

**Marinette/Menominee Area Youth Hockey Association-**

**Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 28, 2017**

**Board Present:** Peg Knutson, President; Jeanie Danielak, Vice president; John Danielak, Treasurer; Brenda Johnson, Secretary; Matt Lowis, Facilities Director; Danielle Annala, Cross Ice Director; Don Park, Athletic Director; Alex McDonald, Girls Athletic Director.

**Others Present:** Kathy Bruning, WAHA rep; Rita Kehoe, HS team rep; Dave Pullen; Carol Johnson; Daniel Johnson; Robert Bruning; Clark Kehoe; Michael Maas.

**Absent:** Lisa Spenser, Rules and Regs.

**1. Call to Order—**A regular meeting of the MMAYHA was called to order at 5:30pm on June 28 in the Michigan Room at BAMC by Peg Knutson.

**2. Approval of Minutes—**A motion was made to approve the May minutes by Peg. John seconded the motion.

**3. Reports of Officers—**

**President**

**Vice-President-** We are registered for the November 4 'Try Hockey for Free' event. We are not planning on doing the March date. Also we are signed up for Club Excellence. On Sunday, October 8, there will be the All Association meeting at 1pm at Peshtigo HS.

**Secretary—**Appointed Becky Sakovitz as registrar.

**Treasurer—**Busy with summer round up. Logging Fest coming up soon Team reps are encouraged to get their teams to sign up to work. Kristy Cook is appointed as hours chair. Mary Koshorek volunteered to be a co-fundraising chair and would like it for someone to join her in this chair position. Registering for WAHA will take place in the next couple of months.

**Rules and Regs—**Head ref in chief will be Christopher Netemeyer. There have been 3 players suspended. Two grievances and 5 appeals have been filed at this time. Wants to look at and

compare with other associations their rules and regulations. Wants to touch base with new parents and get them involved more with the association.

Facilities Director—Wants to stay in close contact with Scott Wahl in regards to the progress of the new community center.

Athletic Director—The tentative practice schedule has been made. Brian Swenson has been appointed as master scheduler. Chevron have been difficult to find and have available anymore.

Girls Athletic Director—A handful of girls are planning on coming back. Three of them may need to be placed since they will not be playing at the higher levels with the boys. The Appleton area hockey association is folding. So a girls co-op is a potential.

Registrations chair—Not present.

WAHA Rep—Kathy had a long report. See attachment at end for her WAHA report.

Fundraising chair—Not present.

IP Director—Working on parades and coaches trying to get more levels of kids involved. At Logging Fest this weekend, the plan is to have sign-up sheets out for interested kids in the community to sign-up in order to receive more info about getting involved in hockey. Also may have a trophy there to show off and a collage of young kids playing hockey. Business cards will be out and available.

#### 4. Closed Session

5. Public Comment- Kathy Bruning stated that the rules and regulations are “horrific in MMAYHA” and that her feelings are that some of the board has a negative agenda to change things. Rob Bruning commented that we as an association “need to get on the right path”. Mike Maas stated that the rules and regulations handbook needs to be followed. Dave Pullen commented that we all need to be united as an association and feels that at this time we are not.

#### 6. Team Rep Reports

High School—There are attempts being made to form a fall HS league at the Cornerstone in Green Bay that will run on Sundays from September 17 thru October 29. Fee is \$130 per player. HS is signed up to play in the Sheboygan tournament on November 24-26<sup>th</sup>. The Anchor Picnic will be coming up in August. Sign-up form will be coming out soon.

U19-

Bantams-

PeeWee- Working on getting the kids ready for the season

Squirt-

Cross Ice-

Girls-

7. Community Center Update- Better, harder dates will be available next month. Getting behind due to all the rain.

8. Old Business—Jerseys-Much discussion done in regards to new jerseys. We must find new ones since the old ones are becoming obsolete and unable to be made anymore. Surveys and opinions were collected by Jeanie. Motion was made by Alex for Jeanie to make the final decision on jersey logos and colors. John seconded it. The goal is to have jersey orders in by August 1.

#### 9. New Business

a. Summer Fundraising hours- John- For summer hours worked, time and a half will be given. If you meet your required 10 fundraising hours during the summer, the mandatory concession stand hours will be waived. You will be responsible for reporting your own worked hours to the concession chair (Pam Bowers). This motion was approved by Jeanie and seconded by Alex. John is also looking into new fryers—costs, options.

b. Home Tournament Dates –Bantams will the first weekend in December.

c. Amendments to the Handbook- Several proposed amendments were discussed by Don. These will go through the Rules and Reg, then the executive board, and then the membership before they are adopted. See attachment for a list of these proposals.

d. Concession Stand Discussion—Peg- Discussion is going on between the association and the city as to who will be the responsible party in running the stand and what our commitment will be. No hard decisions made as of yet. Will push at the All Association meeting the importance of the stand and the working of it.

e. Removable Divider Boards- Jeanie- WAHA currently has a grant available for these boards which is \$2500. Our portion that we then would be responsible for would be \$5400 plus shipping. The application needs to be in by July 15. Danielle has volunteered to spearhead a project to see if we can raise the money to obtain these.

