

"Mid-Atlantic Women's Hockey Association"

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2015

I. Call to order

Donna Guariglia called to order the regular meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Women's Hockey Association (MAWHA) at 9:00am on May 16, 2015 at Crown Plaza, Monroe Township, NJ.

II. Roll call

Kathryn Kehoe conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

X	Brewster Lady Bulldogs	X	Montclair Blues
X	Brick Hockey Club	X	NJ Colonials
	Central Park Lady Hawks	X	NJ Rockets
X	Chester County Cougars	X	NJ Titans
X	Delco Phantoms	X	Princeton Tiger Lilies
X	Hershey Jr Bears	X	Quakers
X	Lady Patriots		Reston Raiders
	LI Lady Islanders		York Lady Devils
	LI Gulls		
X	Lehigh Valley Phantoms Youth		

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Kathryn Kehoe read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Open issues

- a) MAWHA has accepted resignation of Linda Ryan as commissioner from the board of MAWHA
- b) Pete's Treasurer Report – Pete handed out two excel sheets. The first showed clubs that still owe money. The third sheet showed a \$1900 loss which it shows the development of new website. Pete also pointed out that if you have coaches in PA by 7/1 this year they have to have done three screenings. 1) Criminal check 2) Child welfare screening, 3) FBI fingerprint Locker room monitors also need to do this as well as club Presidents.
- c) Paul Puchalik Book Scholarship This is a \$500 book scholarship for graduating seniors. Donna will be resending the email so that Seniors can apply for it.

- d) Hockey in Newark – Danielle Deresky represented Hockey in Newark. The organization began in 2005 and allows inner city kids to play hockey. Danielle’s second year there with her purpose being to grow the girls game. She has 40 girls in the program between the ages of 6 – 18 years old. She needs equipment.
- e) Ice Hockey in Harlem – Brad Preston represented Ice Hockey in Harlem. Ice Hockey in Harlem has been around for 27 years and has 240 kids who skate out of Lasker Rink. He has a 10& 12U girls team. 80% of their equipment is donated. They do not charge money to play. They see girls starting at 8 & 10u but then dropping out at the age of 13.
- f) Ed Snider Youth Hockey - Meridith Bitterman represented Ed Snider Youth Hockey. They have 300 kids in the program. Four girls teams 10U, 12U, 14U & 16U. Travelling is an issue for these kids but they are looking for games.
- g) WGIHW – October 10 – 11th 2015 IIHF initiative – USA Hockey locations and MAWHA Program Ideas – looking to come up with some ideas for this weekend to celebrate girls hockey.
- h) NEW Member Applications: Bandits, Nassau & Jr Flyers were voted into MAWHA.
- **Bandits** were voted in on a probationary basis to ensure that they continue to build their program from the ground up,
 - **Nassau** was voted in on a probationary basis to ensure that the commitment to a true travel schedule is there and were told heavy fines will be enforced for cancellations etc.
 - **JR Fliers** were accepted into the MAHWA Granato division as a non-national bound team.
 - **Carolina Lightning** would like to be a scheduling partner with MAWHA.
- i) MAWHA By-Laws and Rules and Regulations – Rule changes – MAWHA Board of Directors proposed rule changes were presented by Don Gould and a handout with proposed rule changes was distributed. There were changes to Rule Section 4 and a new Rule 4.5 was proposed and there was a friendly amendment to take out rules B & C and league agreed. Changes were made and a motion was made to approve which the rules were unanimously approved. .
- j) MAWHA Playoff and AAHA Playdown format / dates – There will be a playdown weekend for tier 1 & tier 2 . The MAWHA Board of Directors proposed a plan is to run the two separate events in one venue during the

MAWHA playoff weekend. This proposal would facilitate a consolidated play-off format that includes the AAHA requirements and that the AAHA is the sole governing body with regards to “tournament bound” requirements and process.

- The MAHWA playoff weekend will be the last weekend in February, February 27 & 28th 2016.
- MAWHA playoffs will only be for the Non-National Bound divisions within MAWHA, ie. the Potter division.
- AAHA-Playdown would be for the Atlantic District Tier I and Tier II National bound teams only.

MAWHA Board Elections and AAHA one Rep Election. Up for election are President, Secretary and Commissioner. There was a unanimous vote to keep Donna Guaraglia as president, Kathryn Kehoe as secretary, and Pete Rothman was voted in as commissioner. We will now be looking for a treasurer. Two Zone Representatives were selected for June 27th 9:00am at Crowne Plaza. Andy Bales and Kathryn Kehoe.

MAWHA Website Update – Paul Bardell showed the new improved website he will add scheduling partners and all rosters should be sent to Paul when clubs send them to Tony.

Commissioner’s Report – Linda Ryan was not present

Declarations were made and Paul Bardell will upload to the website

Scheduling Meeting – set for August 10th Monday night at 6:30pm at Crowne Plaza

Old Business – NONE

V. Adjournment

Donna Guariglia adjourned the meeting at 12:45pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kathryn Kehoe

Minutes approved by: Don Gould