



Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The October 15, 2022 Meeting was held in Bozeman, Montana, and was called to order by Executive Director Pete Kamman 9:12 am.

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

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: Pat Picicci – NPD Ref-in-Chief, Todd Porter, NDP Registrar

The following reports were presented.

President – Traver McLeod

Traver was not able to be in attendance, but gave his report to Pete to pass on during this meeting. Pete reported Traver is working with the Northern Plains District on possible expansion of Girls Player Development Camp locations.

Vice President – Jason Kindseth

Jason was not able to be in attendance.

Executive Director – Pete Kamman

Pete first thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to be the Executive Director (ED). The Board has approved Big Sky for a 3 year Probationary membership in MAHA via email vote. Phillipsburg has submitted an application which Pete is presenting to the Board for approval at this meeting. There was discussion in regard to Phillipsburg being approved for a 3 year probationary membership in the past. Their association was not able to grow to the point of maintaining their membership. They now have solid 8U and 10U numbers, so are reapplying. Dominique Preputin moved to approve Phillipsburg for a 3 year Probationary Membership effective the 22-23 season. Russ Barnett seconded. Motion carried.

Pete will also be reaching out to Lewistown to see if they still have interest in a MAHA membership. Pete also reported planning to grow Player Development Camps in Montana to include a couple of “regional” camps. The intention will be to rotate the regional camps around the state and grow to 3 regional camps per season. The High Performance Committee will be involved in putting the 2 day camps together.

MAHA will be putting together a pre-season girls event for the 23-24 season. The ultimate goal is to celebrate girls hockey along with the development. USA Hockey resources will be utilized.

To roll out the Montana LEAD Coaching Education program, Pete would love to have each association nominate one coach, and then have 3 wild card spots. The program will take about 6 months. Each Association will have one free membership + the selected coach. Additional coaches may be at a discounted price.

Pete is working toward creating a .ORG for MAHA which will increase opportunities for grants. He is in the process of applying for a Google Grant with plans to possibly use that to help associations advertise their programs.

MAHA is working toward growing Social Media subscribers/followers. Pete would like to include recognition of referees, volunteers, etc.

February 4, 2023 will be Hockey Day in Montana. The purpose is to celebrate hockey. Hopefully all teams can be acknowledged. It is hoped that as this program grows it will become a sellable advertising opportunity.

There is a possibility of a new position within MAHA specifically for house hockey in Montana.

Tentative plans are in place for a statewide house tournament March 18 – 19, 2023.

Pete is hoping to build an information source to encourage grass roots hockey. By keeping players in Montana the potential for our players to be involved in National competitions increases.

A Montana Team will be representing at the American Showcase April 20 – 24, 2023. This is a great opportunity for our players to be seen by a lot of Scouts. Tryouts will be held for Juniors and Seniors midseason. All players statewide are eligible to try out.

Treasurer's Report – Karen Young

Karen was not able to be in attendance. Dustin Zuffelato reported that tax preparation has been completed, and the Annual Report has been filed.

Player Development – Mike Wilkinson & Annie Petschauer

Mike is currently on ice for the Player Development Camp and Annie was not able to be in attendance.

Pete reported there are approved tiered teams for Treasure State (Missoula) and Montana Wolves (Bozeman). Plans are in place for 19U Girls to attend Nationals.

There are 37 in the younger age group and 20 in the older group of the Player Development Camp going on in sync with this meeting. There are also 7 goalies registered.

ADM – Brian Stinson

Brian was not able to be in attendance.

MT Registrar – Chandra Picicci

Chandra reported there are currently 1776 youth and adult players registered. There are about 400 adults from Billings, Missoula and Helena. Dave Weaver reported Bozeman should have about 900 adults in a couple of days. It was also noted that not all associations have their players set yet, so that number should increase.

There are currently 6 Tiered teams rostered.

Chandra further reminded associations that all house players must be rostered as well. All players must be rostered BEFORE they play any games.

Chandra asked that all players be entered in exactly how their name is listed on the birth certificate, and the birth certificate must be attached for all travel players.

Chandra needs a minimum 24 hour turn around time for all rosters submitted.

Team Bonds

Pete reminded Associations that the current team bond is \$500 per team. Of that, \$100 is for administrative functions. The remaining \$400 will be used to pay any penalties or fines assessed, and the balance will be provided to the corresponding State Tournament Host Association to be used for the tournament. Pete asked the Board to consider increasing the amount for Tiered Teams as the administrative needs are higher for them. (Play-Ins, etc). Maybe have a bond scale to include TSL teams, Tournament teams and Tiered teams.

SafeSport – Kari Riley

Kari reported there have already been a couple of reports made. All coaches and managers need to be included on rosters. Rosters need to be reviewed for red lines. Kari asked that all Associations provide a complete list of Coaches, Managers and Locker Room Monitors to her.

For the 22-23 Season, all girls born 2003 or earlier must complete the SafeSport training, along with boys 2005 or earlier.

