

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2018**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Adam Fortin. The meeting was held at the Highgate School Library.

Board Members in attendance were:

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

Board Member not in attendance: Amy Messier, Squirt Director and Angela DeSanctis, T-Blade Director

MAHA Members: Ty Choiniere, Amy Reynolds, Dawn Fournier, Katina Farnham, Lynne Airolidi, Jeremy Valyou, Ashley LaRocque, and Sarah Sawyer

MAHA President Adam Fortin opened the meeting by thanking the Election Committee for their hard work on the new MAHA election proposal. The Election Committee presented the changes in the process which would include letters of interest for open board positions, move to Australian Ballot each year prior to the annual meeting so all members have an opportunity to vote as long as they are in good standings and to also include absentee ballots to be made available prior to the voting date.

The State Representative position would become a non-voting position and would become appointed by the board after this year. The State Representative would be required to have served on the MAHA board for 2 years and would be asked to attend 3 state meetings with the former state rep.

A motion was made by Ty Choiniere for MAHA to adopt Article VII into the MAHA bylaws, Seconded by Joe Severy. All in favor, motion carried.

This year's positions that terms have expired are, MAHA President, Treasurer, MAHA Directors, State Representative and Director of Coaching.

MAHA Election Timeline:

Letters of Interest due by Wednesday, February 21st in the drop-off box in the arena.

The MAHA Elections will be on Saturday, March 24th (Time will be determined)

Absentee Ballots will be available 2 weeks prior to the MAHA election date.(March 9th-March 23rd)

It was suggested that MAHA members contact Karen to obtain their absentee ballots.

There will be a drop off box in the lobby for the absentee ballots or they can be mailed to our MAHA P O Box and need to be received by March 23rd.

Ashley LaRocque asked if there would be a nonpartial person counting the ballots. Judy Laroche suggested asking Wendi Dusablon if she would consider counting them. Karen Fortin stated that she would ask Wendi if she would count the ballots for us at the arena after the elections.

Adam stated that we need to hold the MAHA Annual meeting prior to March 31st. It was suggested March 26th, 27th or 28th at 6pm. Karen state that she will be in touch with the school to see if one of those dates would be available.

Secretary's Report: All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the January 2, 2018 meeting. A motion was made by Marcy Stefaniak to accept the minutes. Seconded by Krystin Valenti. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: All in attendance reviewed the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Corey Fregeau. All in favor, motion carried.

Judy stated that she just paid the bill for the background checks to the state. There is currently \$3100 in the account and final bills will be going out and are due by March 9th.

State Report: Karen stated that the State Tournaments will be held the next two weeks. The state asked that each organization send out reminders for Parents/Spectators, Coaches and Player expectations and there will be Zero Tolerance. The Development Camp for the 2005 and 2006 players will be held on April 13th-15th. The state will be looking for nominations from each association.

Karen added that she has been asked to chair the nomination committee for the VSAHA executive board.

Old Business:

Spring League: Karen stated that we currently have 103 players registered for the MAHA Spring Thaw League.

New Business:

By-Laws: The by-law changes were reviewed and will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

The next MAHA meeting will be held on March 20, 2018 at 6:00pm.

A motion to adjourn the MAHA meeting was made by Corey Fregeau. Seconded by Carrie Bessette, all in favor motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by,

Karen Fortin
MAHA Secretary