

## MCAHA Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 14, 2019

**Location:** Centennial Arena

**Attendees:** Josh Culbertson, Shaun Seedhouse, Brandon Smith, Riley Patterson, Larry Tween, Dan Wagner, Laura Brandt

**Meeting called to order:** 7:06

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:41

### **Treasury Report:**

Balance of approximately \$12,000 as of 7/31/19. Registration fees starting to show up. Money is allocated for conversion to non-profit status.

### **League Business**

#### **Player exemptions:**

1. Permission granted for the following players to play Elite Division: Preston Erhart
2. Permission granted for the following players to play Advanced Division: Ian Frank, Chris Bennet, Logan Rowe
3. Permission granted for the following players to play Rec Division: Josh Culbertson
4. Permission denied for the following players to play Advanced Division: Eric Borbeau

#### **Non Exempt Status:**

We are in the process of establishing MCAHA as a non-profit entity. This status will allow us to solicit tax deductible donations from businesses and individuals. In addition, we will be able to do our own fund raising. The first step is to establish a new EIN with the Montana Secretary of State. After the change is approved with the State of Montana, we file the paperwork with the IRS. The processing time for the IRS is approximately 6 months, which will take us to the end of the 2019-20 season. If all goes well, we will be a non-profit entity in time for the 2020-2021 season.

#### **PO Box:**

MCAHA will set up and maintain a post office box at the downtown post office located at 2602 First Avenue North. Annual fee is \$134. Dan and Josh will do the initial paperwork to get this started.

#### **Registrar Duties:**

The Vice President (Shaun Seedhouse) will take over Registrar duties. Laura Brandt, former league registrar, will assist Shaun in the transition.

### **IP (Instructional Play) Sessions:**

During the four Sundays in September, we will have instruction periods for beginner level players who want to improve their skills (\$50 fee includes all four sessions). USA Hockey numbers will be required for all IP participants. If these participants register for league play, MCAHA will offer a \$25 credit/discount toward league fees. IP skating times are still to be determined.

### **Rate Skate Sessions:**

For players new to MCAHA, we will be conducting four rate skate sessions during September. Times and dates to be determined.

### **Items from Rink Manager Brad Frederenko:**

1. MAHA schedule will be finalized October 5-6. After that time, we will be able to set dates for our tournaments (Thunder Cup, Lightning Cup).
2. Two time slots will likely be available on Tuesday nights.
3. Friday and Saturday time slots for league play may also be available.
4. Additional Sunday night time slot may be an option, albeit it very late.
5. The shower walls have been renovated during this offseason. Riley Patterson is going to work with Brad to finish the floor portion of the showers.

### **Regular season league play for 2019-20 season:**

1. 24 game regular season
2. Regular season will end mid-late March.
3. Each team will be home team for half of their games.
4. Home teams will use larger dressing rooms and will wear their designated home (dark) sweaters.
5. Away teams will use the smaller dressing rooms and will wear their designated away (light) sweaters.

### **Playoff format for 2019-20 season:**

1. Top four teams in each league will qualify for championship round.
2. Single elimination format (1 vs 4, 2 vs 3). Winners will play for championship.
3. Depending on numbers of teams in each level of play, there may be single game consolation games for teams that do not qualify for playoffs.
4. Championship games for all divisions will be played on same night.

### **Player discipline:**

MCAHA is considering the idea of adopting a rink service requirement for players receiving suspensions during this upcoming season. For example, if a player earns a one game suspension, he must work four hours at the rink before being reinstated to play in games. This policy would necessitate coordination with Brad Frederenko and we would need to finalize additional details.

### **Registration and fee payments:**

1. MCAHA to add PayPal and Venmo as payment options for league registration fees.
2. **Registration closes on September 30.**

**Bylaw Changes:**

Make allowance for board members to be team captains. Board members are expected to act in best interest of MCAHA and not show favoritism for policies that will benefit his/her team. In cases involving a board member's league team (Example: disciplinary hearing), the board member can offer input, but will not have a vote.