



**MALONE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**May 12, 2021**

A Malone Minor Hockey Association Regular Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, in person (socially distanced) at the Malone Civic Center.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Present:** Matt Jones, Beau Brand, Jay Perras, Chris Walfield, Ben West, Sandy Riley, Scott Marlow, Josh Ashline

**Absent:** Kris Hardy, Mike Beebe

Meeting was called to order by Matt Jones at 7:50pm.

**1. Public Session**

**A. Scott Henning regarding 2021-2022 Bantams.**

1. Scott asked about the difference between a Jr. Huskies and a 46ers team name. It was discussed that girls teams at this time are considered 46ers because of the geographical make-up of where the players are from and also the brand that has been created. It was also discussed that the 16U and 18U boys teams were created as 46ers teams as there wasn't consistency at these levels within MMHA in the past. These teams also have the necessity to be made up of regional players to have the numbers.
2. Question was asked regarding tier 3, tryouts, and recruiting. Discussion was had around the NYSAHA and USA Hockey guidelines for tryouts and recruiting at the tier 3 level. MMHA fields Jr. Huskies and 46ers 16U & 18U boys teams at the tier 3 level. 46ers Girls team are tier 2 as there are only two tiers at the girls levels.
3. Scott asked if he could have support in fielding a 46ers 14U wrap team for the 2021-2022 season. This was supported by the board.

**B. Sandy Riley regarding MMHA financials.**

1. Sandy stated that she has asked to receive financial reports on several occasions and hasn't received them.
2. Matt Jones asked to see Board approved meeting minutes that indicated these requests had been made and not fulfilled.

**C. Dustin Ducatte proposed a question to the board regarding why should he bring his children back to MMHA.**

1. Dustin discussed a situation that occurred with his child that he had concerns about and why he should bring his children back to the association.
2. Process for bringing issues/concerns forward was discussed.

3. The board responded that it works to provide an exciting and fun atmosphere for all players and families within MMHA and the choice of where he decides for his children to play is one that he will have to make.

**D. Terry Maguire stated that he was present at the meeting to observe.**

1. Mentioned that the Town of Malone invoked their right to revoke the automatic renewal clause in the current lease agreement with MMHA for the Malone Civic Center.
2. Asked question about if it is posted when MMHA meetings will be held.
3. Matt Jones responded that the Board could do a better job with posting meeting dates and that COVID had thrown off some of the schedule.

**E. Desiree Lawrence regarding MMHA not fulfilling things based on current bylaws.**

1. Desiree stated her displeasure with the 10U/Squirt level from this past season and the way that players were separated.
2. Ben West stated that there were many discussions had throughout the shortened season regarding this particular group and how to try and best handle. It is always difficult to predict who is going to show up or who was affected by COVID.
3. Jay Perras stated that this past season was a challenging year due to COVID for the association, board, players, families, and community. The Board tried to do the best given the situation in a safe and effective manner.
4. Desiree asked if there a designated timeframe to answer questions that are proposed?
5. The board stated that a respectful turnaround time for answers is desired from the board.

Public session was ended at 8:40pm and entered into regular board meeting.

**2. Regular Session**

**A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from 4/21/21.**

1. Motion to approve from Jay, seconded by Beau, all were in favor.

**B. 2021 16U NYS Champions.**

1. Matt wanted to acknowledge the great accomplishment of the 46ers 16U Boys team in winning the NYSAHA Tier 3 State Championship. The first state championship for the association in many years.
2. Discussion was had around ways the association could help congratulate the team. Ideas of support were discussed with help around their parent planned banquet for the team.

**C. Board Meetings**

1. Format of MMHA board meetings was discussed. Virtual meetings were beneficial and allowed for the board to continue to meet. Some have enjoyed that format. Would like to move to more in person meetings when safe and possible.
2. Discussion was had around setting agenda and sticking to agenda to keep meetings on time and moving along. Agenda and meeting minutes will be presented to the board at least 48 hours ahead of a regular scheduled board meeting.
3. Look to get back to a format of setting consistent dates and times for MMHA board meetings for planning purposes.

#### **D. General Items**

1. Letter received from the Town of Malone regarding the current lease agreement with the Town of Malone, Village of Malone, and Malone Rec Commission. The Town of Malone enacted their right to revoke the automatic renewal clause of the current agreement.
2. 2021 Girl on Fire- Jacob Dievendorf Memorial Tournament will be occurring on May 14, 15, and 16. There are currently 15 teams registered and over 200 girls will be participating between the 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U levels. Tournament COVID Safety Guidelines will be in full effect according to approved plan from Franklin County Public Health.

#### **E. Board Election Committee**

1. Dates have been set for May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at the Malone Civic Center.

#### **F. Banquet 2020-2021**

1. Gift ideas were discussed for the 2020-2021 season. Discussion was had around where to hold the potential banquet. Outside at the Rec Park was mentioned. T-shirts were discussed as a possible option with the Jr. Huskies logo on the front of them. Matt will work to get quote from vendor. Motion was made by Chris to purchase Jr. Huskies t-shirts for the association, seconded by Jay, all were in favor.
2. End of season awards were discussed and email will be sent out to coaches for selection. Potential new awards were discussed to honor the passing of Jim Hardy, former MMHA Board Member and past President, who gave a lot to the association and community. Also, discussion around the possible naming of an award for Andrew St. Louis who also recently passed away and was a strong supporter of the 46ers program from its start.

#### **G. Financial**

1. Report deferred.
2. 2022 Budget discussion, deferred.

#### **H. Committees**

1. Fundraising- kudos was given to Laurie Dustin by the board for her leadership and planning of the Craft Fair that was held outside on the lawn at the Malone Civic Center. Great event for the community and also raised funds for MMHA.

#### **I. Next Meeting Date: TBD**

#### **J. Adjournment: Motion was made by Beau and seconded by Scott to adjourn the meeting.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm**

**Notes recorded by Matt Jones**