

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2023

Zoom Meeting

A meeting of the Executive Board at the winter meeting was held February 16, 2023, at 8:30pm.

George Atkinson, President called the meeting to order at 8:30pm. Attending the meeting were voting members George Atkinson, Dan Pozdol, Doug Diroff, Judy Niemi, Joe Barone, Jean Laxton, Gordon Bowman, Kevin Wood, Jim Cosgrove, Nick Zajas. Guests: Steve Stapleton, Jason Reynolds, Nick Zajas, Tom Berry, Al Wakeham, J.P. Parmentier, Matt Hawkins, Bob Yohe, Doug Diroff, Don Wright, Bob DeSpirit

Absent: Matt Kakabeeke, Craig Staskowski, Julie Becker-Myers, Don Wright

Last month Minutes- No minutes from January, will be presented in March.

Financial update: Financials went out tonight before the meeting, this months bills will be paid over the next few weeks.

Registration numbers are up 1,367 participants from January to February with the majority being adults and 8U. YTD we are ahead of last year at 8U by about 5%.

Marketing

- Youth Sports Plus confirmed dates for the installs with the arenas hosting states.
- Event Connect-in the first 30 days 130 room reservations were confirmed, so far off to a good start.
- Promotion of Squad Locker for state apparel will be sent out in the next few weeks.
- Game Sheet will use Tier 1 at Taylor For state playoffs for a test program for MAHA.
- The last national Try Hockey for Free day for the year is Saturday February 25th in Michigan.

Safe sport- Locker-room Monitoring is still in issue in Michigan and Nationally, Possible they may be a national Standard implemented across USA Hockey: Example would be a 30 day suspension to the head coach, Minnesota Hockey has instituted A fine program to the association.

Adults: No update, Sates are coming along, Doug will send invoices to Jim for payment.

DEI committee-Continuing to meet.

Bylaw Review-Next meeting February 27 at 8pm.

Coaches-no update

Discipline-no appeals at the present time

Disabled-Job description is on the website, no applications have been submitted to date. The last time the position was posted there were a few people interested in the position, we should look at reaching out to those people also.

Girls/women's-PDC Numbers are very strong for girls for the player development tryouts being in West Michigan this year.

Legal- Application for the use of the assumed name "MAHA" has been approved.

Officiating: Districts are not all done, States are coming up next for us. Melissa Skozola will oversee all female officials for state playoffs in Michigan.

Task Force: Good meeting the last time we met, regarding Tier 3 hockey, lots of discussions and the meeting went well.

Youth: States start in a week and a half, everyone should have information, make sure the sites are ready to go. Tryout season is crazy already and should not be happening yet.

Tier 1 Residency wording-sent to the Executive committee to be revised.

Tier 1 pilot program- two pilot programs from USA Hockey, 13 u movement is Michigan only, Motion to approve, seconded, motion carries with one opposition vote.

Pilot for out of state players- motion to approve 13 u to have 3 out of state players, strike application is February 1, motion to approve, seconded, Motion failed.

Pilot out of state players- Motion to approve the current pilot with the exception of removing application must be by February 1st. Motion passed.

Hockey Event Manager- we have received a number of applications as interview will start in the near future.

Future Winter and Summer MAHA Meetings:

Winter meeting 2024-Liviona Marriott-Motion to approve, second Motion carries.

Summer meeting 2024-Hilton Doubletree Grand Rapids-Motion to approve, second Motion carries.

Old business: None

New Business: None

Motion to Adjourn at 9:54pm, seconded-passed.

The MAHA
Kevin Wood
MAHA Secretary

Attachments: None

Updated 3-18-23