

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Adam Fortin. The meeting was held at the Highgate Arena Office. Adam welcomed the new board members and thanked them for volunteers to serve on the MAHA board.

Board Members in attendance were:

Adam Fortin, President	Carrie Bessette, Peewee Director
Marcy Stefaniak Vice President	Corey Fregeau, Bantam Director
Karen Fortin, Secretary/State Rep	Dawn Lapan, Mite Director
Judy Laroche, Treasurer	Krystin Valenti, Girls Director
Angela DeSanctis, T-Blade Director	Joe Severy, Director of Coaches

Board Member not in attendance: Amy Messier, Squirt Director

MAHA Members in Attendance: Mark Gilbert, Heather Belrose, Ashley Longley, Amanda Connolly Ashley LaRocque and Jaime Berard

Member Comments: Jaime Berard started by handing all the board members a copy of highlighted Robert's Rules and stated that MAHA failed to follow the Robert's Rules because of the proxy voting and a single person accepting positions for more than one office concurrently. Mark Gilbert suggested removing "Governed by Robert's Rules" from the MAHA by-laws. It was also suggested that there be a limit of years for terms held. It was added that change is good and getting new members involved would better the program. Adam stated that we have four newly elected board members to the board.

Karen stated that proxy votes have always been allowed for those members who worked a different shift or for those members who were unable to make the scheduled meeting.

After a lengthy discussion, the MAHA board was asked to hold another General Membership meeting to hold a revote with no proxy voting allowed. It was also asked that board members only hold one of position at a time.

Adam stated he did not foresee a revote, but the board would discuss it further, Adam also stated that he would like to see a different nomination process and voting process next year. He would like to see the voting changed to Australian ballot.

Jaime asked Karen when the release forms would be available as she would be pulling her players from MAHA. Karen stated in the past the forms needed to be completed and signed by all parties by November 1st. Karen added that she would follow up with Nate Isham to see when the release form would be available on the VSAHA site.

Jaime stated before leaving the meeting that if the MAHA board voted against having a revote, that she Jaime Berard, Ashley LaRocque and Nicole Godin would file a grievance against the board and she handed Adam the grievance letter.

Secretary's Report: All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the February 27, 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Judy Laroche to accept the minutes. Seconded by Angela DeSanctis. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tabled

Facility Report: Mark stated that the turf is in until June 2nd. Then the bleacher project is scheduled to begin on June 5th. Mark added that the town has agreed to pay for half the cost of fobs rather than keys to gain entry to the building.

State Rep Report: Karen stated that the state meeting was held on April 11th. The player development festival was a huge success. There were 201 registered players (04 and 05). Sixteen out of the eighteen associations took part. MAHA has 10 of the 12 nominated players were in the attend. Adam added that he and Brian took part in the development camp and skated both days. Adam send he got to work with Bill Beanie from Middlebury College. The dates for next year have already been set for the 05's and 06's. The development camp will be held on April 6th-8th.

Roger Grillio and Dan Daley are making themselves available, next fall. I suggested that they do a clinic for the whole association when they come for the checking clinic.

Coaches Level 4 Clinics will be held on June 24th-25th in Concord, NH and August 5th-6th Hartford, CT.

Coaches Registration will be moving to a new vendor "Neutral Planet"

A new program is being put into place for background checks. Will be available the 1st of May. It is more expensive per person. The state is trying to get a reduced group rate. The local associations will be billed.

The "kick off meeting" has been tentatively scheduled for August 20th at the Double Tree.

Powerpay- Essex uses an older version of powerpay. Powerpay is a program that bills, collects and tracks payments from an associations member.

New Business:

Summer Dryland: Mark and Adam would like to put a Summer Dryland program together to offer players a local and affordable program twice a week starting in July. A survey has been sent out to see what members would like to see. This would be for U10 (Squirts) and older. Mark added that he is looking to offer a punch card for \$25. That way if players can only make one night a week or on vacation they would not pay for sessions they could not attend.

Fundraising: The fundraising committee will meet on May 9th at 6:30pm to discuss the MAHA Calcutta, Bingo, Lake Monsters, Street Hockey Tournament. Street Hockey Tournament: Karen stated that the facility has agreed to letting us use the building free of charge for a Street Hockey Tournament this summer. A committee will need to be formed for that event.

A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to move into executive session. Seconded by Joe Severy.

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A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to deny the request for a General Membership revote by those members in attendance. Seconded by Marcy Stefaniak. All in favor, motion carried. Adam added that he will contact the grievance committee with the grievance submitted.

The next MAHA meeting will be scheduled at a later date once everyone has reviewed their schedules.

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

Minutes Submitted by,

Karen Fortin
MAHA Secretary