

# MICHIGAN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## 2020 SUMMER MEETING

### MINUTES APPROVED WINTER MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2021

The Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Summer Meeting was held on July 11, 12, 2020 via Zoom Conference Call.

Moment of Silence observed for Brian Bellgraph and John Dotte,

**CREDENTIALS REPORT:** DISTRICT 4: Jeff Peterson resigned as District Director on Feb 18, 2020. Gordon Leitz was appointed District Director on Feb 18, 2020.

Maurice Henderson, Parliamentarian went over the procedures for voting.

### **ROLL CALL JULY 11, 2020:**

The Secretary Kerin Wear took roll call. Present at the meeting on Saturday during roll call were 49 voting members. Absent voting members on Saturday: Heather Armstrong, Kory Karlander, Korey Kucharski, Jean Laxton, Bill Peterson, Tracey Posey, Paul Ross. Clem Waldmann, and Bill Williams.

### **APPROVAL OF WINTER MINUTES:**

A motion was made to correct the winter, 2020 minutes A motion was made and seconded to accept the corrected Winter Minutes. Motion passed unanimously

### **FINANCIAL/BUDGET REPORT:**

Jim Cosgrove reported treasurers report was sent to all voting members, the revised budget was discussed and was sent to all directors.

Consolidation of District accounts into the NMAHA General Fund was discussed. Jim stated that Districts 2 and 7 have closed out their district accounts and checks have been submitted. District 8 is in the process of closing their books, District 3,4,5,6 have outstanding checks and are waiting until they clear before closing out their accounts. Jim stated new classifications showing the districts accounts have been added to the financial report. All districts will now send invoices, expenses to Jim. The District Chair and District Treasurer must approve all expenses before remitting to Jim for payment.

### **RULES:**

Mickey Jesue and Maurice Henderson held discussions on the rule changes forwarded from the winter meeting went over the Rules of Order for the Meeting. Amendments' were added. The rules will be voted on at tomorrow's meeting.

### **2020 SUNDAY MEETING: JULY 12, 2020**

#### **MEETING CONTINUES FROM JULY 11, 2020**

President George Atkinson called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL JULY 12, 2020**

The Secretary Kerin Wear took roll call. Present at the meeting on Sunday during roll call were 52 voting members. Voting members absent members on Sunday: Heather Armstrong, Korey Kucharski, Jean Laxton, Bill Peterson, Clem Waldmann.

### **RULE PROPOSALS:**

Voting done electronic. With exception of two who were permitted to vote alternatively.

It was moved and seconded that when this meeting adjourns, it adjourns to meet in January 2021 at a date and time to be set by the executive committee; and, that proposed rules 2020-03, 2020-05, and 2020-08 be referred back to

special committee and considered and voted upon during the adjourned meeting. The motion was adopted by a vote of 49 in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

Rule Proposal 2020-01 was adopted by a vote of 39 in the affirmative and 12 in the negative.

Rule Proposal 2020-07 was adopted by a vote of 47 in the affirmative and 2 in the negative.

In addition, rules affected by changes made by USA Hockey and as per MAHA rules, they were discussed at this meeting and automatically adopted. The rule changes will be posted on the web site and will be incorporated in the MAHA Guide Book.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to grant a Life Membership to Grant Helms with a vote of 49 ayes and 1 nay.

Presentation of the John Stansik Award (Association of the Year) was awarded to the Garden City Hockey Association Twenty-year Service Award was presented to Ron Brasseur who was inadeptly left out of yesterday's presentations. Ron Brasseur also was awarded the President's Award.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

The final month of the 2019-20 regular season was certainly filled with interesting twists. Who would have thought that we would not have been able to complete our state playoffs and rinks would close for several months, eliminating the spring hockey season as well as the Player Development Tryouts and Camps. Things seem to be moving in the right direction now, but as I am writing this I am hearing that in some parts of the country new cases are on the rise and some parts of those states may be putting certain restrictions back in place. I am hoping that by September, when the new season starts, Michigan will be in a place where rinks will all be open and hockey will be back. It would not surprise me if we have stops and starts during the season that will provide us with some challenges to overcome.

