



# MAHA Annual Meeting Minutes

## Call to Order

The May 15, 2021 Annual Meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by President Mike McIntosh at 9:06 am.

**Roll Call** was taken, and was as follows: (Gray means not present)

<b>President</b> Mike McIntosh	<b>USAH ADM</b> Brian Stinson
<b>Vice President</b> Jason Kindseth	<b>USAH GTG</b> Russ Barnett
<b>Treasurer</b> Karen Young	<b>^Player Development</b> Mike Wilkinson
<b>Secretary</b> Connie Murphree	<b>^Girls Development</b> Annie Petschauer
<b>League Commissioner</b> Todd Young	<b>^Disabled Rep</b> <i>Position Open</i>
<b>10U Commissioner</b> Kari Riley	<b>^Adult Rep</b> Barry Brownlee
<b>12U Commissioner</b> Mekell Lybbert	<b>^Billings Rep</b> Eddie LaPera
<b>14 U Commissioner</b> Danny Blowers	<b>^Bozeman Rep</b> Dave Weaver
<b>HS Commissioner</b> Carin Barnett	<b>^Butte Rep</b> Matt Enrooth
<b>Girls Commissioner</b> Chris Herring	<b>^Flathead Rep</b> Dustin Zuffelto
<b>Tourney Director</b> LuAnn Rinebarger	<b>^Glasgow Rep</b> Russ Barnett
<b>USAH SafeSport/Risk Manager</b> Kari Riley	<b>^Great Falls Rep</b> Brian Elliot
<b>USAH Safety</b> Jason Moran	<b>^Havre Rep</b> Barry Brownlee
<b>USAH Coach-in-Chief</b> Pete Kamman	<b>^Helena Rep</b> Al Swanson
<b>USAH Ref-in-Chief</b> Jason Manning	<b>^Miles City Rep</b> Rick Lang
<b>USAH Registrar</b> Todd Porter	<b>^Missoula Rep</b> Grace Hoene
<b>USAH Youth Goalie Develop</b> Ryan Riley	<b>^Whitefish Rep</b> Clint Muhlfed/Ryan Ulvin
<b>USAH Female Goalie Develop</b> Lisa Prescott	

^ = Voting Member

## Others in Attendance:

Katie Holmgren – USAH Director Program Services  
Taylor Gross – USAH Manager Program Services  
Al Bloomer – USAH Director Emeritus & MAHA Finance Committee  
Greg Evanson – NPD Director  
Traver McLeod – MAHA Board President nominee  
Katie Leonberger – Tournament Director nominee  
Terry Miller – Girls Committee nominee

## **Minutes**

The minutes of the March 2021 meeting were previously emailed to the Board. After review Todd Young moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Annie Petschauer. No Discussion. Motion carries.

## **President's Report (USAH/NPD) – Mike McIntosh**

Mike started the meeting by extending condolences to LuAnn Rinebarger on the loss of her father. He also extended congratulations to Pete Kamman on the birth of his child.

Mike noted there is a quorum in attendance for the Annual Meeting voting which will be done via "CHAT" in the zoom meeting. There will be 2 presentations made, all questions will be held until the end.

Montana had two teams qualify for Nationals. The 14U team represented well for Montana. The other team withdrew due to discipline issues. Mike felt the leadership on that matter made the right decision. MAHA will need to work hard to regain reputation.

There were three scholarships awarded during State tournaments. Congratulations to Nacole Sestrich of Missoula – 19U Girls; Jocelyn Staples of Havre – Youth; and Caswell Bloomquist of Helena – Damon Heck Memorial Official.

Mike noted this will be his final meeting as MAHA President. He is very proud of the growth he has seen in Montana in the past decade.

## **Vice President's Report (Grants/Discipline) – Jason Kindseth**

Jason recapped the discipline issues of the 2020-2021 season. He noted that COVID stress was likely a factor, however, people still need to behave properly.

Jason is still waiting on several receipts in order to finalize the 2020-2021 grants. He would like to have them by May 20.

## **USAH Presentation – Katie Holmgren**

Katie is USAH's Director of Program Services. She shared lots of information on participation numbers. USAH offers many resources to help local associations with recruiting new participants. USAH is asking all affiliates to identify a dedicated growth person. (MAHA has already appointed Russ Barnett)

## **Northern Plains District Presentation – Greg Evanson**

Greg shared information about NPD camps. Current registrations for the 22-23 May 2021 camp are: 14U Boys = 150 (21 goalies); 15-18 Boys = 170 (27 goalies); Girls = 140 (20 goalies). The Aug Goalie/Shooter camp currently has 10 Goalies and 9 Shooters registered.

