

## **Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

***October 20, 2022***

### ***Zoom Meeting***

A meeting of the Executive Board was held October 20, 2022, at 8:30 pm via zoom.

George Atkinson, President called the meeting to order at 8:30pm. Attending the meeting were voting members George Atkinson, Joe Barone, Kevin Wood, Judy Niemi, Jim Cosgrove, Dan Pozdol, Jean Laxton, Gordon Bowman, and Doug Diroff. Non-voting members Jason Reynolds, Al Wakeham, Tom Berry, Bob Yohe, Michael Palmer, Mickie Jesue, Julie Becker-Myers, and JP Parmentier.

Guests: Bob Despirit.

Minutes: August 18 and September 10 minutes were presented motion to approve second Motion approved.

Financials: We received our final report and recommendations on our USA Audit. There were no substantial issues raised, only minor questions about of 990 filing. Audit Committee will respond.

Registration youth is up from last year and 8u is doing very well again this season, girl's numbers are up over the youth numbers this year.

Director Of Operations & Marketing:

- Partnership update: renewals are pending with our current sponsors and some new sponsors
- Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> is the National Try Hockey for Free Day
- Player Safety Committee: Next week is concussion awareness week
- DEI- no meeting in October, data was received from USA Hockey for the committee to review
- Safesport has some cases open which should be finalized soon
- Almost all jamborees are filled for the year. The number of 6U teams is growing and expanding this season

Tier 1 criteria and new application: extend the deadline until 12/1/22 for 23-24 applications. Application will be it will be online. Do not mail applications in anymore. Approval of applications: youth committee for youth and the girls committee for girls. Motion to approve second motion passes.

Removal of a D7 Director- the director has been determined indefinite ineligible to participate not in good standing by the executive committee. Motion to approve second motion passes.

Canadian travel permit-everything is status quo regarding the permits, just like in the past.

Adults: Bid is out for states, registration for teams is open online.

Bylaw review: Met with the group, Bob Despirit was volunteered to go through the book any changes will be available at the winter meeting.

Coaching: CEP clinics are meeting the need this year. More clinics have just opened. There are several more in person clinic scheduled for Michigan in the next 6 weeks.

Disabled: Try sled hockey at Bell Tire had a few participants show up to try it, sled hockey is kicking off. Warrior hockey has 550 athletes participating, a lot of great things are happening for the Warrior Classic, added 8 more teams-which has increased the ice rental and official's fees, this will be the best Warrior Classic in history.

Girls/Women's: Michigan is sending a representative to the Female Leadership Seminar in Washington November 19-20, 2022. Girls Hockey Night at USA Arena is November 19. Red Wings are looking to initiate all girls Little Wings programs for this season and add a female hockey ambassador. Michigan had 20 girls' sites participating in the IIHF Girls hockey weekend

Guidebook: Guidebook is out on the website we are going to print 110 copies for the voting Directors and support staff.

High School: No report as Split season playoffs for 16u is happening tonight.

Legal: Safe sport reports are coming in now that the season is back underway. It is imperative that the proper process is followed to protect all parties involved.

Officiating: Registration numbers 1817 registered officials, 1350 completed which is up from last year. 91 seminars so far, 6 more are on the books. If teams, see officials not enforcing the rules please let JP know Immediately. Earn your stripes had 30 squirt teams at Troy, 21 new officials and 11 mentors which was very successful.

Task Force: Sent a survey out to membership. So far 449 responses, and the group is breaking them into categories for further analysis

Youth:

- Playoffs sites for states are locked down.
- 2024 National sites will be announced soon.
- A USAH Affiliate President's Task Force is looking at tryouts and related tampering issues. Looking to implement some solutions for the 2024-2025 season.
- National tournament guidebook should be online soon.

The 8U waiver request was heard by the USAH Player Development Committee, should have a hearing decision in the next couple of days.

One goal committee-Joe Spedowski has expressed interest to be the chair for this season. Motion to approve Joe, second motion approved.

Citizenship eligibility- asylum status transfers- was attached with the agenda for tonight meeting.

Old Business: Proposal for a Hockey Event Manager: responsible for MAHA key events, would be a full-time position. Motion to continue to move forward with a new proposal in December, second motion was approved.

Game sheet proposal- online scoring system for statewide use. Looking to implement for 23-34 season  
Motion to move to work on a final partnership proposal, Seconded motion approved.

Motion for adjournment at 10:07pm.

Motion to go into a closed session second motion passed.

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