Once the Pandemic hit in March, we created 5 different task forces to look at the impact of the pandemic on the game here in Michigan. We tasked the groups to study what was going on in other areas of the country, and restrictions being placed on us here in Michigan. They were further asked to come up with ideas and options to provide direction to be able to provide for a hockey season that as closely resembles what we are used to as possible. We had over 70 people participate on these committees. They were from all over the state and came from all the different aspects of our membership. I was really proud of what these groups came up with. Much of what was presented is being used as models for other USA Hockey affiliates around the country. I feel that no matter what the next season throws at us, we will be well prepared to address the situation based on the planning these groups did.

With last season ending abruptly, there was a definite impact on our membership. Normally the February Try Hockey for Free generates interest in late season programs as well as spring and summer clinics and lessons. Those that engage in those programs many times are ready to jump into a full program the following season. Without that boost this year, it will be a challenge to sustain and grow our younger players. We will all have to be very focused on inviting new players to our game this fall to keep our membership as stable as possible.

The pandemic has also created economic impacts on our game. We need to strive to keep us programs as affordable as possible. I would encourage each local association to consider some type of scholarship program. MAHA will be launching a program and USA Hockey also has a program underway to sponsor a child's registration fee. We all recognize the value youth athletics plays not only on the health of children, but also their long-term development as adults, which is why we do what we do. All sports will be challenged and I hope that we can do our part to keep as many children as possible involved in our game.

Thank You for your help as volunteers in our program. I look forward to the coming season and hope we will be able to make it the best yet, despite the challenges we may face.

### **Financial Impact of Covid**

- Families Will Be Affected
- Developed Financial Hardship Policy
- Initiating Scholarship Fund for Affected Participants

- Budgets Will be Tight at the Local, State & National Level

### **Additional Covid Threats**

- Rinks Have Reopened Putting Pressure on Associations to Go Outside Governor's Orders
- We Need to Continue to Do the Right Thing to Protect Our Participants and Their Families

**The Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA) expects that all ice rinks, leagues, associations, coaches, players, volunteers and parents will abide by all USA Hockey and MAHA rules, policies and procedures related to the current COVID-19 crisis. This encompasses all mandates and restriction from the State of Michigan, including those communicated by the Governor through Executive Orders.**

- We Are Ready to Reopen Anytime and Expect to Have a Full Regular Season of Play

### **2020 Season Likely to Have Stops & Starts**

- Hockey May Look Different Depending on Where You Live
- Recommending Regional League Play to Minimize Disruption in Season
- MAHA Developing Backup Plans for Events
- Expect Changes on the Fly

### **Getting Back into Action**

- Return When it is Legal to Do So
- Follow the Protocols
- Don't Risk Participant Safety
- Tryout Will Be Addressed & Adjusted Once We Know When We Can Return
- Staying Safe Will Help Keep the Season Going

### **Factors that can help associations come back from Covid?**

- Creating a Safe Environment
- Keeping Program Cost Down
- Revitalize In-Town Leagues
- Less Travel / Tournaments
- Regionalized League Play
- Good Communication with Previous Members
- Increased Player Acquisition Activities

### **Everyone Has a Role to Play in SafeSport**

- Continued Vigilance
- See Something – Say Something
- Revised SafeSport Handbook
- National Background Check Goes into Effect
- Revamping SafeSport Investigation & Hearing Process

### **USA Hockey Increase Penalty for 601e3**

- Racial and Ethnic Slurs Have No Place in Our Game
- Penalty Has Now Been Increased to Match Penalty
- Zero Tolerance for Parents & Spectators as Well

### **NHL Supports Diversity & Inclusion**

- NHL & USA Hockey Increasing Diversity & Inclusion Efforts
- Training & Education Programs Being Instituted at All Levels of USA Hockey
- Training & Education Lead to Better Ability to Deal with Changing Demographics in Local Areas

### **Officials Shortage**

- The Number of Hockey Officials in Michigan Continue to Trend Down
- Abuse of Officials is the #1 Reason Officials Don't Return
- Work with Officiating program to Address Issues with Schedulers, Development Programs and Evaluation/Mentoring

### **General Respect & Decorum Seems to be Lacking at Times**

- Focus Should Be on a Fun & Learning Environment
- Hockey is Not a Youth Players Job
- Abusive Situations Should be Nipped in the Bud
- Abusive Coaching Styles
- Abusive Parents & Spectators

