

**Marinette Menominee Area Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2017**

Board present- Peg Knutson, President; Jeanie Danielak, Vice President; John Danielak, Treasurer; Brenda Johnson, Secretary; Alex McDonald, Girls Athletic Director; Matt Lewis, Facilities Director; Lisa Spenser, Rules and Regs coordinator; Danielle Annala, IP Director

Others Present- Kathy Bruning, WAHA rep; Rita Kehoe, HS team rep; Michael Shampo, LAT; Derek Butler, LAT; Zachary A. Robertson, LAT; Clark Kehoe; Michael Maas; Melissa Pullen; Dave Pullen; Robert Bruning; Heather Netemeyer

1.Call to Order- Monthly meeting of the MMAYHA was called to order at 5:32pm by Peg. She moved to change the agenda to have the Bellin reps speak first.

Bellin Health Presentation- Derek Butler LAT, Zachary Robertson LAT, and Michael Shampo LAT spoke on their capabilities for our organization. More capacity for game coverage by them will be done this season. Their school coverage is Marinette/Menominee/Crivitz and Stephenson. If players attend these schools, coming and seeing these LAT's is free. Zac's primary role is to cover Crivitz HS, and then secondly our tournament coverage. In regards to concussion management, they must provide players with education. Sign off sheets must be on file. Baseline testing—13 years of age and older, one is eligible for baseline testing and it's good for two years. It is not required, but encouraged. At the All Association Meeting in October, these Bellin reps will be present and address the members/students/parents in regards to all this information.

2.Reports of Officers-

President- Stated that we must soon get together with the mayor regarding our contract and discuss matters. Nextly, Peg stated that she received a text message from an association member with concerns stating that they believed the ballot counting process for this last election was not handled correctly by Jeanie and that some people did not receive ballots to cast a vote. Jeanie then spoke and stated that Lisa did hand deliver ballots to those members that did not receive one. Jeanie also had on hand with her at this meeting the ballots and the co-signed names of Kirby Olsen and Becky Sakovitz who also counted and attested to the results of the election.

Vice President- No report

Secretary- No report

Treasurer- We are standing at \$42,000 in our account. We still have our pledge to the city as of yet. Logging Fest this past weekend, as of Saturday we had broken even already and did well. Sunday brought rain, so that our intake was not so good. Don't have the final number yet, but it looks like we made around \$600-\$700 range.

Rules and Regs- no report

Facilities- At a meeting this Monday with the mayor, it was discussed that the glass will not be our responsibility. We should be starting the transition to the new rink around the second week of December and in it the end of January. We will be able to have sponsors added to the boards; unsure of how many as of yet. Matt also posed a question/thought in regards to the possibility of keeping an outdoor rink after the domes come down,, what would the stipulations for this entail, costs, etc.

Athletic Direction-Not present

IP Director- Will save her information on divider boards for the old business.

Registrations Chair – No report

WAHA rep- First off, Kathy wanted to apologize for her actions/behaviors at Monday night's meeting. On August 4, in Wausau there will be a workshop for officers, especially new ones coming into their positions. Club Excellence – It is a new online portal system designed to give youth associations a unique home to drive organizational success. The portal walks youth hockey leadership through the day-to-day needs of running a successful hockey association. An alert is out in regards to board members emails, especially the treasurer's , being used illegally throughout the country. Be cautious in this matter. Lastly, several rule changes have been put into place for the 2017-2021 seasons. A copy of these changes were given to Lisa. These rules can be looked up on the USA hockey and WAHA websites.

Fundraising Chair- Becky is still looking for an additional co-fundraising chair to assist in duties.

3.Public comment-

Mike discussed from the handbook the stated difference in meaning between a term and a term limit. From September 9,2015 the handbook president and vicepresident terms were discussed at the monthly meeting. On September 16, 2015, there was the special appointment of Peg Knutson to vice president due to the resignation of the former vice president. On March 16, 2016 Kirby excepted staying as president and Peg remained as vice president. This was stated by Mike to be inconsistent with our handbook under the description of president and vice president.

Rob- spoke of a possible fundraiser idea in that of getting two college teams/the GB Gamblers/ etc. to come and put on a game. It could be a possible grand opening fundraiser.

Kathy stated that to check with former secretary Jenni Dolata or Beth Horn in regards to finding the boxes of old meeting minutes that are unaccountable at this time.

4.Team Rep Reports-

High School- nothing to report

U19- Alex is continuing to work on getting more information for the 3 girls and their future playing options. Also trying to push more young girls to join hockey.

Bantam- nothing to report

Pee Wee- nothing to report

Girls- Scholarships to be available for girls to play

Squirt- nothing to report

Cross Ice- nothing to report

5. Community Center Update-

As of currently, it looks like we will be in the new facility the last week of January. We, as an association, have been asked to donate the coach's white boards for the locker rooms. There will be six of them. An idea was thought that each team could be responsible for one board by contributing the moneys towards it. In that, each respective team will have their players names on that board. For this, the estimated cost will be around \$100 each.

6. Old Business

Removable Divider Boards-- Currently Danielle stated that 27 of the 54 spots have been sold at \$100 each. It was agreed upon that the application should be submitted. Motion was made by Peg to submit the application for the boards. John stated that he will check with Scott Wahl as to the cost of possibly purchasing the boards from Becker as they may come in at a lower price.

7. New Business

a) Fundraising- Several ideas were discussed by Matt. A possible 'Skate with the Thunder' following a HS game. Intermission ideas to engage the fans-chuck a puck, tricycle races, etc. 'Best Seats in the House'-a sofa seating during a game. Starting a hockey booster club- once a year fundraising banquet. Matt stated that he is making furniture made from old broken sticks and plans on selling them for fundraising purposes. He is interested in old sticks if anyone has any. John appointed Matt as a co-fundraising chair.

b) Handbook Review- Lisa discussed the proposed amendments to the handbook. The hazing policy looks acceptable and adoptable. She suggests to rework the locker room policy. The association board requirements, Lisa stated that she is still digging into the USA hockey manual on this. In regards to coaches and significant others holding board positions concurrently, she stated that more research yet needs to be done. Game and practice ice time- Lisa reported that she needs to research this topic more as well. These proposed amendment changes will go through to the executive board as a whole.

c) Additional policies- It was discussed if we could add to the handbook to include that each summer, by working any of our events, time and one half can be obtained by members towards their hours requirements. Discussed ensued. It was decided to not make any permanent handbook changes in regards to summer hours. Cancellation of practice- if marinette schools close, then there will be no practices that night. Lisa stated that she will draft something up for this.

d) Game capping Review- Per USA Hockey, there is the American Developmental Model in place with recommendations of number of games per level to be played each season.

USA hockey recommends:

6 and under mites: 16-20 games

Mites 8U: 16-20 games

Squirt: 20-25 games

PeeWees: 30-35 games

Bantam: 40-50 games

Midget: 50-60 games

Alex made a suggestion in regards to each team scheduling games. He stated that one half of each levels lowest amount of games be allotted to each team at the time of scheduling and as of December 15 any extra games will be scheduled and the team will cover the ref costs .

e) executive board- It was put to a majority vote and passed that Kip's application will be accepted and put on the ballot for the executive board position. Lisa will contact team reps in regards to getting the information out to the association opening up the application process for the executive board position.

8. Agenda-

Update on divider boards-Danielle

9. Adjournment

John made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Alex seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.