

Michigan Amateur Hockey Association
Summer Board of Director Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2022

The Winter Meeting was held at the Double Tree by Hilton, Grand Rapids, Michigan on July 10, 2022. President George Atkinson called the meeting to order at 8:38am.

Board of Directors Absent: Nick Fornetti, Mark Kavenaugh, Shayne Nelson, Matt Schuldt, John Kraemer, Shane Brown, Larry Johnson, Kerin Wear, Clem Waldmann.

Secretary did roll call through electronic voting device distribution and written sign in sheets, monitored by Jason Reynolds and Steve Stapleton.

In attendance were 53 members at the start of the meeting. 13 guests were also present.

Kevin Wood-Secretary Reported Credential Changes as follows:

District 2: Christine Greco was appointed on March 6, 2022.

District 8: Steven LaCourt resigned as District Director on May 22, 2022. Kevin Yohe was appointed on June 6, 2022.

Past Minutes: The Winter 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes-Motion to approve Joe Barone second Micki Jesue, Motion passed Unanimously.

Presidents Report: George Atkinson stated his report is in the book. 8U numbers looked very good for the past season, adults in Michigan are done over 10k from pre covid, we are looking at ways to bring back the leagues that left MAHA. The Executive Committee voted to move forward with the Association of the Year Contest again for 2022-2023 season. The contest was successful in providing growth of 8U players with many of our associations participating in the contest.

Task Force: The report is in the book. The committee meets the 2nd Thursday of every month.

Sponsorships: Squad Locker, Henry Ford Hospital and other new sponsors are being brought onboard through our Director of Marketing. Newsletter is going out monthly, Michael Caples has come on board to help with all our social media.

Officiating: Some of the Older officials that we had in the past have decided not to come back this season, JP/Judy are working hard to bring those officials back into MAHA and USA Hockey. We are also trying to recruit college and younger officials to come aboard this season. We are setting up a 10U hockey day at Troy to bring in younger officials to mentor them with some of the older officials all under one roof.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee was developed, Dan Pozdol is the Committee Chair. To create an all-inclusive environment that recognizes diversity and strives to create an equitable and welcoming environment that supports positive and sustainable growth for the love of hockey within Michigan. The Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 8pm.

Adults: The Adult report is online. The new VP of Adults is going to really try to get the adults back on track in MAHA.

Audit Committee: Jim Cosgrove stated the Audit Committee is continuing to meet to review the year end financials and supervise the audit process.

Appeals/Safe sport: This season so far, we have had 7 Appeals from hearings across the state. All are completed. The full report is online. Just a reminder that Safe Sport is needed for 2005 Birthdate and older to be rostered for the 22-23 season.

Financial: May Reports and the Audit Draft statement were sent out, we have not received the June 30 USA foundation report as of today. The treasurer has closed the month of June.

Coaches: The complete report is in the book.

Coaching Clinics Offered: This season concludes my first year as Coach in Chief for the Michigan district, succeeding Jack Witt after his move to Texas. Jack has assisted me immensely in my transition to the role. The Coaching Education Program (CEP) continued to deliver virtual curriculum initially utilized the previous season in response to the pandemic. The virtual coaching clinic is now the preferred method for coaching education; however, in Michigan the intent will be to utilize both virtual and in-person clinic offerings for the 2022/23 season. The challenges experienced by the Michigan CEP staff would include a reluctance of numerous coach developers to engage with either the new curriculum or the virtual format. First, a "Thank YOU" to the CEP Coach Developers located throughout Michigan for their efforts. Specifically, a core group of Coach Developers who consistently made time to offer their talents to coaches across the country. The Coaching Education Program would not be possible without their dedication and skill. A Coach Developer Academy was hosted by USA Hockey in the metro Detroit area, to train coach developers from the Michigan, Mid-Am and Southeast district to supplement learning and educate new coach developer staff. Kim Gallagher has been appointed Associate Coach in Chief – Female Coach Development.

Disabled Hockey: The complete report is in the book. The Motor City Veterans, Oakland Warriors, and Troy Youth Hockey Association, along with the Troy Sports Center, have been selected as the host of the 2022 USA Hockey Warrior Classic, which will be held October 28th-30th, 2022 in Troy. The event, held annually by USA Hockey, is projected to bring as many as 40 Warrior teams from across the country for the premier Warrior tournament of the year. The tournament committee is diligently planning the details for the event and currently negotiating the presenting sponsor but is excited to bring together 500+ athletes for an unforgettable hockey experience. As the season wraps up, the various teams from the Disabled Section have expressed their appreciation for the support from MAHA and USA Hockey in continuing to grow the game and helping our affiliates to provide our uniquely abled 2 athletes the opportunities to be a part of this amazing game! We look forward to what the 22-23 season brings us and cannot wait to take on more challenges! Hockey is for Everybody! We had 9 try Hockey hosted by the Warrior programs and 4 try sled hockey programs. There is interest in four new teams across the state.