#### 10. Agenda Items for next Meeting-

a. Fundraising Ideas- Matt

b. Handbook Review- Lisa

c. Game capping review- Lisa

d. Additional policies- Lisa

11. Adjournment- Motion made by Peg and seconded by John.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE 2010 HANDBOOK

### 1. Hazing Policy Added

The MMAYHA Association currently defines hazing as **“an initiation practice that may humiliate, degrade, demean, or disgrace a person regardless of location or consent of the participant(s)”**.

A player, team official, executive member, team, association, or any other MMAYHA participant found, by an investigation process, to have condoned, initiated or, to the detriment of another, participated in hazing actions or behaviors shall be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion from MMAYHA registered programs.

Discipline must relate to the degree of severity of the incident(s).

- a) Any party failing to cooperate with the fact finding process with the Rules and Regulations Director may be subject to suspension as determined by the Review Board.
- b) All discipline decisions related to hazing must be approved by the Review board in consultation with the Association Board.

#### **Reason for addition:**

- Currently no policy in place

### 2. Locker room Policy Added

Locker rooms are provided for the use of athletes and other activity groups and individuals authorized by the MMAYHA Association. No one will be permitted to enter the locker room or remain in the locker room to interview or seek information from an individual in the locker room at any time. Such interviews may take place outside of the locker room.

No cameras, video recorders, cell phones, or other devices that can be used to record or transfer images may be used in the locker rooms at any time.

Under no circumstances can a person use a camera, video recorder, cell phone, or other recording device to capture, record, or transfer a representation of a nude or partially nude person in the locker room. Anyone who violates this policy shall be subject to MMAYHA Association disciplinary action and/or penalties under state law or local ordinance. The Coach or designated locker room supervisor, as applicable, shall be responsible for enforcing this policy.

Male and female athletes are not permitted to dress or undress in the same locker room from Pee-Wee age teams through High School age teams

#### **Reason for addition:**

- Currently no policy in place

3. Association Board Requirements Added

An individual cannot be on the Association Board and at the same time hold a Coaching position (head coach or an assistant) within the association.

Reason for addition:

- Conflict of interest

4. Association Board Requirement Added

Spouses, parents of a player, or significant others are not permitted to hold positions on the Association Board at the same time.

Reason for changes:

- Conflict of interest

5. Change D. Game and Practice Ice time page 7

- I. All players shall, during equal playing strength situations, obtain reasonably equal ice time in every ~~regular season~~ **game excluding their State Tournament**, provided effort, attitude, and attendance of the player at practice is satisfactory. Every coach shall have sole discretion with regard to the use of players in penalty killing and power play situations, during which the reasonably equal ice time rule shall not apply. During **State** tournaments, each player must obtain some ice time in each game, the amount of which is at the discretion of the coaches, based upon the circumstances at the time. Exceptions to these playing time requirements may be made by the coach for disciplinary reasons.

**The Head Coach will have to notify the player's parents and the Athletic Director of that team three days prior to a game that the player is anticipated not going to play or not seeing reasonably equal ice time.**

2. All teams (Mites through High School) shall have a minimum of two (2) hours of on-ice practice time per week. Games are to be held as set up by the Scheduler following Association guidelines. The Association will fund entry fees for a maximum of one away tournament for each level team. (This can be a State Tournament).
3. Players are to practice with their respective age players unless a double roster or move up request has been granted.

**Reason for changes:**

- Parents are paying an equal amount throughout the hockey season to go to tournaments, (not including a State Tournament), and some players are not playing at all throughout an entire game. These parents are spending money on Tournament fees, hotels, and travel to sit and watch their child sit the bench.
- If the Head Coach is required to notify the parent due to attitude..... Etc. that their child will not see the ice, it gives the parents the opportunity not to travel and incur costs just to see their child sit the bench. Also there is a record to that specific Athletic Director that everyone was notified in a timely fashion.

6. Change VIII. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

5. Length of Service: No member shall serve on the Administrative Board ~~in the same position,~~ for more than 4 consecutive years.

**Reason for change:**

- Increased member participation.