## ONE GOAL:

Lyle Phair **reported:**

MAHA has distributed approximately \$50,000 each season for the past twelve years through its OneGoal Program to assist hockey associations in creating and conducting programs that encourage new players ages 4-8 to get involved in the sport. Funding uses include:

- Advertising and creating marketing endeavors to reach and attract new families
- Marketing and operational expenses for Try Hockey for Free events
- Purchasing rink divider sets, score-clocks or mini nets to enhance the playing experience
- Purchasing equipment sets, sticks and helmets for the new players to use to help make the first hockey experience as affordable as possible
- Purchasing Quick-Change goalie equipment to enhance the playing experience for 4-8-year-old players

### 2019-20 Season Summary

- 40 applications for grant funding were approved
- 125 sets of equipment, 50 sticks and 110 helmets were distributed.
- 10 sets of Quick-Change Goalie Equipment were distributed to 4 associations.
- Thank you to Perani's Hockey World. We appreciate their time, effort and commitment with the equipment in helping associations grow the game.

### 2020-21 Season

- The 2020-21 application is available on the MAHA website at <https://www.maha.org/page/show/1258625-financial-grants-one-goal> and has been sent to association presidents multiple times.
- The deadline for grant applications for the 2020-21 season has been extended to July 15, 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The MAHA OneGoal Committee will meet in late July to make grant allocation recommendations for the approval of the MAHA Executive Board.
- Grant recipients will be notified in August.

Thanks for the time and effort of the MAHA OneGoal Committee Members

Rick Pinkowski (2), Julie Pardoski (3), Nick Zajac (4), Julie Becker-Meyers (5), Tom Berry (6), Matt Hawkins (7) and Al Wakeham (8)

## SAFESPORT & S.T.A.R.

Rick Frescura Reported:

This year so far, the number of Safesport Complaints is about even from previous years, but STAR Complaints have risen exponentially. So, let's all hope this trend starts a downward move into the regular playing season and beyond.

This Year reports sent to the USCSS are up. We had about 10 more this year. Over all our reports are up about 10. We get many more S.T.A.R. Reports then Safesport. I will be taking a different approach to complaints this year than in the past and hope things will improve for all of us. Since the background checks have gone National, it should help me in the coming year. Hoping this Covid 19 thing does not ramp things up for us in the coming year.

Safesport Training is now a yearly task so those that did their core training in the 2019/20 season will be refresher 1 for the 2020/21 season. Then the next season you will do refresher 2 and then refresher 3 the season after that. The USCSS will then have a new Core Training for the following season. Those that have not taken any training will have to take the core training which is all three units. This year the training for all 17-year-old players (2003 Birth Year) and older. They will need to take the training prior to the start of the playing season and before being able to be rostered. This again will be a yearly renewal. The consent to take the training will be part of the registration for USA Hockey. Parents registering the Child will consent for their child to take the Safesport Training when registering. This will include all Youth, Girls and Referees.

The background check is now done nationally through USA Hockey and the cost is now \$30.00. There have been a few changes in the flags for the check. They have added Animal abuse, cruelty or neglect. Also, DUI/DWI in the last 2 years or 2 or more DUI's/DWI's in the last 5 years. There is now added steps when a background check is flagged.

## V.P. COACHES:

Gordon Bowman report is as follows:

**Acclamations:**

**Tom Kerr** was awarded the Walter Yaciuk award from the Coaches section at USA Hockey. This is the highest honor for a coach from USA Hockey.

Our Coach of the Year for the 2019-2020 season is **Marino Guidi** From the Trenton Hockey Association.

#### **Kudos to them for their achievements.**

As the 2019-20 season began to ease into the State Tournament Covid 19 reared its ugly presence and put a stop to everything. The pandemic lock down has changed everything as we begin to come to life after and begin a new season. Ice rinks, coaches and players will need to develop new habits for our sport. Besides the change in culture, there are a number of changes that will for coaches this coming season:

The SafeSport requirement must be renewed each season. [Http://usahockey.com/safesportprogram](http://usahockey.com/safesportprogram)

The Background check although good for 2 years will cost more (\$30.00) will now be done through USA Hockey.

<http://www.usahockey.com/backgroundscreen>

The age appropriate Coaching Modules have been reduced to 3. 8<, 10-12< and 13 >. The time invested in taking them also has been reduced. <http://usahockey.com/agespecificmodules>.