Girls/Women's: MAHA is proud to congratulate the following teams who competed in the USA Hockey National Tournament in April and won their respective divisions: Little Caesars 19U tier I girls, Honey Baked 16U tier II girls Belle Tire, SR women-Adult National. USA Hockey appointed Krissy Langley as referee in chief for female development. Krissy will work alongside the USA Hockey girls and women's section. Langley's position will serve in a lead role in developing and implementing strategies to advance efforts related to recruitment, retention and overall support of females currently involved, or interested in becoming an official. USA Hockey registration numbers on June 1 reported Michigan had 5,269 girls and women. Michigan had 1,353 8U females registered. USA Hockey showed a 24.96% increase in overall female registrations and an increase of 25.82% at 8U. A full report as well as U8 report can be found on the MAHA web site once the reports are final. 2023 Nationals Host Sites for Girls and Women March 30–April 4: Girls Tier I 14U, 16U, 19U, Dallas March 30–April 4: Girls Tier II, 14U, 16U, 19U, Anaheim, California April 20–23: Adult Women, Wesley Chapel, Florida. The complete girls/women's report is in the book.

Guidebook: No report

High School report: Again, this year we sent two teams (a senior team & a junior team) to Minnesota to participate in the CCM NIT Tournament. The tournament was held in Plymouth Minnesota April 28th – May 1st, 2022. We made changes to the tryout process this year to give players some different tryout date options. We had a single tryout in Grand Rapids (March 14th), one in Gaylord (March 15th) and one in Livonia (March 16th). Giving players 3 different locations to choose from as well as having all 3 before spring break was a huge success. We had a total of 330 players tryout, which is a record. This was a 32% increase in past tryout participants! We then created a 2nd part to the tryout which was called the "Team Michigan Festival" and was held March 19th & 20th in Chelsea. We made cuts after the first 3 single tryouts. Approximately 44 seniors & 44 juniors made the Team Michigan Festival. Players were put on one of 4 teams (2 senior teams & 2 junior teams). Each team

had a practice as well as 3 games at the festival. Players out of the festival were then selected to be on Team Michigan. The State playoff committee has formed a subcommittee to look at possible changes to help the split season program. The complete report is in the book.

Legal Report: The complete report is in the book.

One Goal: Lyle Phair shared in his report that is online, that the district breakdown of associations receiving funding was as follows: D2 – 2 associations D3 – 4 associations D4 – 4 associations D5 – 2 associations D6 – 12 associations D7 – 3 associations D8 – 2 associations. The complete report is online.

Player Development Report: The complete report is in the book; USA Hockey has begun hosting meetings with the Player Development Chairs to discuss best practices and ways to make the Player Development process better. Michigan has made some very positive steps, but there are areas where we can improve. The next year should see the Player Development process continue to evolve.

Registrar's Report. The complete report is in the book.

Risk Managers Report: The Risk Manager's report is in the book.

Youth: This year, the State Playoff Committee took on additional tasks looking into varying aspects of the state tournaments via 3 different sub-committees. Each sub-committee will be presenting their findings for discussion and potential implementation during the State Playoff Committee Summer Meeting this year. Again, thank you to all the volunteers, hosts, associations, arenas, and MAHA members who continue to help our state tournaments. The complete report was in the book.

Rules:

2021-2022 MAHA Rules Adopted

2021 -2022-00 **Definition of Rink Closest to Residence** – change method of calculating the distance from one rink to another rink using google driving distance. Eliminated point to point. Pages 30, 31, 32 of 2022-2023 Annual Guide

2021-2022-05 **Girl's Age and Division Classifications** – increase the girl's Tier I 19U out of state or import players to 6 from 4. Players must meet the Michigan residency policy. Page 35 of 2022-2023 Annual Guide

2021-2022-07 **Girls Tier I Game Scheduling** – Change the pilot program to a rule. Page 36 of 2022-2023 Annual Guide

2021-2022-08 **Girls Tier I Player Movement** – cleaned up the language on player movement for age classifications. Page 36 of 2022-2023 Annual Guide

2021-2022-10 **Limiting Coach Movement Among Tier 1 Teams** - revises an existing rule to incorporate an expiring MAHA Pilot. Page 29 of 2022-2023 Annual Guide

2021-2022-11 **Tier 1 Scheduling Agreement** – revises an existing rule to incorporate an expiring MAHA Pilot. Page 28 of 2022-2023 Annual Guide

2021-2022-12 **Tier 1 16 Only** - revises an existing rule to incorporate an expiring MAHA Pilot. Page 30 of 2022-2023 Annual Guide

2021-2022 LATE-02 **Revise Bylaw 11** – change MAHA bylaw to have rules submitted by May 15, review at the summer meeting and vote to implement a change at the winter meeting for April 1. Page 20 of 2022-2023 Annual Guide

2021-2022 Task Force-03 **Eligibility for teams to enter states.** This rule is covered in Rule X.2.a. Page 44 of 2022-2023 Annual Guide

2021-2022 Task Force - 06 **Game Count** – eliminate the player game count. Pages 27,28,30,31,32,35,37,38 of 2022-2023 Annual Guide

2021-2022 Late - 04 **Registration and Rostering** – added The team manager shall be the custodian of all documents for credential review prior to tournaments, Districts, State and National playoffs. All 10U teams and above need to add jersey numbers for both home and away and player positions to the USA Roster. Page 24 of 2022-2023 Annual Guide

2021-2022 Late – **05 Rules and regulations for District and State Playoffs** – revised language, Teams shall only be eligible in the age classification, category and division in which they play the majority of their games prior to Districts or States. Page 44 of 2022-2023 Annual Guide

Announcements: 2023 Winter meeting January 20-22, 2023, Livonia Marriott, Electronic registration will be fourth coming, please register accurately.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn at 10:40am. Second, motion passed.

The MAHA
Kevin Wood
MAHA Secretary