## Jeanie L. Danielak

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Here it is. I would copy and paste to minutes. It's a lot of info

- Pat Keliher named USAH Executive Director.
- Don Mulder, past President of WAHA, was named the recipient of the USAH President's Award.
- WI Success at the elite level (TW U18, TW U16 Girls, WI Selects)
- Wisconsin player numbers up 4% to 19,363.
- SafeSport Committee Report - rejected screens will no longer all be automatically reviewed; must request a review
- Tier I Committee Report
  - Central district tryouts in FDL this year
  - 4/25 TW U18 players moved up to USHL; 2 TW alumni signed NHL contracts; 2 TW players selected for NTDP
  - TW boys swept Tier I state this year; 15s & 18s won central districts; 18s lost in OT in national championship game
  - Hoping to add some development opportunities for Kohlman Cup players at TW Camps
- Grant Committee Report
  - \$20,000 in grants available this year - Sept. 1 application deadline (see attached).

- New grant program this year for cross ice dividers (8 grants for \$2500.00 each; see attached). Deadline to apply is July 15. Winners will be drawn at annual meeting. Winners will also be able to purchase intermediate nets at a discount.
  - There has been trouble getting progress reports back from grant recipients last year. Recipients will receive one final notice to comply and then the grant will be revoked.
- Classification Committee Report
  - No one is under review this year.
  - Possible merge between Reedsburg/Dells/Delton
- State Tournament Committee Report
  - There will be some changes to the handbook this year (i.e.: no noise makers will be added to the handbook).
  - Notes for Registrars regarding rosters
    - Going forward, coaches will not be able to be added to a roster without the proper credentials (modules, SafeSport, background screen). 32% of all background screens were completed late (after 11/15) last year.
    - Make sure that any new player to your association has a financial release from his/her prior association. (If a player moves into your association's area, they must still have a financial release from the prior association. If a player has not moved but played last season for another association, they must have a financial release from the last association.)
  - There will be a late registration fee this year for associations that register teams after 11/15.
  - 2019 Tournament Awards. (attached).
- Girls Committee Report
  - Kohlman Cup had 1 team/region; Region 4 won
  - Number of girls teams was down for state tournaments in 2017
  - Girls only TRY HOCKEY in Onalaska had 160 participants. Presentation at annual meeting. Every participant received a free jersey and stick. Had an informational meeting for parents while the girls were on the ice. Participants who registered received loaner gear for the 1st season at no charge. Ice was split between learn-to-skate and small area games.
  - Seeing more girls programs fail if they don't have the backing of an association.
  - Region 4 has a 14U team that wants to play Bantam A for the season (Region 4 Kohlman Cup team) and then play an after season and go to Tier II nationals.
- Disciplinary Committee Report - there have been several reports of associations/coaches not enforcing game misconduct/match penalty suspensions.
- Officials Committee Report – additional 100 referees this past year. Total of 1374.
- Coaching Committee Report - there will be a level 4 clinic in Stevens Point on August 25-27. Other level 4 clinics will be in STL and CHI.
- Player Development Committee Report - consideration of adding PeeWee 12U division to WEHL
- Grass Roots Committee Report - new position paper on 8U Mites (attached).
- Fall Workshop Committee Report - Dates will be August 5-6 in Wausau. Friday night goalie clinic & social. Saturday will follow the same format as recent years.
- Region 3 Special Notes
  - Pulaski will remain an undistricted area.
  - M & M must complete their by-laws and send to John Hack.



- By-law and Rule Changes. (attached).

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## WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): Election of Directors

ARTICLE NUMBER: 7

PARAGRAPH : A

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: 36

### CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

- A. Election of Directors** – Each Region will elect their number of directors up for election by caucus at the annual meeting. Directors must live in and be voted on by the members of the region in which they serve. Anyone wishing to be elected as a WAHA Director must complete a Declaration of Candidacy form. The form must be sent to and received by the WAHA Secretary by April 1<sup>st</sup> in the year in which the election will be held. Faxing or emailing may be used. However, the paper copy must be mailed and post marked by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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### INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

This Bylaw submission is in response to the fact that many documents across the broad spectrum of business are now submitted electronically, and it seems logical that WAHA should follow this practice.

SUBMITTER NAME: John Hack, WAHA Secretary

Include Association Affiliation or Title (Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Date Received: August 2, 2016

PROPOSAL #: 2017 B-1



## WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): Article 7 – Board of Directors

ARTICLE NUMBER: Article 7

PARAGRAPH : Paragraphs 2,3,and 4

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: Article 7 – C. page 36

### CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

#### ARTICLE 7 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

##### C. Miscellaneous

1. Only elected Region Directors and Officers shall have one (1) vote at all WAHA Board of Directors meetings. All other members of the WAHA Board of Directors do not have a vote, but do have a voice in WAHA Board of Directors meetings. Each director and officer shall have one (1) vote in all WAHA decisions.
2. Each board director who fails to attend two successive meetings without a reason given in writing or verbally to the secretary is automatically dropped from the board. A director who cannot attend a meeting may send a written proxy with another person.
3. The Board of Directors is empowered to appoint a director to fill any vacancy on the board, with an election to be held at the next Annual Meeting of the WAHA.

### SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

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#### ARTICLE 7 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

##### C. Miscellaneous

1. **Region Directors, Officers and Appointed Directors approved by a majority vote of the duly elected Region Directors,** shall have one (1) vote at all WAHA Board of Directors meetings. **Members of the WAHA Board of Directors, that are not elected Region Directors, Officers and Appointed Directors approved by a majority vote of the duly elected Region Directors do not have a vote, but are encouraged to offer their ideas, opinions and point of view in WAHA Board of Directors meetings. Each Region Director, Officer and Appointed Directors approved by a majority vote of the duly elected Region Directors, shall have one (1) vote in all WAHA decisions.**
2. **Any member of the WAHA Board of Directors** who fails to attend **two meetings without a valid reason offered** in writing or verbally to the secretary, **shall be removed from the board.** A director who cannot attend a meeting may send a written proxy with another person.
3. **The Board of Directors is empowered to appoint a director to fill any vacancy. An Appointed Director will be approved by a majority vote of the duly elected Region Directors. An Appointed Director will fill the vacancy until the next Annual Meeting of WAHA.**

Date Received: March 13, 2017

PROPOSAL #: 2017 B-3

**INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:**

**IN BRIEF, IT SHOULD BE THE DESIRE OF ANY ORGANIZATION TO MAKE AS MANY ACTIVITIES AS POSSIBLE, AS DEMOCRATIC AS POSSIBLE. ONE OF OUR AMERICAN FOUNDATIONAL VALUES IS THAT LEADERSHIP SERVES AT THE APPROVAL OF THOSE WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THAT LEADERSHIP. THE PROPOSED BY LAWS CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS FOR SECTION 7 ARE OFFERED TO MAKE THIS SECTION CONSISTENT WITHIN ITSELF AND SERVING THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR GAME.**

SUBMITTER NAME: JOSEPH PTRICK PRESCOTT HAVESKATES@GMAIL.COM 847-636-2900

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Date Received: March 13, 2017

PROPOSAL #: 2017 B-3



## WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): Article 7 – Board of Directors

ARTICLE NUMBER: Article 7

PARAGRAPH : Paragraphs 10 and 11

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: Article 7 – D. 3 and 4 page 37

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:  
ARTICLE 7 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### D. Election of Officers

3. Elected Regional Directors shall be considered for any Officer position, except the offices of the Secretary and the Treasurer, which may each be appointed positions.
4. Vice-president positions may be filled either by a Director Emeritus, or by a former elected Regional Director with service of at least two full terms on the WAHA Board of Directors.

### SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

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### ARTICLE 7 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### D. Election of Officers

3. Elected Regional Directors **and Appointed Directors approved by a majority vote of the duly elected Region Directors** shall be considered for any Officer position.
4. Vice-president positions may be filled by an **Elected Regional Director, an Appointed Directors approved by a majority vote of the duly elected Region Directors, a** Director Emeritus, or by a former elected Regional Director with service of at least two full terms on the WAHA Board of Directors.

### INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

**OFFICERS OF WAHA SHOULD BE DRAWN FROM THE LARGEST POOL OF ELECTED DIRECTORS TO BENEFIT FROM THEIR KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE OR EXPERTISE. VICE-PRESIDENTS SHOULD DRAW FROM AN EVEN LARGER POOL OF ELECTED DIRECTORS AND THOSE WHO HAD PREVIOUS SERVICE TO WAHA.**

SUBMITTER NAME: JOSEPH PTRICK PRESCOTT HAVESKATES@GMAIL.COM 847-636-2900

Include Association Affiliation or Title(Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

Date Received: March 14, 2017

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## WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARTICLE NUMBER: 7 PARAGRAPH: E

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: 6 PAGE 39

### CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

#### Director Emeritus:

The WAHA Board of Directors shall have the authority to appoint one or more persons to the position of Director Emeritus in recognition of distinguished and lengthy service to the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association. A Director Emeritus shall be a non-voting member of the Board, but, in all other respects, shall be entitled to all of the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of other Board members, including committee membership as appointed by the President or the Board of Directors. A candidate for Director Emeritus must meet the following qualifications:

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### INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

To remove the contradiction created when the Director Emeritus becomes a non-voting member but holds a voting position.

SUBMITTER NAME: JERRY KENNEDY WAHA VP

Include Association Affiliation or Title(Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: March 15, 2017

PROPOSAL #: 2017 B-5



## WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARTICLE NUMBER: 7 PARAGRAPH: D

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: 4 PAGE 37

### CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

4. Vice-president positions may be filled either by a Director Emeritus, or by a former elected Regional Director with service of at least two full terms on the WAHA Board of Directors.

### SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

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4. Vice-president positions may be filled ~~either by a Director Emeritus, or~~ by a former elected Regional Director with service of at least two full terms on the WAHA Board of Directors.

### INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

To remove the contradiction to Article 7, Section E, paragraph 6.

SUBMITTER NAME: JERRY KENNEDY WAHA VP

Include Association Affiliation or Title (Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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PROPOSAL #: 2017 B-6





## WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARTICLE NUMBER: 7 PARAGRAPH: E

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: NEW

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

NONE

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

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### Section E. Paragraph 7

a. Section Directors:

a. There shall be a Section Director of each of the following levels:

- i. Youth 6U & 8U
- ii. Youth 10U
- iii. Youth 12U
- iv. Youth 14U
- v. Youth 16U & 18U
- vi. High School
- vii. Girls/Women
- viii. Adults

b. Some Section Directors may have responsibilities for more than one level.

c. Each Section Director will oversee all aspects of all State Tournaments at the level assigned.

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

To eliminate several VP positions and rename the positions as Section Director

SUBMITTER NAME:

JERRY KENNEDY WAHA VP

Include Association Affiliation or Title (Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: March 15, 2017

PROPOSAL #: 2017 B-7



## WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARTICLE NUMBER: 7 PARAGRAPH: E

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: 2, Pgs. 37-38

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

SEE ATTACHMENT

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

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SEE ATTACHMENT

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

To eliminate several VP positions and have only one VP

SUBMITTER NAME:

JERRY KENNEDY WAHA VP

Include Association Affiliation or Title (Officer, Coach, Manager, Parent)

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Date Received: March 15, 2017

PROPOSAL #: 2017 B-8



## WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): Article 7 – Board of Directors

ARTICLE NUMBER: Article 7

PARAGRAPH : Paragraphs 1 and 2

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: Article 7 – A and B page 36

### CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:

#### ARTICLE 7 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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B. Regions - The State of Wisconsin is divided into six (6) regions. Each region shall have a minimum of two (2) directors not residing within the boundaries of the same association (unless elected at large or appointed by the Board of Directors) elected for a three (3) year staggered term. The three regions with the most registered teams shall have one (1) additional director elected at large. The Board of Directors may appoint additional directors from the state to serve at large. The secretary and treasurer may be non-voting appointed members.

### SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

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- B. Election of Directors – Each Region will elect their number of directors by caucus at the annual meeting. (**Delete words “up for election”**) Directors must live in and be voted on by the members of the region in which they serve. Anyone wishing to be elected as a WAHA Director must complete a Declaration of Candidacy form. The form must be sent to and received by the WAHA Secretary by April 1st in the year in which the election will be held. Faxing or emailing may be used. However, the paper copy must be mailed and post marked by April 1st .

### INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

**CURRENTLY, SUB-SECTION A BEGINS IT WORDING WITH REFERENCE TO “EACH REGION”, WHEREAS THE DESCRIPTION OF WISCONSIN’S REGIONS IS IN SUB-SECTION B. CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE.....**

Date Received: March 13, 2017

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**APPOINTED DIRECTORS ARE DESIRED FOR DUTIES OR EXPERTISE THAT SUPPORT THE CONTINUED GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, ADMINISTRATION AND INOVATION OF WISCONSIN AM AMATEUR HOCKEY. APPOINTED DIRECTORS SHOULD BE CONFIRMED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTED REGION DIRECTORS, WHO WERE ELECTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE OF THE WAHA ANNUAL MEETING.**

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## WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAW SUBMISSION FORM

BY-LAW (HEADING): Article 7 – Board of Directors

ARTICLE NUMBER: Article 7

PARAGRAPH : Paragraphs 23 and 27

SECTION, SUB-SECTION & PAGE #: Article 7 – E. 6 Director Emeritus page 39

CURRENT WORDING IN WAHA BOOK:  
ARTICLE 7 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6. Director Emeritus:

The WAHA Board of Directors shall have the authority to appoint one or more persons to the position of Director Emeritus in recognition of distinguished and lengthy service to the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association. A Director Emeritus shall be a non-voting member of the Board, but, in all other respects, shall be entitled to all of the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of other Board members, including committee membership as appointed by the President or the Board of Directors. A candidate for Director Emeritus must meet the following qualifications:

- a. The candidate must have served at least three terms on the WAHA Board as an elected Regional Director or at least five years as a Section Director, or a total of 10 years in combination.
- b. The candidate cannot be currently serving as an elected Regional Director.
- c. The candidate must be actively involved and continue to contribute to Wisconsin Amateur Hockey.
- d. The candidate must be nominated by an elected Regional Director and gain  $\frac{3}{4}$  of votes cast by elected Regional Directors for election to emeritus status.
- e. The status of Director Emeritus shall be a lifetime election by the WAHA Board of Directors.