At the recent 2020 Annual USA Hockey Congress legislative changes to the coaching Program were made involving certification levels. They are:

All clinics (levels 1-4) are now 1 day clinics. They all will cost \$50.00.

Unlike in the past, the current level three certification will be obsolete after this year, so the effective length of renewal has been cut to 1 year.

All level 3 coaches will have to move to level 4 no matter if the coach is in Tier 1 or Tier II and coaching a Non-National or National bound team.

The level 4 certification is valid for 3 years and must be renewed by taking 5 credit hours of Coaching related courses. Such as a High-Performance clinic or participation in online accredited webinars.

We will begin the year with virtual online clinics because of the circumstances, Covid. As we move into the fall and if the Covid situation continues to improve it will be possible to do in person clinics.

To find a clinic: <http://usahockey.com/coachingcertification>.

#### **Updated Zero Tolerance proposal:**

At the USA Annual Congress, the Zero Tolerance legislation was tightened up and cites that any "player/coach who use language that is offensive, hateful or discriminatory in nature anywhere in the rinks before, during or after the game shall be penalized under Rule 601(e.3) resulting in a Match Penalty."

Directors please educate your Associations, Coaches and players on this new legislation.

Also, remind your associations, managers and coaches to renew their memberships. They can do so at:

<http://membership.usahockey.com>.

#### **Try hockey for Free**

19 events were scheduled for the 2019-2020 season. 3 events were canceled because there was a lack of registrations. One event was canceled because of an ice storm. Big Rapids, West Shores, Cadillac, Grand Rapids and the USA Arena all had over 40 participants.

How it will be done for the coming season is still under discussion.

## **OFFICIALS:**

Russ Eidenberger report included:

In these troubling times all areas of our game have been working hard in an effort to be prepared to return to the game with as much normalcy as possible. We need to maintain the highest level of safety for all our members.

We have three major areas that will place a huge emphasis in working to improve on this upcoming season. These are the Zero Tolerance policy, Retention/ Mentorship and the Approved Assignors Agreement. These three areas are the largest concerns when it comes to our overall numbers, our official's skill level and having consistent relationship with the assignors who are scheduling our officials to games. Thank you to the MAHA for making the assignors agreement a part of the affiliate agreement!

For the 2020 season the officiating section will be providing all our seminars with the online platform (Zoom). USA Hockey's national office will be providing new curriculum to add to our seminar program that will merge to our seminars. This offers some new and exciting opportunities for us this season. We will have seminars that include special guests that normally would not be able to attend due to time or travel conflicts. Michigan seminars will begin to be scheduled on our site in late July.

I would like to extend a huge congratulation to Dave Fry for being selected to receive this year's Referee of the Year Award! Dave has been a registered official since 1981 and has mentored Holland officials for many years bringing Holland's officials skill level and retention up. Grass roots people like Dave are so vital to our program. Thank you for giving back Dave! In addition, I need to thank our Michigan staff for their continued hours of volunteerism to our program. Sincerely they are the heartbeat to our section and honestly the experience level they provide is second to none!

Lastly, I wish everyone the very best season during these tough times!

## **GIRLS/WOMEN COMMITTEE:**

Jean Laxton was unable to be in attendance. Her report is as follows:

The girls/women’s committee report will look a bit different this year due to the Covid-19 virus and the stop of hockey in March across the state. We look forward to being able to be back on the ice soon and continue the work we had done to grow girls and women’s hockey in Michigan.

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<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier II</b>	<b>Tier III</b>
<b>12U Little Caesars</b>	<b>10U Honeybaked</b>	<b>10U Mt. Clemens</b>
<b>14U Belle Tire</b>	<b>12U Little Caesars FH</b>	<b>12U Ann Arbor</b>
<b>16U Belle Tire</b>	<b>14U Honeybaked</b>	<b>14U Midland</b>
<b>19U Belle Tire</b>	<b>16U Little Caesars FH</b>	<b>19U Flint Jr. Firebirds</b>
	<b>19U Kalkaska</b>	
	<b>SR B</b>	<b>SR C</b>
	<b>Victory Honda</b>	<b>Whiteout</b>

Due to the Covid-19 virus and the cancellation of the USA Hockey National Tournament these teams did not get the opportunity to compete at nationals. We are proud of their accomplishments this season and congratulate them on winning the state championship.