There are potential governance changes coming based on Congressional input.

NPD works for the affiliates, let them know what we need.

## **Player Development Report – Mike Wilkinson/Annie Petschauer**

Mike reported the recent Montana camp was the biggest camp ever with about 300 players and 30 coaches. The camp resulted in 79 invitations to NPD camp in May.

Annie added that girl's teams need blackout dates during season so that girls aren't forced to choose which team to play for. In general, girls need consistent ice times.

Eddie LaPera reported that Billings hosted the Big Sky State Games Girls 3v3 tournament.

Mike suggested all associations give consideration to having a specific Girls Rep.

### **Treasurer's Report – Karen Young**

Karen presented the financials for April and year to date. Russ Barnett moved to approve as submitted, seconded by Annie Petschauer. Motion carries.

### **USAH Youth Goalie Report – Ryan Riley**

Ryan reported that the recent camp was the biggest ever with about 300 participants and 30 coaches attending. NPD Camp invitations have been extended to 14 goaltenders and 4 goalie coaches.

### **USAH Female Goalie Report - Lisa Prescott**

Lisa noted that of the 14 goaltenders invited to district camp, 2 were girls. She added that Try Goalie events are being considered.

### **Adult Report – Barry Brownlee**

Barry has nothing new to report at this time.

He did request all associations send him information on the structure/operation of their adult leagues so that he can compile the information to get a better understanding of adult hockey in Montana.

Pete Kamman also noted that College teams are included in adult numbers.

### **Disabled Report - open**

Due to this position being vacant, there is no report at this time.

### **USAH ADM Report – Brian Stinson**

Brian noted that most of his news has already been covered in other presentations. He did add that half ice is being promoted as it allows for more touches.

### **USAH Registrar Report – Todd Porter**

Todd noted that, as has been discussed previously, numbers are down, probably due to COVID. He further noted that he will be stepping down as the Montana Registrar. A potential replacement has been identified, but not yet confirmed. Todd will remain as the NPD Registrar.

### **USAH SafeSport/Risk Report – Kari Riley**

Kari reported there were a couple of legitimate SafeSport cases during the 2020-2021 season.

SafeSport training will now be required Annually. Background checks will be Bi-Annual.

### **USAH Coach-in-Chief Report – Pete Kamman**

Pete reported the 2020-2021 season had 62 new coaches, 54 level 4 coaches and 217 went through the coaching modules. Pete will be attending training for a new curriculum for level 4 coaches. There will be a level 5 clinic in Duluth, MN in August. Pete is working on a 6 month training program with graduation at the Player Development Camp. He is also considering adding a MAHA Coach of the Year Award and a Coaching Internship Program.

### **USAH GTG Report – Russ Barnett**

Russ noted that Katie Holmgren had pretty well covered Grow the Game in her earlier presentation. Russ would welcome thoughts for the upcoming season.

### **Treasure State League Report (League Commissioner) – Todd Young**

Todd thanked each of the Age Group Directors for their time during the 2020-2021 season. He acknowledged that it was a pretty tough season for all, and therefore, took way more of their time than usual. Todd also thanked all of the Officials for being so flexible. Noting that 14U Girls was the only group that did not have any fighting penalties, Todd wants MAHA to find a way to express that this type of behavior will not be tolerated. Todd noted he is open to suggestions for the 2021-2022 season. Mike McIntosh added that he and Todd spoke pretty much daily during this past season, and he wants all to know that Todd has the best interest of every player in the state in his heart.

### **By-Laws & Governance Committee** – Dave Weaver, Chair

Dave noted the committee has been reviewing the by-laws and looking at how Montana compares to other states. Conversations have also been held with some other states. This information, along with the current by-laws not being followed completely, the committee will be recommending some changes. The proposed changes will be presented and voted on at the Hockey Summit in October.

### **Finance Committee** – Dustin Zuffelto, Chair

Dustin presented the proposed budget for FY 2022. (See attached) He went on to explain many of the changes being proposed. Dave Weaver moved to approve the FY 2022 Budget as proposed, seconded by Ryan Riley. After discussion of approving budget before knowing the financial changes in the by-laws, motion carries by votes of 8 yes and 4 no.

### **Old Business**

- **Half Ice Format for 10U**

Mike McIntosh reminded all that the Board had previously agreed to implement this format for the 2020-2021 season, but due to COVID, agreed to postpone the change. Eddie LaPera moved to implement 10U Half Ice format for the 2021-2022 season. Seconded by Todd Young. Motion carries by votes of 8 yes and 4 no.

