

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Thursday, September 7, 2017**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Adam Fortin. The meeting was held at the Highgate Arena Office.

Board Members in attendance were:

Adam Fortin, President	Corey Fregeau, Bantam Director
Marcy Stefaniak Vice President	Carrie Bessette, Peewee Director
Amy Messier, Squirt Director,	Krystin Valenti, Girls Director,
Karen Fortin, Secretary/State Rep	Dawn Lapan, Mite Director
Joe Severy, Director of Coaches	Angela DeSanctis, T-Blade Director

Board Member not in attendance: Judy Laroche, Treasurer,

MAHA Members or guests in attendance: Chris Hatin, Ian Zier, John Lumsden, Mark Gilbert and Erin Mckechnie

Secretary's Report: All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the August 10, 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Marcy Stefaniak to accept the minutes. Seconded by Corey Fregeau, All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tabled

State Report: Karen stated that Adam, Marcy, Amy, Adam DeSanctis and herself attended the kick off meeting. One big change this year is all age appropriate modules must be completed prior to any coach getting on the ice along with the required background check and safesport if they were completed prior to 2016. Karen added that she, Marcy and Amy attended the schedulers meeting. The first state meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12th.

Bantam Registrations: Adam welcomed John Lumsden, the MVU Athletic Director; Chris Hatin, MVU Boys Varsity Head Coach and Ian Zier, MAHA Bantam Coach. Adam stated that we currently have 19 Bantams registered with the possibility of one additional transferring from SASA. He lives in Sheldon and plans on attending MVU as a Freshman. This number is not including a goalie. We thought we had a goalie for the Bantams but he was born in 2002. We currently have a full Bantam roster knowing that once High School starts we will be losing some players. Abbey Bessette will be playing High School Girls. Chris Hatin stated that he is looking at take a total of 9 freshman and he is only planning on dressing 21 players. He would like to send players back to Bantams if they are not getting enough player time at the high school level. John Lumsden stated the he would like to see players on the bench playing. Karen stated that she will ask at the state meeting if there are any rules to that and if December 30th comes into play for a final roster.

Adam also asked John Lumsden about 8th grade girls getting to practice with the MVU Girls High School team. We currently have one 8th grade girl who started skating last year. Unfortunately, her skill level does not allow her to play with the Bantams or possibly transferring to SASA's U-14. We would like to continue developing her skills but also would like to see her get a chance to practice with the high school girls a few times a week. John stated he would have to check with the school board and if it would be considered a liability. Karen added that MAHA is trying to keep bringing in girls (specifically the 10-14 age group) to keep feeding to the MVU Girls Highgate School team.

Coaching Director: Joe stated he met with the coaches on August 31st. Joe added that he is still a little short on coaches at the Squirt level. Karen stated that she would reach out to Krissy Longway to see if she would be interested in coaching. Karen also added that Caitlin Fortin would be willing to help when she is home from college. Adam also added that he could be put on the roster and help when he was needed. Joe will have five outside evaluators who are former MVU and BFA players to evaluate the Peewees and Mite. Karen stated that we could schedule the evaluations on Oct 20th - 22nd.

Player movement:

Peewees: Adam stated that we have three Peewee Goalies and no Bantam Goalie. Corey stated that Garret is willing to move to Bantams if needed. Adam said he will reach out to Austin's parents as well to see if he is interested in trying out for the Bantam spot. Joe stated the goalies will be evaluated during the Peewee tryouts. A motion was made by Dawn Lapan to file a player play-up request for a Peewee goalie to be moved up to Bantams for the Bantam goalie position. Seconded by Marcy Stefaniak. All in favor, motion carried.

U-14 Girls: Adam stated that we currently have three U-14 Girls who would like to transfer to SASA as they do not want to play with the Bantams and possibly 3 or 4 U10 Girls who do not want to play with the U10 boys. MAHA and SASA had an agreement last year with SASA allowing our girls to go play on their U-14 team. The arrangement worked out well for both parties. Adam stated that SASA has agreed to take our girls at both levels again this year. Karen stated we will transfer and release Haley, Kayden and Emma as they will all go to high school next year. Marcy will reach out to the U10 girls to see if they do want to play with SASA's U10 girls team.

Squirts: Adam stated that it looks like due to two players leaving for the Dynamo's, one player who moved and has relocated to another organization and possibly 3 or 4 girls not wanting to play with the boys that leaves us with only 8 or 9 players at the squirt level. Karen stated that we could request to move U-8 Mite players born in 2009 up by filing the player play-up request with the state as the VSAHA play-up policy states that moving U-8's up would only be considered in the case of U10's having insufficient number to field a team within the association. Joe stated that he thinks we should ask to have 3 or 4 players moved up. They would be evaluated during the Mite evaluations for those slots. A motion was made by Marcy Stefaniak for MAHA to file a player play-up request for 3 or 4 U8 Mites to move up to U10's. Seconded by Dawn Lapan. All in favor, motion carried.

Summer Dry Land: We have had a great turn out for summer dryland and have been getting great feedback.

Fundraising:

Cornhole Tournament: Currently have 24 teams. Karen is hoping to get a few more teams signed up. Angela stated that we received an \$150 gift card from Hannafords to help with our BBQ. Karen added that she has volunteers to make salads.

Lake Monster Game: Angela stated that we sold 37 tickets for the Lake Monster game and 5 players went on the field during the National Anthem.

Equipment Swap: Karen stated that she will hold our annual equipment swap on September 14th and 15th.

Skate-A-Thon: MAHA's annual kick the season off skate-a-thon will be held on Sunday, October 8th from 10am-12pm.

A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to move into executive session. Seconded by Marcy Stefaniak. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Corey Fregeau to move out of executive session. Seconded by Krystin Valenti. All in favor, motion carried.

The next MAHA meeting will be on Thursday, October 5th at 6:00pm.

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

Minutes Submitted by,

Karen Fortin
MAHA Secretary