SPECIFIC WORDING OF PROPOSAL:

(As it should appear with Additions/Changes **Bolded & Underlined**) (Attach Sheet If Necessary For More Wording)

ARTICLE 7 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6. Director Emeritus:

The WAHA Board of Directors shall have the authority to **nominate and elect** one or more persons to the position of Director Emeritus. **The position of Director Emeritus shall be a lifetime election** in recognition of distinguished and lengthy service to the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association. A Director Emeritus shall be a non-voting member of the Board, but, in all other respects, shall be entitled to all of the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of other Board members, including committee membership as appointed by the President or the Board of Directors.

A candidate for Director Emeritus must meet the following qualifications:

- a. The candidate must have served at least three terms on the WAHA Board as an elected Regional Director or at least five years as a Section Director, or a total of 10 years in combination.
- b. The candidate cannot be currently serving as an elected Regional Director **or Appointed Director**.
- c. The candidate must be actively involved **in Our Game** and continue to contribute to Wisconsin Amateur Hockey.
- d. The candidate must be nominated by a Regional Director **or Appointed Director**.
- e. The candidate shall be confirmed to emeritus status by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of votes cast by elected Directors.**

Date Received: March 15, 2017

PROPOSAL #: 2017 B-9

INTENTION OF PROPOSAL:

**THE MAJORITY OF THESE PROPOSED "CHANGES" TO ARTICLE 7 - E - 6 ARE  
UPDATES AND CLARIFICATIONS TO WORDING.**

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# Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

## **PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION**

ARTICLE NUMBER:

Article 1

HEADING:

**Registration, Eligibility,  
General Rules**

SECTION, SUB-SECTION, PARAGRAPH, PAGE NUMBER:

Section F.4 paragraph 1, pg 46

**(NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors at the May meeting, the day prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.)**

### **CURRENT WORDING:**

4. If in any season an association fails to register enough players to form a team at a given level, the association may form a co-op team with another association. To form a co-op team, each association participating in the co-op must submit the "Co-op Request Form" (found under Forms on the WAHA website) signed by each association's president, to the WAHA Regional Directors, and the WAHA Vice-president for the age level of the request. If the request involves teams in different regions, the Directors from both Regions must be involved in the process. The Regional Directors, in conjunction with the appropriate Vice-president, will have the power of approval for the co-op, but the WAHA Board will have final approval for all requests. All requests for a co-op must be submitted by November 30<sup>th</sup> and all co-op requests will be subject to a reclassification review. The Regional Directors must submit all approved requests to the WAHA Secretary. If approved, the co-op team would be eligible for State Tournament play, and the co-op would exist for one year only.

### **PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH**

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**Note: Dates would also need to be updated in the CO-OP Policy on pg 108 accordingly.**



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Intention of Proposed change: Co-op formation will be approved prior to practices, team formation, and other on/off ice activities. An earlier date will clearly identify the intent of proposed co-op teams within the associations during member registration. Alleviate potential issues of team registration and player release in a more timely fashion on behalf of the association, affected players, and family. Past years association historic rosters, member registrations should provide adequate data for associations to confidently identify their potential need for a co-op at all levels above U8.

(Example Under current rules: Johnny and Jane register with association "A" on September 15<sup>th</sup>, potential co-op at their age levels is with association "B". The players attend team meetings and practices in October and November with association "B". On November 20<sup>th</sup> association "A" decides to co-op with association "C", Johnny and Jane now are required to discontinue all team activities and continue co-op with association "C".)

**SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:** James Anderson, Parent, Burnett County

**DATE RECEIVED:** 2/9/17

**PROPOSAL NUMBER:** Rule: 2017 R-1





# Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

## PROPOSED RULE & REGULATION CHANGE, ADDITION OR DELETION

ARTICLE NUMBER:

4

HEADING:

Team Categories

SECTION, SUB-SECTION, PARAGRAPH, PAGE NUMBER:

C, Youth Classifications, 1-4 pg  
69-70

(NOTE: Rule Changes are voted upon by the WAHA Board of Directors at the May meeting, the day prior to the WAHA Annual Meeting. Rule Changes will be announced and copies provided to the membership at the Annual Meeting.)

### CURRENT WORDING:

#### C. YOUTH CLASSIFICATIONS

NOTE: USA Hockey Age Classification Chart is found in the Appendix, at the back of this Guidebook.

1. BANTAM. Restricted to any youth whose parents' residence is the State of Wisconsin and limited to amateurs who are **14 years of age and under on or before Dec. 31 of the hockey season in which they**

wish to play. No WIAA players are eligible for state tournament play.

