

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting
Thursday, July 28, 2022**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President, Corey Fregeau. The meeting was held via Zoom.

Board Members in Attendance:

Corey Fregeau, President	Heather Gregoire, Squirt (U10) Director
Marcy Stefaniak, Vice President	Chad Parah, Girls Director
Lindsay Ladd, Secretary	Luc Choquette, Pee wee (U12) Director
Judy Laroche, Treasurer	Angela DeSanctis, T-Blades Director
Tom Gates, Head of Coaching	Ashley Spears, Mite (U8) Director
Karen Fortin, State Representative	

MAHA Board Members Absent:

Jonathan Godin, Bantam (U14) Director

MAHA Members:

Bridgett Cadieux (Fundraising)

Kim Delorme (Fundraising)

Ashton Banyea

Samantha Laroche

Other Attendees:

Secretary's Report:

Marcy motioned to accept June minutes, Heather 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

April – June under unworked hours -300 dollars was a refund to Joe Severy. Under 20 week calendars, there are a couple uncashed checks. \$186 from Bernie left from last years donation. Judy isn't sure if he will donate again this year. Judy received a check in the mail from Boat Headquarters for \$1500.

Checking: 21,716.81

Savings: 24,082.94

\$483 for equipment insurance. Judy asked if we needed such a high policy for our equipment insurance.

DIBS – \$250 paid to SportsEngine.

Marcy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Angela 2nd the motion. All in favor.

State Report:

Special meeting on 7/14 to go over new Black Bears (Harwood, Barre, CVSA, and Northfield have all combined). With all four organizations combined they still have less than 200 skaters. They are all under CVSA, and they have rebranded themselves as the Black Bears. Harwood, Barre, and Northfield have dispersed. They had tryouts yesterday to figure out what they are going to have for teams so they can order jerseys. Northfield has taken on a girls Program called the Blizzards. They will be having girls' teams playing out of Northfield. Their goal is to have small teams. Lyndon was really concerned about them accepting players from outside of those four groups, they're trying to keep it local, but no rules have been put in place yet. Some Harwood players are going to Stowe. All the players will have to transfer to CVSA. They are going to try to do U8 groups in every rink to try and keep the little kids local. They are kind of set up the same way we are, they are going to pay for their state tournaments. If they do any additional tournaments the parents will have to pay for them. They're hoping for 2 teams at every level.

- Just a reminder the face off meeting is 8/28 at the Delta at 8am. More info to come.
- 7/19 message from Melissa Bocash regarding the girls meeting. Not a lot of attendance, good meeting though; really focusing on how to get more girls playing hockey. We are not the only organization having difficulty with the girl's hockey program.

- 9/25, 10/2, 10/9 – getting the high school girls involved in a girl's hockey skills and drills type thing and try to get the girls to bring a friend for the day. We would still have a Girls Try Hockey for Free day.
- Karen would like to send out an email seeing who would be willing to play on a girls team vs. a co-ed team to get a better idea of numbers.

Fundraising:

- Gun Raffle – M&R Guns and Ammo 8/15 – 9/30. Drawing on 10/1 pending sale of all 750 tickets. If all tickets are not sold by that date, then we can extend the date.
- It will be done very similar to the E-Bike drawing. It will be drawn randomly. If they buy more than one ticket, they can win more than one gun.
- Each family would be required to sell 5 tickets. There would be potential for families to sell more tickets. If families register after 10/1 you would not be required to sell tickets or pay the \$125.
- There would be potential for a big incentive for people to sell more than the required tickets. The person who sells the most tickets could possibly get a free year of hockey for ONE CHILD. 2nd place would be \$200 to Big Al's, and 3rd place could potentially be \$100 to Gary's or McCuins. Marcy and Judy would like to re-evaluate the prizes.
 - Corey motioned to vote for incentives for this fundraiser. All in favor of having some type of incentive for this fundraiser. None were opposed.
 - 1st place prize registration fees, free year minus fundraising plus Waive general hours. If there is a family with multiple kids the child with most expensive registration will get a credit. Corey motioned to vote for first place prize. All in Favor. None opposed.
 - 2nd place would be having the Barn Dance ticket paid for. Corey motioned to vote for 2nd place prize. All in Favor. None opposed.
 - 3rd place skate sharpening card to the pro shop. Corey motioned to vote for 3rd place prize. All in Favor. None opposed.
- What do we do if we have a family who objects to selling these tickets? Corey, Marcy, and Lindsay said they would sell the tickets.

- Barn dance has been confirmed for 10/15 at the Field Days Barn.
- The bottle drive made approximately made over \$900 dollars.

General Housekeeping:

Jersey sale? Eliminate some of the old jerseys to buy some new ones. Marcy is going to touch base with Luc regarding Jersey's at least for the Bantams.

Kyler McCormick's mother reached out to Judy regarding a MAHA team now that he has aged out from Bantam's. He is age eligible for HS. We will not have a midget team at MAHA.

Floor hockey on the 21st of August? 3v3 with a goalie. 2 games going on at once, possibly even three? Cross "ice" using the middle of the rink as well.

Checking clinic – in the past the state has provided it. We (MAHA) are working on getting a clinic set up. Karen did bring it up to John at the state level and is going to run it by board to see if it's something they will have time to do.

- Tom reached out to Adam Fortin who said he would be interested in hosting a checking clinic. It would be a one-day clinic. Possible they would want a donation to the MVU Boosters for the HS hockey teams.

Roch is still on the table for goalie clinic during the season. He did send Marcy a draft contact at the end of season. Marcy will reach out to him to confirm and see what his plan is.

States information needs to be updated. Safety Coordinator/Safesport is Marcy and Heather is asking Tony if he wants to be the goalie POC.

Marcy asked Tom if he has a list of coaches that he will be reaching out to, or coaches that have expressed interest in coaching. Tom will try to have a meeting the last week of August with potential coaches. He is waiting for numbers at each level. In our by-laws it states coaches who are interested need to submit a letter of interest to the head of coaching. Maybe send out an email saying please submit your letter of interest by this date.

Equipment Swap – weekend after Labor Day is the whitetails 8, 9, 10, 11th. 9/16 and 9/17 for equipment swap. We need to make time to get down to the rink and sort through the old equipment.

No Executive meeting.

Next Board meeting will be held on 8/29 @ 7pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

Marcy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Heather 2nd it. All in favor.

Submitted by,
Lindsay Ladd, MAHA Secretary