USA Hockey national championships for 2020-21 will be held at the following locations:

Girls Tier I and Sr Women- West Chester, PA- March 25-29.

Girls Tier II- Irvine, CA- March 25-29

The national camp tryouts were cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus. We had 167 registered skaters and goalies that were unable to tryout in April. USA Hockey along with MAHA provide all registrants an opportunity for a virtual webinar in April hosted by Kristen Wright and Heather Mannix, USA Hockey ADM female directors. This was well received, and we were excited about the guest appearance of Megan Keller on this webinar.

Michigan selected the Midland Amateur Hockey Association to receive the annual USA Hockey Female Honors Award. This award is designed to acknowledge an association in each state that has worked hard to provide opportunities for girls and who continue to offer events and programs to grow the game. Congratulations to Midland on this recognition.

The IIHF girl’s hockey weekend was a success held on October 5 and 6. USA Hockey had 153 host sites. Michigan had 25 associations hold an all-girls event of some kind that weekend. These are great opportunities to grow the game and showcase girl’s hockey in your local associations. Michigan was second to the central district in number of host sites! We hope we can increase that number this coming season.

USA Hockey had a total of 84,102 girls and 19,030 women registered in the 2019-20 season. Michigan had 5,403 female players of June 1, 2020. USA Hockey had 23,655 8U skaters which is an increase at the 8U level of 306 players. Michigan had 1,314 8U skaters in 2019-20 which is an increase of 14 players from 2018-19. In addition, girls' participation increased by 14 (+1.1%) for a new 5-year high. A continued focus must be on getting girls into the game as well as an emphasis on retention.

At this time there are no USA Hockey try hockey for free or IIHF girl's hockey weekend dates scheduled due to the uncertainty of the timeline for returning to the game across the country. These dates will be distributed and posted on the MAHA web site as soon as they are announced.

The MAHA girls and women's committee hopes that we can register some new skaters and continue the excitement this coming season to help grow our girls' numbers! We can do this with participation from our local associations with grow the game events and an emphasis on girls and women's hockey programs. This will be a vastly different year given the current situation, but we will continue to work hard at growing the girl's numbers across the state and offering support to any association that needs it.

## **YOUTH COMMITTEE:**

Roger Mauritho reported:

### **M.A.H.A. 2019-2020 STATE CHAMPIONS**

MITE RED ST. CLAIR SHORES  
MITE WHITE OAKLAND JR. GRIZZLIES  
MITE BLUE HONEY BAKED  
SQUIRT B ESCANABA  
SQUIRT A FOX MOTORS  
SQUIRT AA PORTAGE LA  
PEE WEE B GLADWIN GLADIATORS  
PEE WEE A USA EAGLES  
PEE WEE AA MOTOR CITY MACHINE  
BANTAM B CADILLAC VIKINGS

Unfortunately, this is all that took place before the co-vid virus hit & shut everything down

## **ADULT COMMITTEE:**

Larry Johnson report:

Out of three Adult States Only one tournament weekends were able to be held this year. It was held the weekend of February 21st through 23rd for the Tier 4 and Over 30 Rec divisions. The Tier 4 champ was Cake Eaters from Fraser and the Over 30 Rec champ was Teebonez Tavern from Brighton.

In the hopes that Adult States will be able to be held for the 2020-2021 season, while also being affordable for the teams, a letter is being drafted requesting bids which will soon be emailed to Michigan arena managers. We are planning on holding these tournaments the first two weekends in March: March 5 –March 7, 2021 and March 12-14, 2021.

## **HIGH SCHOOL:**

Don Wright unable to be present, report s follows

### **Team Michigan**

As with most everything, Team Michigan did not happen this year.

### **Midget Split Season**

As I had reported in my winter meeting update the Midget Split Season playoffs were held last October This the sixth year of the Midget Split Season. There were 6 teams total participating in the 16U playoffs and 4 in the 18U category. Michigan Elite were the 16U champions and Copper Country & Marquette advanced in the 18U division this year. Port Huron (the 3rd place team) was also invited to the state playoffs to fill one of the open categories. In the 16 U category we had 4 teams from metro Detroit, one from West Michigan and one from the upper peninsula. At 18 U two were from the U. P., one was from Metro Detroit and one was from Port Huron.