2. PEEWEE. Restricted to any youth whose parents' residence is the State of Wisconsin and limited to amateurs who are **12 years of age and under on or before Dec. 31 of the hockey season in which they wish to play.**

3. SQUIRT. Restricted to any youth whose parents' residence is the State of Wisconsin and limited to amateurs who are **10 years of age and under on or before Dec. 31 of the hockey season in which they wish to play.**

4. NOTE: Restricted to amateurs who have

### PROPOSED WORDING: CHANGES – BOLD, BLACK & UNDERLINED DELETIONS – STRIKETHROUGH

1. 15 years of age and under before July 1<sup>st</sup> of the hockey season in which they play
2. 13 years of age and under on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> of the hockey season in which they play.
3. 11 years of age and under on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> of the hockey year in which they wish to play
4. 9 years of age and under on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> of the hockey season in which they wish to play.

SUBMITTER, TITLE & ORGANIZATION:

Tim Salo, President  
Spooner Area Youth Hockey Association

DATE RECEIVED:

March 15, 2017

PROPOSAL NUMBER:

2017 R-2

## **WAHA Age Classification Proposal – March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

In Wisconsin, we live in a community based sports culture (hockey included). The core of community based sports is growing up playing alongside peers whom you go to school with. This culminates in high school athletics when you play for a high school team in front of your community. There are alternatives to this in the sport of hockey (ex. AAA and juniors), but the core is still a community based model.

Currently, WAHA follows USA Hockey's age classifications (by birth year). An alternative age classification system would be by school age or grade. For example, Minnesota Hockey uses a July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> (6 months older than USAH) 12 month window to classify their teams. The reason for July 1<sup>st</sup> instead of a later "school age" date (ex. September 1<sup>st</sup>) is to accommodate kids who enter Kindergarten later. Keep in mind that MN's system allows for kids to "play up" when they enter K "on time" and have a July/August birthday (similar to our current "play up" procedures). In recent years MN Hockey has dealt with proposals to change from the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to a June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to accommodate even more kids who enter Kindergarten later (email attachment). They did not adopt it, but it's worthy to note that they considered going 7 months older than the USAH age classification system instead of just 6 months older.

There are some concerning inconsistencies between the High School/WIAA Hockey system and the USA/WAHA hockey system. A few examples are age classifications, number of games played, season length, practice/game ratio, number of division levels, and number of state tournaments available. A logical step towards bridging the gap would be an adoption of the MN Hockey age classification system (July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>) by WAHA.

Below is a list of PROS/CONS when considering the adoption of MN's age classification system.

<b><u>PROS</u></b>	<b><u>CONS</u></b>
-Consistent with the community based sports "school age" model.	-July 1 <sup>st</sup> cutoff makes us inconsistent with USAH and states who follow USAH age classifications.
-Would fix the 4-month gap of 9 <sup>th</sup> graders with NO bantam eligibility.	-Youth teams would not be able to play in national tournaments.
-Increase WAHA association's membership.	-July 1 <sup>st</sup> cutoff would make us 6 months older than the USAH age classification.
-Easier transition to HS hockey with the option of playing bantams as a 9 <sup>th</sup> grader.	
-Allows kids to play with their peer group (school grade).	
-Increases competitiveness of Wisconsin Youth Hockey.	
-Allows associations who play MN teams to be consistent with them.	
-Increase player recruitment/retention.	

# USA Hockey Age

## Classifications

### (2016/2017 Season):

#### Youth Teams

DATE OF BIRTH	AGE CATEGORY	AGE DIVISION
2002	14 Years	Bantam 14 or Under
2003	13 Years	Bantam 14 or Under
2004	12 Years	Pee Wee 12 or Under
2005	11 Years	Pee Wee 12 or Under
2006	10 Years	Squirt 10 or Under
2007	9 Years	Squirt 10 or Under
2008	8 Years	Mite 8 or Under
2009	7 Years	Mite 8 or Under
2010	6 Years	Mite 6 or Under (In-House Only)

#### Girls & Women's Teams

DATE OF BIRTH	AGE CATEGORY	AGE DIVISION
1997	19 Years	19 or Under
1998	18 Years	19 or Under
1999	17 Years	19 or Under
2000	16 Years	16 or Under
2001	15 Years	16 or Under
2002	14 Years	14 or Under
2003	13 Years	14 or Under
2004	12 Years	12 or Under
2005	11 Years	12 or Under
2006	10 Years	10 or Under
2007	9 Years	10 or Under
2008	8 Years	8 or Under

