

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, August 29, 2022**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President, Corey Fregeau. The meeting was held via Zoom.

Board Members in Attendance:

Corey Fregeau, President	Heather Gregoire, Squirt (U10) Director
Marcy Stefaniak, Vice President	Jonathan Godin, Bantam (U14) Director
Lindsay Ladd, Secretary	Luc Choquette, Peewee (U12) Director
Judy Laroche, Treasurer	Angela DeSanctis, T-Blades Director
Tom Gates, Head of Coaching	Ashley Spears, Mite (U8) Director
Karen Fortin, State Representative	

MAHA Board Members Absent:

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Bridgett Cadieux (Fundraising)
Kim Delorme (Fundraising)
Ashton Banyea
Jessica Kenyon
Seth Banyea
Jenn Grindle
Randy Connelly

Other Attendees:

Secretary's Report:

Marcy motioned to accept July minutes, Heather 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses – 5104, uncashed checks for people who won on the lottery calendars.

August - Gun Raffle – paid Mike Fontaine 7538.00 for the guns. Kim paid for the tickets and they were 31.46. Judy paid that out. Remaining tickets, 139 we should be receiving 3475.00.

107 children registered. 103 on rosters, 3 children that used last years USA Hockey registered so they need to correct that.

All Warner Home Scholarships have received funding. Billed them last week for 1172, and prior to that was billed 470. We are waiting for 8 more kids to register.

Will reimburse the expenses for background checks.

Judy will get packets ready this week that include the calendars and send them in the mail. They will likely be mailed out next week (9/6).

Marcy made a motion to accept the Treasurer reports, Angela 2nd the motion. All in favor.

State Report:

First reminder, all board members need to have their USA Hockey volunteer number, safe sport, and background checks. The state is working with the officials. Please be an advocate for our young officials. If you see a parent chirping, please say something. We have four kids attending the level 1 officials clinic in Stowe.

State tournaments are changing, our season is being extended. We will need to get that information out soon so that people can plan accordingly.

T4 Playdown weekend 2/17, 2/18, 2/19

Everyone else would be 2/24, 2/25, 2/26

Championship weekend will be 3/3, 3/4, 3/5.

T4 changing the structure for state tournament. It would no longer would have seeding and would be double elimination. They want to remove the standings and the competitiveness for the T4's and use it as a development opportunity.

T2/T3 would have home/home and standings. Games between Thanksgiving to 2/1 would need to be home/home. This is being evaluated as it causes issues with ice time if organizations are sharing a rink with a High School.

The state is going to be closely monitoring game scores this year and will be moving teams to the appropriate Tiers if they deem necessary.

There is not a girls' team in the state of VT that is eligible for regionals. Essex, SASA, MAHA, CSB and CVSA, Stowe, Middlebury, and BAHA have a U12/U14 combo teams. They are looking to potentially do away with the requirements for regionals due to all the age combination teams for girls.

They would really like us to focus on try hockey for free and girls try hockey for free. We just need to confirm dates for that.

We have the highest girls to boy's ratio in the state for girls' youth hockey.

Karen has started scheduling for each team. She talked to the Mite Level coaches about hosting a "Jam-Boo-Ree" (jamboree) and we have an organization already committed to come. Karen is working on more teams to come. 10/30/2022 is the date for the jamboree.

The state committee meets every other month.

Fundraising:

Gun Raffle tickets – 14 families that have 5 tickets that need following up with. We are in a ticket neutral position a of right now. As contact is made with these families, they will discuss if they need to turn them in or sell them.

- Trying to move up the October 1 drawing date as long as all tickets/money have been returned.

Barn Dance – Reached out to Lise about starting the menu. Everyone who gets a ticket, can purchase an additional "ball" at 10 dollars a piece for another chance to win.

- Live Auction/Silent Auction not planning on doing it for this event. The thought is to do one later in the year as an online event. Potentially sell

them right at the door when people walk in, and then once again after dinner.

- Last year we did 4 -\$500 giveaways.
- Instead of using the balls again this year, use a random drawing app to pull the winning numbers.
- Set up DIBs for people to sign up to help do set up, take down, volunteer during the event.
- Coming soon, the fundraising committee will be sending out information regarding new locations, and potential for the barn dance to be open to the public.
- Last year MAHA also did do half tickets (\$50 for one meal/one person). Members are still required to buy 2 tickets (100 dollars worth) but can sell one of their tickets, or you can sell additional tickets for money off.
- Lise charged us roughly 1550 for all the meals last year, expecting the cost would/is going up. Angela will get all the numbers together and send out a cost outline.

General Housekeeping:

Marcy has a by-laws committee going. They haven't met yet as everyone has been so busy. Marcy did go through and make updates to old things and will send it to the committee for review and discussion. One of the biggest parts of the by-laws that needs to be taken out/changed is the "gentleman's clause" that states what our local area is for MAHA and SASA's local area.

Marcy has the handbook updated and will send it out to the people who volunteered to review. And then it will be sent to the board for review, and once agreed upon it will be sent to the members for vote.

Girls who are eligible to play HS and U14, we did registration and 20 week calendars. We potentially have girls who are in 8th grade that may be going to play HS.

Donation money – each board member comes with 2 or 3 ideas for the next meeting, put them all together and as a board make the determination of how the money is going to be used.

Put together Survey and send out to the general membership, include blurb of what the money can be used for and where the money came from.

Chad Parah has resigned from the board. That leaves us with a vacant spot to fill. Corey has reviewed the by-laws, and it states we need to announce the vacancy, we need to request letter of interests to come in a week out before our next meeting, and then we will vote on those candidates. Letters of interest must be due by the 20th. That gives us a few days to review before the meeting.

Discuss turning scoresheets and timeclock during the home games into DIBS for general hours.

Checking clinic ? – Adam volunteered to do one. Tentative dates where we could get that set up? Every Saturday and Sunday in October we have ice. We could have Adam and Brian host the clinic and make a donation to the MVU Boosters.

Reach out to the woods department at MVU to build the new bottle bin as a project?

Reversible jersey's are 3-4 weeks out right now. They cost 56 dollars a piece. At the coaches meeting some of the coaches had mentioned socks, they are 26 dollars a set, vs the other MAHA socks we had that are 22 a color.

Equipment Swap 9/16, 4-7, and 9/17 8-11.

Coaches Meeting:

Two thoughts that came out of the coaches after going over requirements, one was whether we should consider purchasing coaching software to get the practice plans out to the kids prior to practice?

Whether or not there should be any consideration for the mites to have boards at center ice instead of the bumper mat?

Locker rooms – at practice? We have to have 2 adults who are safe sport certified and have background checks to monitor the locker rooms at all times.

It does appear we will have evaluations at multiple levels this year. Mites and Bantams. There will be two teams at the bantam level, and four goalies at the U12 level. We will need to have one goalie potentially move up to the U14 level.

Potentially evaluations would be held the 22nd and 23rd?

Angela motioned to go into exec, Marcy 2nd the motion. All in Favor.

Marcy made a motion to leave exec, Heather 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Next Board meeting will be held on 9/26 @ 7pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

Marcy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Angela 2nd it. All in favor.

Submitted by,
Lindsay Ladd, MAHA Secretary