

Executive Board Meeting Minutes *September 10, 2022*

A meeting of the Executive Board was held September 10, 2022, at 8:00 am. Livonia Marriott

George Atkinson, President called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Attending the meeting were voting members George Atkinson, Joe Barone, Kevin Wood, Jim Cosgrove, Dan Pozdol, Jean Laxton, Gordon Bowman, Jason Reynolds, Al Wakeham, Tom Berry, Bob Yohe, Doug Diroff, Michael Palmer, Mickie Jesue, Nick Zajas, Don Wright, Jerry Ruskowski.

Guests: Kevin Yohe, Paul Osborn, Bob Despirit, Stacey Pilut, Tyler Pilut, Dan Jaroshewich.

Financials: August Financials were sent out this week, Districts need to start thinking about spending block grants, make it happen now. Year end-USA Hockey Audit and Independent Financial Audit, no problems no problems or concerns, and 990 has been filed.

Registration Numbers as of September up 6.4%. Up13.4% at 8U age level at this point this season. Looks like 8u players are renewing. Dan Podzol reviewed some of the number by district so far and discussed the need to take a look at evening out the lower Michigan Districts.

Residency approval: Motion to approve residency application for player Thomas and bring coach in for violation of policy. Motion was seconded and received approval.

Disabled Section: New disabled Director Maureen from Mass. No sled director at this point, Warrior classic in Troy in October 28-30, 2022. Thirty-seven teams participating at this point.

Committee Assignments: Final committee assignments were reviewed and approved. Still a couple spots left to fill at this point.

Director Of Operations & Marketing:

- Kevin Margarucci - Player Safety Director USA Hockey, Andrew Shriver from Positive Coaching Alliance will be giving presentations as part of the Leadership Seminar.
- First Breakaway Newsletter went out this week to Growth Coordinators.
- Bigby Coffee and T&I Credit Union will be helping to sponsor Try Hockey for Free this year.
- Next week is Welcome Back to Hockey Week. List of players not yet registered for 22-23 should be coming out from USA hockey shortly.
- MAHA Tier1 showcase is currently in progress, the games are being broadcasted by Youth Sports Plus on new launched Michigan Hockey TV. Potentially they will do more for MAHA including all of the 2023 State Playoffs.
- Troy Sports Center will host the inaugural Earn Your Stripes Invitational on September 17. All four rinks will be used all day. Thirty 10U teams coming in to play games and help train new officials and mentors. There will also be an Officiating Seminar going on that day too.
- Partnership renewals are going well, other various negotiations are being looked at.

- MAHA Task Force sent out a survey in the September newsletter with some survey question to the parents. To date 37 replies to the survey have been received

Adults: The adults that went with other programming are still not coming back to MAHA and USA, some of the issues are the cost of officials to register with other programs compared to our program. More work to do on the adult side going forward.

Bylaw: The committee has met once with guidance from Steve Stapleton our MAHA Attorney. With the USA Hockey governance changes there will be other changes that needs to be done.

Coaches: Clinic season is online and open to register, clinics are to still filling up, get registered as soon as possible. May be some in-person clinics up in the northern part of Michigan, most clinics will be online.

Girls/Women's: MGHL meeting Thursday most ever 8u teams registered, 8u half ice league for girls only.

Girls THFF coming up in October. Senior Women States under adults' possibility.

Guidebook: Guidebook will be finished by this weekend; tournament guidebook will be done also.

High School: Split season 16u-8 teams one team to states in March, 18u-10 teams for October 10 team state tournament, with couple full-season teams. Overall, 15-20 split season teams and some chose not to do the state Tournament.

Legal: Any contracts for services that need to be signed by a MAHA Officer please send to Jim, George, Steve and Jason. On the contracts use the MAHA address not your personal address. Still redeveloping the discipline procedure within the MAHA, any questions regarding Safe sport or discipline contact Steve.

Officiating: Earn your stripes program has been well received.

Youth:

- Live Streaming up and running at Tier 1 Showcase.
- Changes to Split season structure seem to be working well, more teams this season.
- Tier 1 playoff schedule for states is looking to be restricted to create a Championship weekend for all national bound divisions. More work to do to see if it is possible for 2023.
- Getting host district sites determined early for state playoffs, has worked well.
- MAHA Mite Jamborees registration will open on September 15. New location will be USA Hockey Arena in December.

Old Business: Motion to approve the tournament rule changes, seconded, approved.

Pilot Programs:

Non-National Bound Age Classification-motion to approve second approved.

Removed District Boundaries for youth 16u-18u-motion to approve, seconded, approved.

The 18u out of district is now not needed.

Video Review Policy-motion to approve to remove the dates, seconded, approved.

Changes to discipline structure for 22-23, need to get committee together to make some decisions.
VP Appeals, Safe Sport Coordinator (Jason Reynolds), -filter through them, then dispersed as needed.,
then comes back to the group for the hearing, same as the Match penalties.

One Goal Grant Discussion on the program, does it need changes, or stay the same program.

Safe Sport Training Update: If there are issues, please email to member services at USA Hockey DO NOT
CALL as it takes time away from them trying to catch up. The Registration Portal is still having issues
assigning primary managers to a roster.

Motion to Adjourn: 10:44am