



Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The September 21, 2022 meeting was held via Zoom, and called to order by President Traver McLeod at 8:03 pm.

Roll Call was taken, and was as follows: (Gray means not present)

Executive Director Pete Kamman

^Billings Rep Megan Davis	President Traver McLeod
^Bozeman Rep Dave Weaver	Vice President Jason Kindseth
^Butte Rep Dan Blando	Treasurer Karen Young
^Flathead Rep Dustin Zuffelto	Secretary Connie Murphree
^Whitefish Rep Ryan Ulvin	USAH SafeSport/Risk Manager Kari Riley
^Glasgow Rep Russ Barnett	USAH Registrar Chandra Picicci
^Great Falls Rep Mike Pancich	USAH Player Safety Jason Moran
^Havre Rep Dominique Preputin	USAH ADM Brian Stinson
^Helena Rep Jon Flynn	USAH GTG Russ Barnett
^Miles City Rep Rick Lang	Youth Development Mike Wilkinson
^Missoula Rep Grace Hoene	Girls Development Annie Petschauer
^At-Large Rep Al Bloomer	USAH Youth Goalie Develop Ryan Riley
^League Commissioner Todd Young	USAH Female Goalie Develop Lisa Prescott
^USAH Coach-in-Chief **OPEN**	DEI Rep Hilary Lozar
^USAH Ref-in-Chief Jason Manning	Disabled Rep Hilary Lozar
^Adult Rep Barry Brownlee	
Tourney Director Kate Leonberger	14 U Commissioner Kari Riley
10U Commissioner Angela Toldness	HS Commissioner Carin Barnett
12U Commissioner Colleen Scheile	Girls Commissioner Chris Herring

^ = Voting Member

Others in Attendance: Dan Bill – Salmon Coach, Darryl James – Helena President, Amanda Hamilton – Havre President, Sarah Carper.

Executive Director Report – Pete Kamman

Big Sky would like to join MAHA. They have about 120 kids. Adult program will eventually probably join as well. Paperwork is in progress for them to join MAHA. They will likely not play in the TSL for a couple of years.

Plans are being made for a mid-season development camp.

There are 2 new coaching programs that MAHA will be utilizing.

Digital social media will be implemented for communicating with the state wide hockey family.

Girls' hockey is growing in Montana, hopefully a 16U Division will be in the near future. A Girls Jamboree is being planned with hopes it will help grow girls' teams.

Google Grants are being looked at to help Associations with events to grow hockey.

State Tournaments – Kate Leonburger

Kate presented a chart showing the dates of each State Tournament, and which Associations bid on each one. She shared her process of evaluating each bid, evaluating the number of teams, contacting each Chamber of Commerce and checking the MT HS Association calendar to see if the community has other events that may affect lodging. After noting there were less bids than usual this season, she presented her recommendations for each tournament.

24 – 26 Feb 2023 – **10U A** State Tournament – Helena

24 – 26 Feb 2023 – **10U B/C** State Tournament - Billings

24 – 26 Feb 2023 – **HS BS** State Tournament – Bozeman

3 – 5 Mar 2023 – **19U Girls** State Tournament – Butte

3 – 5 Mar 2023 – **14U Girls** State Tournament – Butte

10 – 12 Mar 2023 – **12U A** State Tournament – Havre

10 - 12 Mar 2023 – **12U B/C** State Tournament - Missoula

10 – 12 Mar 2023 – **HS MT** State Tournament – Whitefish (formerly TSL HS)

17 – 19 Mar 2023 – **14U A** State Tournament – Bozeman

17 – 19 Mar 2023 – **14U B/C** State Tournament - Havre

Todd Young moved to approve locations as recommended by Kate. Grace Hoene seconded. Russ Barnett inquired the reason for not splitting tournaments when there are 13 or 15 teams. Todd and Traver explained the need to reserve lodging for families. Since the division of the B and C divisions isn't usually known until only a couple of days prior to the tournament, that becomes an issue for lodging. Traver called for votes. Russ Barnett voted Nay; all other Voting members in attendance voted Yeah. Nay = 1 Yeah = 11 Motion carries.

Scheduling Meetings – Todd Young

Todd shared that the zoom links for each session will be made available soon.