Risk Management – Kari Riley

Kari asked Associations to not sanction tourneys through USA Hockey, but rather through Northern Plains District. She further noted that MAHA can not help promote tournaments that are not sanctioned

Coach-in-Chief – Pete Kamman

Pete reported he is still the Coach-in-Chief but is working toward replacing himself.

The past couple of seasons saw in-person training banned due to COVID protocol. That ban will be lifted for the 23-24 season. Al Bloomer is currently the only working CEP. Pete and Grace Hoene are also certified though. Monthly CEP on-line coaching virtual classes don't need to be NPD. Beginning 23-24 season, Continuing Education credits in 3 years. Officiating certification will count as continuing education.

Some events outside of USA Hockey may also count. Hopefully the new 6 month program will eventually qualify as well.

A new USA Hockey initiative has provided for female Coach-in-Chiefs. Grace Hoene has been appointed to this position for the Northern Plains District.

Referee-in-Chief – Jason Manning

Jason was not able to be in attendance. Pat Picicci, NDP Referee-in-Chief provided this report. Pat reported the 21-22 season had 324 officials, this season there are currently only 44 officials that have completed all certification needs for the 22-23 season. There are another 186 that are in the process, with 19 seminars still to be held. Pat asked if Associations could help promote refereeing. Lack of officials could result in cancelled games. It was also discussed that opportunities younger officials that don't conflict with their playing schedule.

Youth Goalie Development – Ryan Riley

Ryan was not available. Pete reported there is a need for more Goalie Development Leaders. There are currently only 3 in Montana.

Treasure State League – Todd Young

Todd reported that USA Hockey recommends intermediate nets for 10U. ***Dominique Preputin moved to use intermediate nets for 10U within MAHA. Russ Barnett seconded. Motion carries.***

Todd asked that all game times for 10U be provided to Angela as soon as possible.

Todd reminded that associations to confirm coaches are not red-lined before submitting roster requests to Chandra. All teams must have an approved roster BEFORE any games are played.

Todd reported that for 14U and older, penalties are progressing. Todd is looking at surrounding states policies to help develop a MAHA policy for penalties. ***Dave Weaver moved to enact, effective 2022 – 2023 season, supplemental policy for all age groups playing in the Treasure State League to allow for 1)no fair play points, 2) Players who accrue 75 penalty minutes shall serve a one game suspension AFTER USAH rules are applied, 3) Players who accrue 125 penalty minutes shall serve suspension for two games AFGTER USAH rules are applied 4) MAHA suspensions will carry into State Tournaments, and 5) Suspensions earned in the last game of the State Tournament will carry forward to the first game of the next season. Russ Barnett seconded. Motion carries.***

Todd asked all associations to recognize all High School Seniors. Social Media can be a great tool.

Todd reported that Annie Petschauer will be helping him put together a training video for live scoring. This video will be available to anyone who needs it.

Todd noted there is policy in place for penalizing associations who do not have scheduling done on time. For the 2022 – 2023 season, Havre was late 2 days for 2 teams, so Todd recommends a \$200 fine.

Billings had a variety of late issues. Todd reported the fine for them should be much higher, but is

recommending a \$500 fine. Dominique noted the September 10 deadline is prior to their registration. When some don't register that were being counted on, team structure changes. Dave noted the date could be pushed later, but that would then delay scheduling, which in turn effects rink scheduling. He noted Montana has 78 teams needing to be scheduled. ***Ryan Ulvin moved to assess a \$200 fine to Havre, and assess a \$500 fine to Billings. Dustin Zuffelto seconded. Motion carries.***

Tournaments – Kate Leonberger

Kate reported she is working on a Tournament Guide that will be a separate document from the Annual Guide. She further reported the tournament schedules are approved at the Annual Meeting. Pete added they would like to update the bid sheet to include ice availability schedule. There was also discussion in regard to host associations blocking enough rooms for all teams as well as for referees for 14U and HS.

Affiliate Agreements are not all in. Do we need to add teeth for missing the deadline? Current due date will be changed to August 1st of each year.

Grants – Jason Kindseth

Jason was not available. Associations were reminded that Grant applications are due October 30, and receipts are due by April 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Geographical Boundaries

Pete recommended the Board look at adopting language for boundaries in the near future. This language would be to define where TSL players can play based on association boundaries.

A/B/C Designations

Pete suggested refining the system used for declaring/determining A/B/C status prior to State Tournaments. Dustin suggested incorporating regional tournaments prior to the state tournaments. Todd noted that would be difficult as many associations don't have ice late enough.

Town Halls

Kate asked if pre-season town halls could be hosted for Team Managers and Coaches. Todd will set those up.

Annual Meeting

Russ Barnett moved to hold the next Annual Meeting June 24, 2023, seconded by Todd Young. Motion carries. Pete and Kate will research locations.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, ***Dominique Preputin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Russ Barnett. Motion carries.***

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Murphree
MAHA Secretary