

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 20, 2019**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 6:02pm 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
Carrie Bessette, Peewee Director	Krystin Valenti, Girls Director
Karen Fortin, Secretary/State Rep	Marcy Stefaniak, Vice President
Amy Messier, Squirt Director	Angela DeSanctis, T-Blade Director

Missing MAHA Members: Joe Severy, Director of Coaching; Corey Fregeau, Bantam Director and Judy Laroche, Treasurer

Guests: Devin Quinn, Milton President, Karen Hammond, Past Milton President, April Grimes, Toby Larocque, Michael Languasco, Jada Payea, Bill Campbell, Carri Rock and Tiffany Philbrook

Secretary's Report: All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the July 30, 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: Tabled

State Report: Karen reminded everyone that the VSAHA kickoff is on Sunday, August 25th. The first State Meeting is Tuesday, October 1st.

MAHA/Milton Combined Teams

Devin stated that it currently looks like Milton will have 11 Bantams, 9 Peewees and 7 Squirts who will need to combine with MAHA. Adam added that with the additional players, there will be 3 Squirt teams, 2 Peewee teams and 2 Bantam teams.

A motion was made by Marcy Stefaniak to combine the Milton players with the MAHA players for the upcoming season based on the Milton players needing to combine to continue playing. Carrie Bessette seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mark Deso will assign games for MAHA/Milton in Highgate and Rick Streeter will be assigning games at Gutterson as they did last year through the arbiter.

Karen will scheduled the ice in Highgate and Jada will schedule the ice at Gutterson.

Adam explained his plan for the skating opportunities prior to the evaluations. All players U8 and older will be invited to take part in the power skating with Dan McFall the first two Tuesdays and Thursday starting October 1st. In addition each level will have 7 additional practices with evaluations being held on Saturday October 26th and 27th. Adam added that he will have non parent/coaches evaluation the players. Both organizations will be represented on the ice. Evaluations will include goalies with possibly the exception at the U10 level.

It was discussed and agreed that both organizations will try to match jersey numbers and sizes so one organization will have a home jersey and the other will have the away jersey. That way each organization can keep their identity. Jada added that she will put decals together with a combined logo for the player's helmets and possibly a store at Kevin Smith's with t-shirts if players would like to purchase.

Adam also stated that he would like to put a report/progress card together for each player that can be used at the beginning and then again at the end of the season.

Schedulers: Karen stated that she will have the schedules for the game ice divided by levels for the schedulers meeting for the State Meeting. Marcy will schedule for the U-14's, Nola and Carrie Rock will schedule for the U12's. Amy is unable to attend so Karen will schedule for the three U10 teams and the U8's.

Nola raised the question about how we find out about tournaments and how many do teams take part in. It was stated that we usually take part in one or two during the season. The additional cost limits how many families can afford. Karen added that at the schedulers meeting organizations will hand out flyers for upcoming tournaments.

Field Days: Adam stated Field Days went well. The stakes will be stored at the Field Days since they purchased them. It saves us from moving them and storing them.

Girls Try Hockey For Free: Karen stated that Caitlin Fortin has received approval from her coach to have the Paul Smith's women's college team come to Highgate to assist with the Girls Try Hockey For Free along with the MVU Varsity Girls on Saturday, October 5th from 1:00pm-3:00pm. All the MAHA girls will be asked to bring a friend in addition to opening it to the public. Karen added that she will put in an event request to VSAHA for USA Hockey approval. We are very close to having a U10/U12 Girls team, hoping this event will encourage more girls to play.

Fundraising: Angela stated that the Calcutta is scheduled for November 16th at the American Legion. Angela added that she would like to continue with the cookie dough and rada sales. Dan Reyome has reached out about selling chocolate bars. It was also mentioned about raffling off tickets for an all-inclusive trip valued at \$3000. We could sell tickets for \$10 x 10 per family. The question was raised do we need the additional funding and if so do hold additional fundraising or do we just raise the fees next season. It was added that the registration fees have not been raised for at least 5 years.

Karen stated that the Cornhole tournament has been approved by the facility board to be held on Friday, September 20th. Karen asked Angela if she would contact bartenders.

Learn To Skate: Adam stated that the Highgate Recreation Commission will take over the Sunday, Learn To Skate program which will save MAHA in ice fees.

Equipment Swap: Karen stated that the 9th annual equipment swap will take place on Friday September 6th and Saturday, September 7th.

A motion to move into executive session at 9:00pm was made by Carrie Bessette Seconded by Kristen Valenti. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to exit executive session at 9:15pm by Carrie Bessette. Seconded by Amy Messier. All in favor, motion carried.

The next MAHA meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26th at 6:30pm.

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