seconded by Eddie Bouchard. Adam Fortin was elected President for a 2-year term.

**Treasurer:** A motion was made by Krystin Valenti to nominate Judy Laroche as Treasurer. Seconded by Amy Messier. A motion was made by Don Gilbert to close the nominations and asked the secretary to cast one vote. Seconded by Carrie Butler. Judy Laroche was elected Secretary for a 2-year term.

**Head Coach:** A motion was made by Jason Butler to nominate Devon Glover as Head Coach. Seconded by Ian Zier. A motion was made by Don Gilbert to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one vote. Seconded by Jason Butler. Devon Glover was elected as Head Coach for a 1-year term.

**State Rep:** A motion was made by Brad Messier to nominate Karen Fortin as State Rep. Seconded by Eddie Bouchard. A motion was made by Laura Gilbert to close the nominations and asked the President to cast one vote. Seconded by April Mathieu. Karen Fortin was elected State Rep for a 1-year term.

**Bantams:** A motion was made by Jeremy Valyou to nominate Carrie Bessette as Bantam Director. 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 Messier. Carrie Bessette was elected as Bantam Director for a 1-year term.

**Peewees:** A motion was made by Shannon Barriere to nominate April Mathieu as Peewee Director. Seconded by Ian Zier. A motion was made by Don Gilbert to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one vote. Angela DeSanctis seconded the motion. April Mathieu was elected Peewee Director for a 1-year term.

**Squirts:** A motion was made by April Mathieu to nominate Amy Messier as the Squirt Director. Seconded by Amy Trudell. A motion was made by Don Gilbert to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one vote. Angela DeSanctis seconded the motion. Amy Messier was elected as Girls Director for a 1-year term.

**Mites:** A motion was made by Amy Messier to nominate Amy Parent Mite Director. Seconded by Eddie Bouchard. A motion was made by Don Gilbert to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one vote. Angela DeSanctis seconded the motion. Amy Parent was elected as Mite Director for a 1-year term.

**T-Blade:** A motion was made by Amy Messier to nominate Marcy Stefaniak as T-Blade Director. Seconded by April Mathieu. A motion was made by Don Gilbert to close the nominations and ask the secretary to cast on vote. Angela DeSanctis seconded the motion. Marcy Stefaniak was elected T-Blade Director for a 1-year term.

**Girls:** A motion was made by Rob Tipper to nominate Angela DeSanctis as Girls Director. Seconded by April Mathieu. A motion was made by Don Gilbert to close the nominations and ask the secretary to cast on vote. Mark Gilbert seconded the motion. Angela DeSanctis was elected T-Blade Director for a 1-year term.

**SafeSport:** A request for volunteers to serve on the SafeSport committee for one year. The following MAHA members volunteered to serve on the SafeSport committee:  
Angela DeSanctis, Sarah Sawyer, Rob Tipper, Shannon Barriere and Jim Trudell.

**Grievance Committee:** A request for volunteers to serve on the Grievance Committee: The following MAHA members volunteered to serve on the Grievance Committee:  
Brian Fortin, Sarah Sawyer, Amy Reynolds, Krystin Valenti, and Josh LaRocque  
Alternates: Shannon Barriere and Dawn Lapan

#### **Other:**

Aaron Porter stated moving forward he would like to see the players be able to take part in dryland training. At the beginning of the season they were told they could not use golf balls. Josh LaRocque stated that because it was all new boards and tin, they facility board wanted to limit any chances of damage. Carrie Bessette added the Bantams took part in the dryland in the parking lot and under the canopy of the school. Ty Choiniere stated that a meeting between the coaches and the MAHA Facility and MAHA Hockey boards should take place prior to the season beginning.

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

Submitted by,

Karen Fortin  
MAHA Secretary