

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Monday, January 18, 2016**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 6:36pm by President Jeremy Letourneau. The meeting was held at the Highgate Arena Office.

Board Members in attendance were:

Jeremy Letourneau, President	April Mathieu, Mite Director
Jason Butler, Vice President	Rob Tipper, Peewee Director
Karen Fortin, Secretary/State Rep	Amy Messier, T-Blade Director
Judy Laroche, Treasurer	Carrie Bessette, Squirt Director

Board members not in attendance: Ian Zier, Head Coach, Amy Parent, Bantam Director, Marcy Stefaniak, Girls Director

MAHA Members in Attendance: Jamie Berard, Ty Choiniere and Nola Gagne

Secretary's Report: All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the November 4, 2015 meeting. A motion was made by April Mathieu to accept the minutes. Seconded by Carrie Bessette. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: All in attendance reviewed the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Amy Messier to accept the minutes. Seconded by April Mathieu. All in favor, motion carried.

State Rep Report: Karen stated the state tournament sites should be announced by February 1st. All State Tournament clothing orders need to be handed in this week. All team books need to be in order.

The state tournament fees will remain the same as last year \$850 per team. This includes the cost of the ice and referee fees. Mike Hickey will be billing MAHA for four teams. We will send \$425 to Milton and they will pay the Bantams \$850.

Facility Report: The end board on the visitor's bench has been removed for easier access to the score box and during games.

Karen stated that the facility board would like to ask the MAHA Hockey board if they would consider matching their donation of \$250 to the Travis Wilber. Travis' son has recently been diagnosed with cancer and will begin treatments. Travis is a coach for SASA and he also donated some of the security cameras after the copper pipes were stolen.

Judy Laroche made a motion for the Hockey board to donate the matching funds of \$250 to Travis Wilber's family. Seconded by Jason Butler. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

Ty Choiniere as Jeremy if there has ever been discussion with the varsity team coming to help with practices. Jeremy stated that it had been done in the past where the varsity coaches would make up a schedule for a few players to attend at a time. By doing this they don't have to have an IMR completed for them. The ones who do have an IMR can help whenever they want. Karen stated that she had asked Chris Hatin, the varsity coach early on about the varsity boys helping. Especially with the T-blades having 36 new players this year.

By-Laws: Jeremy has to follow up with Tim Hurlbert

Awards Night: Carrie Bessette will be checking with MVU on availability of the MVU theater.

John Deere Tractor Fundraiser: It was discussed to hold this fundraiser starting next fall.

Cabinet: Karen stated that Don Gilbert has the books but can be purchased online through Lockers.com or Uline.

New Business:

Try Hockey For Free: Karen stated that she would like to hold 4 sessions of Try Hockey For Free during the month of March. She already has a group of children who want to try it. She would also like to ask the players to bring a friend. Our main focus should be 9 -12 year old girls. The question was can MAHA afford the 4 hours of ice. Karen stated that we have spent less this year on ice and the money raised for the Spring League should cover the cost. It is a win win for MAHA even if we get one player to sign up.

Final Payments: July has set the final payments to be paid by February 13th.

Change in Billing Dates: Judy stated that Ashley and she would like to change end of the year from April 1st to March 31st. A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to have the current April 1st date changed to March 31st. April Mathieu seconded that. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the MAHA meeting was made by April Mathieu. Seconded by Carrie Bessette. All in favor motion carried.

There will be no December meeting. The next MAHA meeting will be on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Highgate Arena Office.

Minutes Submitted by,

Karen Fortin
MAHA Secretary