	<b>2017 - 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER</b>
Sept. 1, 2017	<b>BY THIS DATE</b> , applications for the WAHA Grass Roots Grants must be submitted.
Sept. 8, 2017	WAHA Board Meeting, Eagle River, 9 a.m.
Sept. 9, 2017	Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame Golf Tournament, Lake Forest Rec. Area, Eagle River, 8 a.m.  Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, Eagle Waters Resort, event begins at 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 1, 2017	<b>By this date</b> , teams wishing to enter Tier I USA Hockey National/Regional Championships must pay WAHA playoff fee to the WAHA Treasurer.
Prior to on-ice activities	ALL coaches must complete SafeSport and Background Screening requirements PRIOR TO participating in on-ice activities with youth or girls teams.
Nov. 15, 2017	<b>LAST DATE TO ENTER 2018 STATE TOURNAMENTS.</b> Teams wishing to enter WAHA State Tournaments must be registered & entry fees paid by this date.  <b>DEADLINE</b> for Concussion Compliance Forms to be completed (forms on-line at wahahockey.com). and submitted to the WAHA Secretary.  <b>BY THIS DATE</b> , teams wishing to enter Tier II USA Hockey National/Regional Championships must submit payment to the WAHA Treasurer.  <b>LAST DATE</b> for all associations to submit Player Rosters for all levels of competition.  <b>LAST DATE</b> for completion of Concussion Education Requirements.
Dec. 7, 2017	WAHA Committee Meetings, Jefferson Inn, Wausau, 5 p.m.
Dec. 8, 2017	WAHA Board Meeting, Jefferson Inn, Wausau, 9 a.m.
Jan. 1, 2018	<b>DEADLINE</b> for submission of application to the Tier I Committee for Tier I status for the next playing season.

	<b>2017 - 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER</b>
<b>Feb. 2-4, 2018</b>	<b>STATE TOURNAMENT PLAYOFF WEEKEND.</b>
<b>Mar. 3-4, 2018</b>	WAHA State Tournaments: Squirts, Bantams, 10U Girls, 14U Girls
<b>Mar. 9-11, 2018</b>	WAHA Tier I Playoffs, Fond du Lac
<b>Mar. 10-11, 2018</b>	WAHA State Tournaments: Peewees, 12U Girls, 19U Girls.
<b>Mar. 15, 2018</b>	Additions to or amendments of WAHA Bylaws and WAHA Rules and Regulations must be sent to the WAHA Secretary prior to this date.
<b>Mar. 16-18, 2018</b>	Tier II Playoffs, TBD
<b>Mar. 16-18, 2018</b>	WAHA State Tournaments: Midget 18U.
<b>Mar. 16-18, 2018</b>	Central District Tier I Playoffs, Illinois
<b>Apr. 1, 2018</b>	<b>LAST DATE TO SUBMIT REQUESTS TO HOST 2020 STATE TOURNAMENTS</b> -bids must be submitted via the WAHA website.
<b>April 1, 2018</b>	<b>LAST DATE</b> to submit Declaration of Candidacy for election to the WAHA Board of Directors.
<b>April 26, 2018</b>	WAHA Committee Meetings, Jefferson Inn, Wausau, 5 p.m.
<b>April 27, 2018</b>	WAHA Board Meeting, Jefferson Inn, Wausau, 9 a.m.
<b>April 28, 2018</b>	Annual Meeting of the Wis. Hockey Hall of Fame, Jefferson Inn, Wausau, 8:30 a.m.
<b>Aug. 2, 2018</b>	WAHA Committee Meetings, Jefferson Inn, Wausau, 5 p.m.
<b>Aug. 3, 2018</b>	WAHA Board Meeting, Jefferson Inn, Wausau, 9 a.m.
<b>Aug. 4, 2018</b>	Annual Association Officers Workshop, Jefferson Inn, Wausau, 9 a.m.
<b>Aug. 4, 2018</b>	Annual Meeting of WAHA, Jefferson Inn, Wausau, Noon
<b>Sept. 7, 2018</b>	WAHA Board Meeting, Eagle River, 9 a.m.
<b>Sept. 8, 2018</b>	Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, Eagle Waters Resort, event begins at 5:30 p.m.



**WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BY-LAW SUBMISSION ADDENDUM**

**ARTICLE 7, SECTION E, PARAGRAPH 2 (ALL) PAGES 37-38**

**Current Language:**

**Vice-Presidents:**

In the absence of the President, the senior Vice-President shall have all of the powers and perform the duties of the President. This succession shall continue in the order of seniority. Should the President become incapacitated, or be unable to continue to serve, the vacancy will be filled as previously described until the next Annual Meeting, when an election by the Board will be held to fill the vacancy.

c. There shall be a Vice-President of each of the following levels: i. Mites

ii. Squirts

iii. Peewees

iv. Bantams

v. Midgets

vi. High School vii Girls/Women viii. Adults

d. Some Vice-Presidents may have responsibilities for more than one level.

e. Each Vice-President will oversee all aspects of all State Tournaments at the level assigned.

**Proposed New Language:**

**Vice-Presidents:**

**In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall have all of the powers and perform the duties of the President.**

**The Vice President will be filled by election at the meeting of the Board of Directors immediately following the Annual Meeting.**

**Only Regional Directors may be eligible to fill a Vice President position.**