

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 17, 2017**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by President Adam Fortin. The meeting was held at the Highgate Arena Office. Adam welcomed John Coiffi, the VSAHA President and Nate Isham, VSAHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. John explained that he and Nate are trying to attend all the local associations meeting this season.

Board Members in attendance were:

Adam Fortin, President	April Mathieu, Peewee Director
Jason Butler, Vice President	Amy Messier, Squirt Director
Karen Fortin, Secretary/State Rep	Amy Parent, Mite Director
Judy Laroche, Treasurer	Carrie Bessette, Bantam Director
Angela DeSanctis, Girls Director	Marcy Stefaniak, T-Blade Director
Devon Glover, Director of Coaches	

**MAHA Members in Attendance:** Lucas Tatro, Krisy Tatro, Ty Choiniere, Heather Belrose, Ashley Longley, Randy Connolly and Josh Berard

**Member Comments:** Lucas Tatro asked the board if the more experienced Mites could get an opportunity to skate with the Squirts on Thursdays, since there are less skaters on the ice without the Peewee B's. Ashley Longley stated that she didn't think Thursdays would be good as teams are getting ready for states. Adam agreed with Ashley and stated that Tuesdays would be the best day as Thursday are designated for a team practice rather than Tuesdays which are skills and drills. Adam added that we would have to offer it to all the 08's and not pick only a certain few. A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to offer all the players born in 08 to take part in the skills and drills on Tuesdays January 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and February 7<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Angela DeSanctis. All in favor, motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the December 1, 2016 meeting. A motion was made by Amy Messier to accept the minutes. Seconded by Carrie Bessette. All in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** All in attendance reviewed the treasurers report presented by Judy Laroche. A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to accept the minutes. Seconded by Amy Parent. All in favor, motion carried.

**Facility Report:**

Ty stated that the bleachers have been ordered and are scheduled to begin installation on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**State Rep Report:**

Karen stated that Nate Isham and the rules committee will present to the state board and all the state reps with proposed rule changes for next season. One major change after having 116 request for transfers and releases will be if a player is moving from one local association to another, the released players will no longer be able to participate in states if it's their first year to be eligible for states.

The next state meeting will be Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

**Fundraising:**

Anglea stated that she will look into the Lake Monsters and Bowling. Adam suggested getting tickets for a Montreal/Bruins game and raffle them off.

**Street Hockey Tournament:** Karen stated that the facility has agreed to letting us use the building free of charge for a Street Hockey Tournament next summer. A committee will need to be formed for that event.

**Handbook:** Adam stated that we need to have the handbook mirror the by-laws, Rules and Regulations 101.2 which states the required equipment.

Adam asked each director if there was anything to report on their teams:

Adam stated that we currently don't have a loyalty clause in place, but would like to have a clause that leave it up to the coach's discretion based on need.

**MAHA Awards Night:** The Awards night is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the MVU Theater.

**Spring League:** Karen stated that Spring League registration will open this week, with a goal of 125 skaters. We will not be offering Spring League to Bantams as there were not enough last year and mixing with the Peewees did not work out well.

The next MAHA meeting will be scheduled at a later date once everyone reviews their schedules.

A motion to adjourn the MAHA meeting was made by Carrie Bessette. Seconded by Jason Butler. All in favor motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by,

Karen Fortin  
MAHA Secretary