

## Executive Board Meeting Minutes

**August 21, 2025**

A meeting of the Executive Board was held August 21, 2025, at 8:00pm., via teams.

Tom Berry, President called the meeting to order at 8:00pm. Attending the meeting were voting members George Atkinson, Joe Barone, Kevin Wood, Jim Cosgrove, Dan Pozdol, Jean Laxton, Jason Reynolds, Al Wakeham, Tom Berry, Bob Yohe, Doug Diroff, Nick Zajas, Jerry Ruskowski, Don Wright, Jon Hoskins, Robert DeSpirt, Lyle Phair(non-voting), Melisa Brusco, Bob Mantha(non-voting), Diana Guiney, Michele Windhurst, Joe Jones.

Minutes: Motion to approve the July Minutes from the summer meeting, Seconded, Motion passed.

Financial: July Statements are out; the MAHA audit should be done tomorrow. The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of board development is October 25<sup>th</sup>, if you need a room for the 24<sup>th</sup> let Jim and Kevin know. The USA Hockey audit is coming up shortly. Our Game sheets cost is based on the number of participants each year.

Events Manager: Tom, Jon and Jason have been traveling to the district meetings around the state. The Tier 1 showcase coming up in 2 weeks and the preplanning has been going well. All the jamborees are set and on the website. D4 will be hosting the first earn your stripes on September 13, 2025, D5 will be hosting one on December 13. The jamboree registration date is tentatively set for September 14, 2025.

Guidebook-hopefully will be posted in early September.

DEI-working with the DISC and Clark Park and Jack Adams for the back in session hockey program.

Youth Committee-requests for tier 2 and 3 committee members is going well.

State Playoffs-October state tournaments moving forward. There is a SPC meeting next week.

Independent teams must present bylaws and affiliate agreements at the time of credentialing. Affiliate agreements must be presented to the council to be approved prior to registration of teams.

Adults-MES has turned down the option to come back to MAHA and USA Hockey this season. We are looking for a location to host the Adult States.

Girls-USA Hockey in conjunction with the Tucker Center is releasing a newsletter monthly which is on our MAHA website under the girls tab. In mid November the National Development camp registration will be live. Two people will go to the leadership summit with the rivalry series.

Appeals-One appeal is in the process of being filed with USA Hockey. Jason and Rick have agreed to stay onboard to help with hearings.

Coaches-clinics are open, they should get registered ASAP. The Coaches learning management system is now live.

Disabled sports-We are gathering contact information across the state. In Marquette is having a Detroit Red Wings Alumni game next month for a fundraiser, they have requested funds to bring some of the USA sled team in, they are requesting \$3000.00 to bring the players to Marquette. The treasurer advised they have a budget and need to determine which events will receive monies.

Registrar-22, 145 registered players as of today. 3500 females. The registrar has district 2,3,5,8 board rosters, we have a few board of directors that need background checks done.

Official's-waiting on a grant for mentoring younger officials.

Legal-no update

High School- waiting for September 1 for the 16U/18U commitments for state playoffs.

PDC-12<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams participating, 3 players got invitations to tryouts. There is a new goalie coordinator Ron Slavak, November 22 Player Development camp registration will open. Camp dates are posted on the website as of today.

Pilot program for goalies was discussed-discussion was had, motion to approve seconded, motion approved.

Committee assignments were discussed with over 30 committees now we need members.

Residency applications were discussed.

Residency policy- motion to revise evidence to be national bound teams, motion seconded, motion carries.

Elections:

Ice rink Representative Lyle Phiar

Tier 1 Representative Bob Mantha

Marketing Manager-actively on the road going to the district kick off meetings for the season. There are SafeSport changes online.

The transgender policy will be changing through USA Hockey very soon.

Motion to adjourn 9:46pm

The MAHA

Kevin Wood

MAHA Secretary