



MALONE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2021

A Malone Minor Hockey Association Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, in person (socially distanced) at the Malone Civic Center.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Matt Jones, Beau Brand, Kris Hardy, Chris Walfield, Ben West, Sandy Riley, Mike Beebe

Absent: Jay Perras, Scott Marlow, Josh Ashline

1. Board Election Committee:

- A. Upcoming board elections were discussed. There will be 3 seats opening up this year currently held by Chris Walfield, Beau Brand, and Scott Marlow.
- B. Board election committee members were discussed for the 2021 elections. Sandy Riley, Ben West, and Mike Beebe volunteered to oversee the 2021 elections.
- C. Discussion was had to hold the election dates on the evenings of Thursday, May 20th and Friday, May 21st.

2. 2020-2021 End of Season Closing:

- A. Discussion was had to shut down the compressors for ice on Friday, May 21st with the anticipation of a complete close by the end of May.

3. Team Requests:

- A. Discussion was had on the subject of requests to add additional team names under the Malone Minor Hockey Association umbrella. Currently have the Malone Jr. Huskies and Adirondack 46ers under the MMHA team umbrella. Board felt at this time that there wasn't a need to add additional team names under the MMHA team umbrella.
- B. Kris discussed the positive effect that outside teams had on the financial impact for the association in the rental of ice. The additional rental ice from outside teams helped to offset the large decrease in Franklin Academy hockey teams delay to their season and the shortened season that they did have.
- C. A question was presented to the board by an association member regarding the goaltenders and if needed, their potential to move to a higher level. Discussion was focused around the continued need for additional goaltenders within our association to help field the number of teams that are projected to be had. At certain levels, there may be a plethora of goaltenders, while at other levels, there might not be enough goalies to field the proper number of teams based on player registration.
 1. **Motion was made by Kris Hardy that if there is an identified need for goaltender(s) at an age level, a 2nd year goaltender from the age level below could tryout for the higher age level if the goalie movement doesn't affect the lower age level teams. Placement at the level that the goalie is trying out for will be determined based on tryout. Requests should be brought to the coach**

at the needed level and will be discussed with coaches at the lower level. Final approval would be given by the Board in special situations. The motion was seconded by Mike Beebe and all the board was in favor.

4. MMHA Team Name Discussion:

- A. Ben West asked a question of how are teams designated by names such as the Malone Jr. Huskies or Adirondack 46ers. Discussion was had that the 46ers teams started as wrap teams when first initiated. The first wrap teams were a girls 14U, 16U, and boys 16U teams. Matt gave a brief background indicating that the girls side of the teams have expanded and the 46ers brand has been good due to the regional make-up of the girls teams at the tier 2 level. The boys 16U and 18U teams are both still made up of High School players and are wrap teams. It was mentioned that a separate meeting to discuss the determination of the use of the team names would be good.

5. Heaters for the Bleachers:

- A. Sandy indicated that she had been approached regarding some potential propane heaters that could be used to put over the bleachers and asked if this was something that the board would be interested in receiving more information on. The board said yes, as this is something that has been looked at on and off for the past few years.

6. Goalie Refund:

- A. The question had been asked of a board member by an association parent of a goalie if the association was going to continue with providing the partial refund to full time goalies as was done in the previous season.
- B. Board discussion on this topic was favorable as it was indicated that we need to continue to work on ways to enhance the number of goalies in our association. As the numbers within the association have grown, having an adequate number of goalies at each level will be important to sustaining the overall growth of the association.
1. **Ben made a motion to continue with the partial refund for goalies that have played at least 50% of the time as a goalie during the 2020-2021 season. The motion was seconded by Mike. All board members were in favor.**

7. Next Meeting Date: TBD

8. Adjournment: Motion was made by Kris Hardy and seconded by Ben West to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm

Notes recorded by Matt Jones