- **Annual Guide updates**

Mike noted he has received two proposed changes. The Annual Guide changes really can't be approved until the by-laws are finalized. This will be voted on at the Hockey Summit in October.

### **Elections**

Elections for the following were held. All elected will take office at the adjournment of today's meeting.

- 1) President**

- a. Nominations: Traver McLeod  
i. Elected: Traver McLeod

- 2) Secretary**

- a. Nominations: Connie Murphree  
i. Elected: Connie Murphree

- 3) Tournament Director**

- a. Nominations: Kate Leonberger  
i. Elected: Kate Leonberger

- 4) Disabled Rep**

- a. Nominations: NONE  
i. MAHA will continue to solicit nominees

**5) 8U Festival – 2 Years**

- a. Bids: NONE
  - i. MAHA will continue to solicit bids and award at the Hockey Summit

**6) Player Development Camp – 2 Years**

**7) Hockey Summit – 2 Years**

- a. Bids: Bozeman for both PDC and Summit.
  - i. Both PDC and Summit awarded to Bozeman for 2 years
- b. Bozeman bid includes request for one additional year due to loss of year for COVID
  - i. Both PDC and Summit awarded to Bozeman for additional makeup year

**8) MAHA Apparel**

- a. Bids: Mosaic Threads and Proposed change from Finance Committee
  - i. Because the FY 2022 bid package was approved as submitted, new bid packages will be put together and sent out for awarding at the Hockey Summit.

**9) Girls Committee – 3 Open Positions**

- a. Nominations: Beau Fournier and Terry Miller
  - i. Approved – Terry Miller
  - ii. MAHA will continue to solicit for candidates

**10) Adult Committee – 2 Open Positions**

- a. Nominations – NONE
  - i. MAHA will continue to solicit for candidates

**New Business**

- Hosting events in another Association’s facility

Concerns were presented in regard to association’s hosting events in buildings used by other associations. It was suggested to include something in the by-laws in regard to jurisdictions. Discussion included who carries insurance, who schedules officials, and can MAHA tell a privately owned facility who they can/cannot rent ice to. A formal proposal will be presented at the Hockey Summit in October.

- Annual Congress

Annual Congress will be held June 9-12, 2021. This is a rule change year. There are many organizational changes happening within USA Hockey right now. Hopefully this will all be finalized by Annual Congress.

- USAH League Database

Todd Young will be looking at this as a possible replacement for SportsEngine. One positive is that it is USAH number based, so stats will follow players.

- Live Scoring Games

It was pointed out that a couple of years ago, MAHA provided grant money to almost every association for the purpose of purchasing equipment and getting wi-fi for live scoring. There are still some associations who are not doing this. It was mentioned that a monetary penalty is being considered for those not live scoring. Another recommended putting together a training platform so each association can have someone who knows how to enter live.

- Live Streaming

Reminder to let parents and others know that if they would like to live stream MAHA games, they need to make sure audio is muted. Hurtful comments don’t need to be heard by all.

- Hockey Summit

A proposed date of Oct 2 – 3, 2021 was recommended for the hockey summit. No one opposed.

- Player Development Camp

A proposed date of Mar 18 – 20, 2022 was recommended for the PDC. No one opposed.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Todd Young moved to adjourn, seconded by Brian Stinson. No Discussion. Motion carries. Meetings adjourns at 2:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Murphree  
MAHA Secretary

## **Important Dates to Remember**

9-12 Jun 2021 - USAH Annual Congress (Rule change year)  
01 Jul 2021 – MAHA Fiscal Year 2022 Begins  
14 Jul 2021 – By-Laws Zoom Townhall (Board & Presidents only)  
6-8 Aug 2021 – NP Goalie/Shooter Camp (Dickinson, ND)  
12 Aug 2021 – By-Laws Zoom Townhall (Entire hockey community)  
19-20 Aug 2021 – Level 5 Coaching Symposium (Duluth, MN)  
23 Sept 2021 – By-Laws Zoom Townhall (Entire hockey community)  
2-3 Oct 2021 – MT Hockey Summit (Bozeman)  
06 Nov 2021 – Try Hockey For Free  
05 Mar 2022 – Try Hockey For Free  
18-2 Mar 2022 – Montana Player Development Camps (Bozeman)

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Comments, Suggestions, Questions for:

- Bylaws to Dave Weaver
- Annual Guide to
- Treasure State League to Todd Young
- Grow the Game to Russ Barnett

## **Other Old Business for next meeting**

- Nominations for 2 Open spots on Girls Committee to Annie Petschauer
- Nominations for 2 Open spots on Adult Committee to Barry Brownlee
- Bid for 8U Festival (2 years) to Todd Young
- Award MAHA Apparel package