

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 23, 2020**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by President Corey Fregeau. The meeting was held at the Highgate Arena.

**Board Members in attendance were:**

Corey Fregeau, President	Dawn Lapan	Amy Messier
Marcy Stefaniak Vice President	Carrie Bessette	
Karen Fortin, Secretary/State Rep	Angela DeSanctis	
Judy Laroche, Treasurer	Tom Gates	
Adam Fortin, Past President	Lindsay Ladd	

**MAHA Members:** Carrie Bockus, Tiffany Renaudette, Nola Gilbert and Mark Gilbert

**Secretary's Report:** All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the May 12, 2020 MAHA meeting. A motion was made by Marcy Stefaniak to accept the minutes, seconded by Angela DeSanctis. All in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** All in attendance reviewed the treasurers report. A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to accept the minutes, seconded by Marcy Stefaniak. All in favor, motion carried.

**State Report:**

Karen stated that the kickoff meeting was tentatively set for August 30<sup>th</sup>. She has not heard any updates from VSAHA with the exception of the USA Hockey guidelines that she shared at the last meeting and with the facility board.

**Fundraising Committee:**

Angela stated that the drive-thru BBQ's have been a great success. The next one will be held in Franklin on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Heather and Tony Gregoire have emptied the bottle bin multiple times and Heather was going to check with the ongoing bottle drive at the Swanton Sunoco. They will cut her a check for bottles dropped off for our bottle drive.

Angela stated that the first order of masks has been sold and she has ordered another 50.

Angela raised the concern about the Calcutta. It was discussed to have a virtual Calcutta to pull the Calcutta number live. Contact the VFW to see if could use the Calcutta board and video from there. Mark Gilbert stated that Fernand said MAHA could use the wedding barn at Field Days. It seats 200. Marcy suggested Labor Day weekend. It was stated that as of now the state is only allowing gatherings outside up to 150. We could include the online auction during the virtual Calcutta.

It was suggested that we offer additional calendar bundles to those who would like to sell additional calendars. Judy would like to have them in bundles of 12.

Angela added that Cold Hollow Photography will be offering family photos on July 11th. The cost would be \$125 per sitting fee for ½ hour with MAHA making \$25 per sitting.

**New Business:**

**Registration:** Marcy suggested raising the registration fees to meet the needs of the ice expense. Adam suggested cutting some of the ice expense by not starting on October 1<sup>st</sup> and not holding the preseason skating clinic for this season.

After a good discussion on expenses and keeping MAHA families in mind, it was discussed in lieu of money lost from Field Days due to Covid19, we would have a one time fee of \$50 per player (with the exception of T-Blades) and an additional fee of \$10 per additional players in a family not to exceed \$70.

A motion was made by Tom Gates to charge families a one-time Covid19 fee of \$50 per player with an additional fee of \$10 per player in a family not to exceed \$70. Seconded by Marcy Stefaniak. All in favor, motion carried.

It was discussed that we will not have a separate fee for house mites this year as they usually end up playing with the mites. Karen will set up the U8 registration to include the 6-year olds.

Tom raised the concern "what if we have to cancel the season?" It was discussed and depending on the what the circumstances are, if the season has started and if there is an ice bill there are a few options we would consider. We could reimburse everyone, pro rate what the cost of usage or credit players for the following year. Corey stated he would put a letter together and have it sent out to the membership to cover those possibilities and concerns.

**Dryland:** Mark asked if MAHA was going to offer Dryland this summer. Adam stated that he was not planning on it considering the current COVID19 guidelines. Judy added that last year we did not raise enough money to cover the expense of the building rental and that we could not afford a loss this year. Karen suggested that maybe the facility could offer a dryland program.

**Coaches:** Adam stated that USA Hockey is offering a temporary coach's card for those coaches who need to attend their next level coaching clinic. This temporary card will be valid for only the upcoming hockey season. For example, if a coach is a level 2 and needs to take the Level 3 coaching clinic the coaches can receive a temporary extension of the Level 2 for this season. Coaches must apply for the extension by June 30th. Adam has sent out a email to all the coaches with the link to register if they need to.

**Midgets:** It was discussed if we are not able to play outside the state there would not be any teams to play. It was suggested to offer ice to those players who would be midget eligible to skate and play controlled games. This would be similar to the Spring Thaw. We could call it Fall Freeze and open it up to other associations that have players that are not eligible to play U14 and are cut from the high school teams.

A motion was made to enter executive session by Carrie Bessette. Seconded by Marcy Stefaniak. All in favor, motion carried.

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A motion to adjourn the MAHA meeting was made by Marcy Stefaniak. Seconded by Lindsay Ladd, all in favor motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Karen Fortin, MAHA Secretary