We had a nice increase in the number of teams this year and I was able to speak/present at the High School hockey coach's clinic about Split Season. There are several new coaches in HS so I think that will really help to grow it more moving forward.

### **MAHA & MHSAA Relations.**

In October the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association put on two High Performance coaches' clinics for High School coaches. I would like to thank Jack Witt for working with the MSHCA on these clinics. In addition, Cody Inglis from the MHSAA showed USA hockey's video on player safety & respect.

### **REDISTRICTING:**

Mickey Jesue – no requests for redistricting.

### **SKILL DEVELOPMENT**

Ron Hayes unable to be present report as follows:

The skill development presentation is still available to any association or group that wishes to host one. The presentation is about an hour and a half long and offers some insight in how to run a successful program. The ideas presented are suggestions and are not mandatory, but are things that have been proven to work well within the initiation program. There have not been any requests for a presentation so far this year. I am available throughout the year and will travel anywhere in the state. Most initiation programs have coaches that are with the program for 2 to 3 years and are then coaching at the team level. The result is the program must start all over learning what to do and how to receive results in a timely manner. Having coached a "learn to skate" program for 40 years, I feel I can help the new coach run a successful program.

This past season, I made many referee – coach relationship presentations at the level 1 and 2 coach's clinics. I want to thank Jack Witt and Russ Eidenberger for the chance to participate in this area of the coaching program.

If you have any questions or concerns about the above information, all of my contact information is in the MAHA guide.

### **LEGAL:**

Steve Stapleton reported:

There is no pending legal proceeding against MAHA or related entities as of this date. We have responded as necessary to any issue that has either involved legal counsel or where a parent/participant threatened legal action. As expected, we have assisted the Executive Committee with COVID-19 related issues and expect that we will address these issues throughout the 2020-2021 season.

SafeSport issues/complaints remain one of the significant items brought to our attention. MAHA and other affiliates continue to receive complaints that require mandatory reporting by volunteers/coaches. We will continue to educate MAHA officials as to how to properly handle all complaints and report as required by federal law and USA Hockey. If there is any doubt about reporting responsibilities, please contact George, Rick or me immediately. It is important that MAHA report any required matters to the U.S. Center for SafeSport ("Center") and handle other issues that are not within the jurisdiction of the Center appropriately.

I continue to serve on the USA Hockey Legal Counsel and look forward to continuing to positively contribute and bring our MAHA experiences to USA Hockey, and vice versa.

In the event anyone needs to contact me, I can be reached directly at [ssapleton@clarkhill.com](mailto:ssapleton@clarkhill.com) or 616-608-1145.

### **DISABLED SPORTS PROGRAM:**

Marie Sly was not present and no report was given.

### **REGISTRATIONS:**

Bob Yohe reported

he 2019-20 season will be a tough one to forget. Covid-19 sure made us all rethink what normal is and what a new normal may look like. I hope everyone who is reading this is safe and healthy.

Registration totals for the 2019-20 season for Players, Coaches and Officials were down slightly but with everything that went on we still ended the season in good shape.

Registration for the 2020-21 season opened on April 1st and as of June 17th we are at 45% of total registrations that we were last season. With some restrictions being lifted, we should start a climb to our yearly registration number.

As we start the adventure of 2020-21, we have had a few changes that need to be reinforced as we move forward. All players seventeen (17) years of age or older on or before December 31 of that playing season, and that play on a team in a classification that allows minor age players, shall be required to complete U.S. Center for SafeSport online training before being added to such team and prior to participation (on-ice or off-ice). This requirement shall apply to all teams in the Youth, Girls, High School, Junior Hockey, Flex Hockey and Disabled Hockey program classifications that allow both minor age and adult age players. Players required to complete the training shall complete the Core Center for SafeSport Training prior to being added to a team and shall complete the Refresher Course each subsequent season in which they are on a team in the above classifications. This also applies to any Coach or Manager or volunteer needing to be on the roster. Coach, Manager or Volunteers that are on the roster must also have an up to date Background screening. Players, Coaches, Managers or Volunteers cannot be placed on a roster without the completion of these two requirements.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact one of our associate registrars. They will be happy to help you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all association/organization registers for your hard work and dedication.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:** Grant Helms reported:

**Accident Claim Forms:** Claim forms for our excess medical provider are available from your local association, league, or team registrar. **The form is in their USA Hockey Registration Portal provided by USA Hockey and can be printed for you (complete with instructions).** If you are unable to contact your local registrar, please contact me and I will assist you.

