

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Thursday, July 13, 2017**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by President Adam Fortin. The meeting was held at the Highgate Arena Office.

Board Members in attendance were:

Adam Fortin, President	Carrie Bessette, Peewee Director
Marcy Stefaniak Vice President	Angela DeSanctis, T-Blade Director
Karen Fortin, Secretary/State Rep	Dawn Lapan, Mite Director
Judy Laroche, Treasurer	Joe Severy, Director of Coaches

Board Member not in attendance: Amy Messier, Squirt Director, Corey Fregeau, Bantam Director and Krystin Valenti, Girls Director

MAHA Members in Attendance: Nola Gilbert

**Secretary's Report:** All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the June 20, 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Marcy Stefaniak to accept the minutes. Seconded by Carrie Bessette. All in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report: Tabled**

Judy stated that there are currently 31 letters pending with Warner Home.

The 20-week club calendars have been printed and cost \$134 at the UPS store.

Judy stated that she has paid Andy Dougherty for the scheduling the refs and for the arbiter.

Judy added that the sign for Boat Headquarters of \$560 has been paid to the facility.

The question was raised, what would be required from players who start the Bantam season in October and then make the High School team on November 27th. It was agreed that the player would have to pay for USA hockey fee, MAHA registration fee, Calendars and Calcutta ticket. No hours will be required.

**State Report:** Karen wanted to remind everyone of the kick off meeting on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

The question was raised about players leaving MAHA for the Dynamo's do they need to be released is the Dynamo's are not USA hockey affiliated? Karen stated that she believed they needed to be released but would contact Nate Isham for confirmation.

**Coaching Director:** Joe stated that he will be setting up a meeting with the coaches.

**Field Days:** Karen stated that sign-ups look good. We are shorthanded on Saturday. There are about a dozen families that have not signed up. She will send a personal email to each family to remind them to sign up to work their required hours. She will also offer additional hours for the upcoming season to those who would like to get their hours completed for the season.

Marcy stated that Fournier's Equipment will let us use a trailer during Field Days.

**Fundraising Committee Update:** Angela stated that MAHA will be selling Lake Monster tickets until August 4<sup>th</sup>. MAHA will be selling Cookie Dough starting October 8<sup>th</sup>. The Calcutta is scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for donations.

MAHA will be holding a Street Hockey Tournament on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. We are also waiting to get approval from the Highgate Select board to have a bartender at the proposed Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Nola asked what was the amount MAHA needs to raise by fundraising. Karen stated that we usually plan on \$20,000. The ice rate is going up \$10 per hour so could be an additional \$3000 based on the ice used last season.

**Summer Dryland:** Adam stated that the dryland has been a great success. There were 17 players taking part tonight. Adam wanted to thank Mark Gilbert for taking the lead on this and making it a success.

**Street Hockey:** The plan is to start street hockey on Friday Nights prior to the Street Hockey tournament. The turf will need to be removed before we can start.

**Other:**

**MAHA Books:** Judy stated that we have hired an accountant to work on the books and the income tax. Judy added that Carrie has started cleaning up quick books.

**Bylaws:** Adam would like to have a committee review and work on the Bylaws once field days has gone by.

**Informational meeting:** Carrie suggested to Adam to schedule the MVU theater for the informational meeting.

**Awards Banquet:** It was suggested that MAHA continue to purchase the MAHA trophies but each team will hold their own celebration.

The next Fundraising Committee meeting will be on Thursday, August 10th at 6pm.

The next MAHA meeting will be on Thursday, August 10th at 7:00pm.

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

Minutes Submitted by,

Karen Fortin  
MAHA Secretary