

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 13, 2020**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by President Adam Fortin. The meeting was held at the Highgate Arena Lobby.

Board Members in attendance were:

Adam Fortin, President	Dawn Lapan, Mite Director
Judy Laroche, Treasurer	Carrie Bessette, Peewee Director
Karen Fortin, Secretary/State Rep	Marcy Stefaniak, Vice President
Amy Messier, Squirt Director	

Missing MAHA Board Members: Corey Fregeau, Bantam Director, Krystin Valenti, Girls Director and Angela DeSanctis, T-Blade Director

MAHA Members: Nola Gagne and Ty Choiniere

Secretary's Report: All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the November 25, 2019 MAHA meeting. A motion was made by Marcy Stefaniak to accept the minutes, seconded by Carrie Bessette. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judy stated she did not prepare a report. She is currently working on getting the bills printed. Judy will bill Milton for their portion of the state tournament fees. Judy also stated that we received a check from Kevin Smiths for \$450 from the clothing store they provided.

State Report: The State Tournament sites have been announced. MAHA will host the U10T4 teams the weekend of Feb 7th-9th and the U14t4's the weekend of Feb 14th-16th. The U10T3 team has been moved to the U10T2 level and travel to Montpelier. The U12T4 team has been moved up to the U12T3 level and will travel to Middlebury. The U14T3 team will travel to Cairns.

The state reminded everyone that zero tolerance will be enforced during the tournaments.

The lack of referees in the state is a concern during states.

Fundraising Committee: The fundraising committee is currently getting prices for next year's Calcutta. There are some gas cards remaining from the Calcutta that they would like to raffle off during states. Another idea is to raffle off a frame filled with scratch tickets.

Other ideas is a Cake Auction, Pie Sales and a Barn Dance. More information will be provided.

Spring Thaw: Karen asked if we should include the Bantams in the Spring Thaw this year as last year, we had a very low number take part and we had them skate with the Peewees. Karen asked those who were present who had Bantams and they did not plan on having their Bantams skate. So, moving forward, we will not include the Bantams for this Spring Thaw session. Karen stated she will get registration information out to MAHA, SASA and Milton.

Elections: Adam stated that the president and treasurer terms are up for election this year. Adam added that he will not be running for reelection. And the six director positions will also open up for the 1-year term. The State Rep and Coaching Director will be board appointed following our changes to the by-laws. We will open up letters of interest to be received by March 2nd. Absentee ballots will be available on Friday, March 6th. Election will be held two weeks following. Karen stated that she has asked Wendi Dusablan, the Highgate town clerk if she would count the ballots again this year and she is able to do so on the 20th.

Bantams: Ty asked about the U14t4 coach that was added for the Bantam Tournament. Adam stated that he has spoke with Dan and will leave it up to Dan if he wants help on the bench. Adding the coach was not approved by the board.

A motion was made to move into executive session by Amy Messier. Seconded by Dawn Lapan. All in favor, motion carried

A motion was made to exit executive session by Carrie Bessette. Seconded by Dawn Lapan. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the MAHA meeting was made by Marcy Stefaniak. Seconded by Carrie Bessette, all in favor motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by,

Karen Fortin
MAHA Secretary