**Legal Papers:** If you or your team is served with any legal papers, please contact me immediately. I will notify our insurance carrier and get a claim open immediately. **DO NOT WAIT. CALL NOW.** This includes Liability Claims, D & O Claims, and Crime Claims. For more information, please contact me.

**Embezzlement of Funds:** USA Hockey has experienced embezzlement of funds from Local associations, teams, and leagues. Your board should review your financial procedures and the safeguards you have in place to spot potential problems. Your local accountant is a good resource for information on upgrading your financial procedures.

**Youth Locker Rooms:** USA Hockey has experienced incidents involving locker rooms with youth hockey teams. Your Association, Team, or League needs to make sure locker rooms are monitored from the time they are occupied until the last player leaves. MAHA requires **Two** responsible adults be present in the locker room at all times for the safety of your players and your staff. See MAHA's Locker Room Policy which **MUST** to be followed by all of us.

**Special Sanction for an ON-ICE Event:** For a **Special Sanction for an on-ice event** you will need to contact the USA Hockey Michigan Registrar.

**Special Sanction for an OFF-ICE Event:** For a **Special Sanction for an off-ice event** you will need to contact me. For more information, please contact me regarding a special sanction and I will assist you.

**Special Note for all:** *As we are all aware, there are many requirements for your participation in our sport...but please remember that when you are dealing with youth, it is critical that all the guidelines be followed for their protection as well as protection for you, the players, your Association and teams.*

I would like to take this time to thank the Associate Risk Managers and the MAHA Board of Directors for their continued support and assistance during the hockey season.

If you have questions about Risk Management or the insurance programs offered to you as a member benefit of USA Hockey, please feel free to contact me or an Associate Risk Manager any time.

## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS:

Joe Jones reported:

### MAHA Boys Player Selection Camp Process

The MAHA District Selection Camps, the 14 & 15 Selection Camps, and the 16 & 17 Selection Camp are designed to provide opportunities for the top Michigan hockey players per respective birth age for advancement within the MAHA Selection Camp Process and to the USA Hockey National Development Camps. These opportunities are available to players in the 14U through 17U birth years who are USA Citizens, reside or play in Michigan District of USA Hockey, and are registered with USA Hockey for the current season. Players that are not permanent residents can participate and progress through the Michigan Development Camps, but National Camp Selections are considered and approved by their respective home District (permanent address), and count against their respective home District number allocations (15/16/17 impacted only).

The 2021 Boys MAHA Selection Camp Process is focused on improving the player experience combined with a robust and consistent player evaluation process. Continuous improvements to the registration process, number of ice sessions, number evaluation data points, bench coach strategy, district to district camp consistency, and camp communication and transparency are ongoing. All modifications are intended to enhance player evaluation opportunities, player experience, and overall camp satisfaction while ensuring that the top players from our district move forward in the player selection process.

## 2021 Player Selection Camp Schedules

- **District 2/3/4 Selection Camp 2004/2005/2006/2007:** Tues 4/6 – Sun 4/11 in Dearborn
  - o Lead: Chris Temple
- **Districts 5/6/L7 Selection Camp 2004/2005/2006/2007:** Thu 4/15 – Sun 4/18 in East Lansing
  - o Lead: Jeff Mitchell
- **Districts U7/8 Selection Camp 2004/2005/2006/2007:** Either Fri 4/9 – Sun 4/11 or Fri 4/16-Sun 4/18 in Marquette
  - o Lead: Joe Jones
- **Girls Development Camp:** Fri 4/16 – Sun 4/18 in Grand Rapids
  - o Lead: Jean Laxton
- **Boys Team Michigan:** Fri 3/19 – Sun 3/21 in Chelsea
  - o Lead: Don Wright

### Bantam Camp and Midget Festival Dates to be announced by Winter Meeting

2020 MAHA Boys Player Selection Camp Committee – Joe Provenzano (Past Chair), Joe Jones (Chair), Bob Mancini, Jeff Mitchell, Ron Basseur, Chris Temple, Mike Caples, Amanda Gobert, Jack Witt, Don Wright

## DISTRICT ELECTIONS:

BALLOTS WERE SENT BY ELECTRONIC VOTING TO THE EMAILS ADDRESS LISTED ON THE USA HOCKEY REGISTRATION OF THE REGISTERED MEMBER PARTICIPANTS. BALLOTS WERE SENT ACCORDING TO THEIR DISTRICT OF REGISTRATION.