The high school division will now be known as the Big Sky Division and the Montana Division. JV and Varsity will no longer be used. Work is being done to update this in the Annual Guide and anywhere else they are listed. Both will be part of the Treasure State League. Grace noted that the two names cause confusion for potential coaches and scouts. She would prefer it be A and B division.

The 14U Division has 13 teams total. A few declared A division, several did not declare a division, and the rest declared B. The schedule will have some cross over, and then the top 3 of the "Undeclared" teams will play in the A Division tournament.

Scheduling information will be distributed the evening before the scheduling meetings. Many hours have been spent getting everything put together for the meetings, so pre-scheduling will not be allowed. Dave asked that associations have their up-to-date schedule at ALL meetings. Each session has a time frame, so delays in knowing schedule availability are a problem. Carin asked if it would be possible to switch the HS BS and HS MT scheduling meetings could be swapped. HS BS tournament is a couple of weeks prior to HS MT, so they need to get their games in earlier. Todd agreed to rearrange the schedule for that reason.

Annual Guide – Todd Young

Todd shared some slides of the Annual Guide proposed amendments that had been emailed to all prior to the meeting.

Proposals are being made for the following topics. It was agreed to table any voting on the proposed amendments to the October meeting. This will allow time to work on the wording and sharing information.

All MAHA Associations need to be scoring live in Sports Engine.

Postponed or Unable to reschedule games will follow the formula of (Total Points / Total Games Played = Avg Points). (Avg Points x Total Games Required.)

The proposed mandate of 4-man Referee systems will be changed to Highly Recommended. It is hard to mandate this when many associations may not have enough officials. Jason Manning added that to date there are only 80 officials registered in Montana for the 22-23 season. If 4 man is mandated, it could result in games being canceled due to lack of enough officials.

There was discussion about beer gardens being open at youth events. Some associations, such as Helena, have no say as they do not own the rink, they play in. Al Bloomer recommended looking at the alcohol wording in the by-laws.

There was a request for uniform wording in the Annual Guide at each age group in regard to 7 goal differentials. The current wording in the Annual Guide at all levels is to go to Run Time when a 7-goal differential is reached. If that drops below 7, the clock goes back to stop time. There is currently no wording in the Annual Guard in regard to points shown on the scoreboard.

There was discussion in regard to the net size to be used at 10U. Traver noted that USA Hockey recommends the Intermediate Net for this age group. It is part of the ADM program. Dominique agreed that the bigger nets impede development. Al added that coaches need to be coaching goalies how to tend correctly.

The decision to cut/clean the ice during 12U games will be left up to each Association. It will be the responsibility of the Association to notify coaches prior to the game whether or not they will be cleaning the ice.

Penalty curtailment was discussed. A town hall between coaches and the Rules Committee might be worthwhile. Todd has researched what other states are doing. He suggested that at 50 penalty minutes the player be suspended for one game. At 100 penalty minutes the player will serve a second game suspension. It was questioned how this would be handled during State Tournaments. Traver asked that everyone be involved in determine penalty marks and related discipline.

Associations utilizing cross-rostering for 14U, HS BS and HS MT will be limited to 5 players and 3 goalies that can be cross rostered. All cross rostered players should also be reported to Todd, Carin and Kari. Games ending in ties will be settled first by a 5-minute overtime. If still tied, a shootout will take place. The number of players required to shoot before any one player can repeat will be the number on the roster of the team with the lowest number of players.

Live Scoring

Dustin inquired the benefit of live scoring. Todd responded live scoring is actually easier than putting the information in later, live scoring speeds the process of catching discipline needs and live scoring keeps standings current. Grace does not feel live scoring is easier as it results in more mistakes. Darryl agrees with Grace. Todd will be making a training video to help all associations learn the live scoring process.

Board Structure

Grace inquired about how the new structure approved with the bylaws works and when it goes into effect. Traver responded it is already in effect and basically committee's make recommendations for the whole Board to vote on.

Hockey Summit – Pete Kamman

Meeting rooms have been requested at the Fairgrounds. Registration for Development Camp will open tomorrow, September 22. Board meeting will be on Saturday. A complete agenda will be distributed very soon. Sessions will include Development Camp, Business meeting, Ref Clinic and Goalie Clinic. There is not a Coaching clinic at this time, but one might be added.

Girls Hockey

Annie shared that Great Falls will have a 19U Girls team this season! Thank you Great Falls!

Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Murphree *Connie Murphree*
MAHA Secretary