THE DIRECTORS ARE LISTED BY LENGTH OF TERMS NONE OF WHICH REQUIRED A COIN FLIP. THOSE DISTRICTS NOT REQUIRING A VOTE WERE DETERMINED BY A RANDOM DRAWING CONDUCTED BY KERIN WEAR AND JAMES COSGROVE.

THE RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**DISTRICT 2:** BALLOTS MAILED: 4,182: BALLOTS RETURNED:169: 4.06% RETURN

### **DIRECTORS:**

#### **3 YEAR TERMS:**

PATRICK JESUE  
BOB SMITH  
RICK PINKOWSKI

#### **2 YEAR TERMS;**

CHRIS MAREK

DEBORAH FRESCURA

**1 YEAR TERMS:** DOUG DIROFF  
JEFF WIGINTON

**RUNNERS-UP:** TRACEY POSEY

**DISTRICT 3:** BALLOTS MAILED: 7,275 BALLOTS RETURNED 335: 4.64% RETURN

**DIRECTORS:**  
**3 YEAR TERMS:** CHRIS STASKOWSKI  
DAN JAROSHEWICH  
B.J. MCCABE

**2 YEAR TERMS;** JULIE PARDOSKI  
HEATHER ARMSTRONG

**1 YEAR TERMS:** MARY TEREMI  
BEBA NAUMOVSKI

**RUNNERS-UP:** DOROTHY BALLARD

**DISTRICT 4** BALLOTS MAILED: 8763 BALLOTS RETURNED: 412 4.73 % RETURN

**DIRECTORS:**  
**3 YEAR TERMS:** GORDON LEITZ  
KIM GEARNES  
BRIAN TUCKER

**2 YEAR TERMS;** DAN PAZDOL  
BILL WILLIAMS

**1 YEAR TERMS:** NICK ZAJAS  
JEFF PETERSON

**RUNNERS-UP:** KORY KICHARSKI  
PAUL ROSS  
DANE BARUZZNI

**DISTRICT 5:** NO ELECTION NECESSARY: LENGTH OF TERMS DETERMINED BY RANDOM DRAWING.

**DIRECTORS:**  
**3 YEAR TERMS:** KEVIN BRACKETT  
JULIE BECKER MYERS  
MARY OLIN

**2 YEAR TERMS;** BRIAN CSTORAS  
JIM MCPHEE

**1 YEAR TERMS:** JOHN HOSKING  
MARK CLEMENTS

**DISTRICT 6:** NO ELECTION NECESSARY: LENGTH OF TERMS DETERMINED BY RANDOM DRAWING.

**DIRECTORS:**  
**3 YEAR TERMS:** TOM BERRY  
PEGGY COSTELLO  
KEVIN WOOD

**2 YEAR TERMS:** KORY KARLANDER

PAUL TIEFENTHAL

**1 YEAR TERMS:** TIM JONES  
PAUL OSBORN

**DISTRICT 7:** NO ELECTION NECESSARY: LENGTH OF TERMS DETERMINED BY RANDOM DRAWING.

**DIRECTORS:**  
**3 YEAR TERMS:** SHAYNE NELSON  
DALE RAINER

**2 YEAR TERMS:** MATT HAWKINS

**1 YEAR TERMS** DIANE GUINEY

**DISTRICT 8:** NO ELECTION NECESSARY: LENGTH OF TERMS DETERMINED BY RANDOM DRAWING.

**DIRECTORS:**  
**3 YEAR TERMS:** AL WAKEHAM  
PERRY WOODEN

**2 YEAR TERMS;** SCOTT CAMBENSY

**1 YEAR TERMS:** **VACANT**

DIRECTORS ELECT WILL TAKE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 2020 SUMMER MEETING.

### **SPECIAL AWARDS:**

Wes Danielson Award was given to Keegan Helton. Accepting for Keegan is his Coach Brian Tucker

Kellogg Award was given to Don Wright for his outstanding contributions to Hockey.

No further business to come to the meeting, the meeting adjourned until January 2021 at a date and time to be set by the executive committee.

Kerin R. Wear  
MAHA Secretary