

## **MBA JOINT COMMITTEE**

**June 14, 2020**

**Benson Fire hall**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Jeff DeHaan	Jordan Staples	Darron Carr
	Jereme Ascheman	Eric Carlson	Corey Claussen
	Tammy Gunlogson	Dana Blume	Adam Fahje
	Matt Solemsaas	Brad Zimmer	Melissa McGinty-Thompson

<b>Members Absent:</b>	Tanner Picht	Jodie Bratton	Tamara Retzlaff
	Tina Kuseske	Jeremy Burns	Dave Tolifson

**MINUTES** – February 9, 2020 minutes were not available for review, will be sent out separately for approval next month. No meetings were held in March, April or May.

### **TREASURERS REPORT – Dana Blume**

- Ending balance \$3697.02
- \$843.99 was deposited in the MBA Joint account as in the transition of banks it was transferred for some unknown reason to the MHA account.

Eric Carlson moved to approve the treasurer's report. Tammy Gunlogson second the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Teague Picht is no longer on the MHA board but is willing to maintain the distribution lists for the boards.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- COVID – there are some changes in place from MN hockey to address the COVID restrictions. There will be a plan developed for the regular season. There has been some discussion that there may not be any tournaments for the 2020-2021. The MN hockey directors will be meeting this week to have further discussions.
- USA/MN hockey – meeting this week, will wait for further direction.
- MBA Joint Board discussion – Morris discussed at their MHA board meeting having just 2-3 MHA and 2-3 BHA board members meet for the joint board meeting instead of our regular joint meeting with all members. Morris suggests the President/Vice President and one other member. If there is a need for the full joint board to meet then get everyone together.
  - Discussed the need for decision making would need the full board to be present. Agreement that the meetings have not been effective and there is some room for improvement. We currently have committees that are not utilized. Should the committees be utilized to their capacity prior to changing the structure of the joint board?
  - MBA handbook needs to be reviewed and updated. MHA handbook was just updated this last year. At the player level it should be the same for both associations. May have differences for registration, fees and fundraising that could be specific to each association.
    - Handbook committee will meet to review the MBA joint handbook and then bring recommendations back to the joint board. MHA members will be Darron Carr, Jordan Staples and Matt Solemsaas. BHA members will be Tammy Gunlogson,

Corey Claussen and Melissa McGinty-Thompson. Tammy will set up a meeting prior to the next scheduled joint meeting.

- Election of officers: The Chair position rotates between Benson and Morris and this year it will be Benson member. Co-Chair position rotates as well and is opposite of the Chair, this year will be Morris member.
  - Chair (Benson) – Corey Claussen nominated Jeff DeHaan
  - Co-Chair (Morris) – Dana Blume nominated Jordan Staples
  - Treasurer (Benson) – Darron Carr nominated Tammy Gunlogson
  - Secretary – leave Melissa McGinty-Thompson as secretary

Dana Blume made the motion to accept the nominations as stated, Corey Claussen second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Scheduler position – This is a paid position \$1750.00/year. Tina Kuseske would like to keep this position.
- Head ref position – This is a paid position \$1000/year. Benson pays \$500/year, discussion that Morris would discuss matching that for the total of \$1000. Each association would pay separately due to MHA's bylaws for paid positions. This position would schedule refs for the youth games. Jordan Staples held this position for BHA and Eric Rice held the MHA position. Jordan Staples had made a proposal for one person to schedule for both associations and help with getting new refs/clinics/registration, etc. Jordan had spoken to Eric and he was not interested in the joint position.
  - Melissa McGinty-Thompson moved to have Jordan Staples as head ref for MBA youth games, Corey Claussen second the motion. Motion carries unanimously.
- Safe sport. Coach and parents need safe sport in order to be in the locker room. The rules are that someone with safe sport needs to be in the locker room or within hearing distance to know what is going on in the locker room if an adult is not actually present. Locker rooms must be locked.
- Team photos – youth and varsity are done separately. Varsity is done through the schools.
  - Discussion regarding youth photos: Could this go out for bids? Darron Carr suggested that we offer it to our association members that are photographers. We should put together what we want so that they could all bid on the same thing, so that it is an even comparison.
- Coaches applications – Jeff DeHaan will send this out via email like in the past. We will ask that we get these back sooner than later so that we know who is interested in the coaching positions for 2020-2021.
- Update the MBA website for members/positions – Teague had been managing the website for this information, however, we voted that the person doing this needs to be an active member of the MBA board so he will no longer maintain this. Dave Tolifson already has access to the website. Melissa MT will get Dave the information to update.
- Early registration – Darron has worked on getting registration electronic for MHA. He has set the deadline for September 15<sup>th</sup> for MHA members to register. We will need to have this information early in order to determine teams prior to the District 15 meeting where we need to declare our MBA teams.
- Head Varsity Girls coach – Cole Anderson
  - Abby Daly resigned at the end of the season last year. The assistant coach did not resign per the Morris school board meeting minutes. The Ads would be choosing the assistant coaches.

- Committees –
  - Operations Committee: Will add Jordan Staples (Morris) to replace Jeremiah Day and Corey Claussen (Benson) to replace Jeff DeHaan.
    - Current members: Adam Fahje and Eric Carlson – Benson, Tanner Picht and Jeremy Burns - Morris
  - Scheduling Committee: Jeff DeHaan (Benson) to replace Corey Claussen, Brad Zimmer (Morris)
    - Current members: Tina Kuseske – Benson, Dana Blume - Morris
  - Communications Committee: Matt Solemsass (Morris) to replace Teague Picht
    - Current members: Tammy Gunlogson and Dave Tolifson – Benson, Tamara Retzlaff - Morris
  - Registration Committee: No changes
    - Current members: Melissa McGinty-Thompson and Jereme Ascherman – Benson, Darron Carr and Jodie Bratton – Morris

Darron Carr moved to approve the committee members as stated, Jereme Ascherman second the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

- Splitting of teams – discussion that PeeWee team this year will need to be split. Discussion of splitting by ability or by age as we have done in the past. Darron Carr and Brad Zimmer shared their personal experiences with the two methods. Discussed that if we split by ability we would need to find/hire non-MBA evaluators (no MBA parents or coaches) to be part of the evaluation of skaters and recommendation on splitting. The evaluators should be outside of our association if possible but possibly use MBA alumni. During the evaluations there would be NO parents watching in the rink. We already made the decision last year that we will not entertain move ups unless the board decides that the numbers warrant the need for a move up. Unfortunately, the joint board doesn't have no control on if association members choose to move up to JV/Varsity.
  - Tammy Gunlogson made the motion that when the team number warrants more than one team, the team will be split by ability through tryouts at all levels of youth hockey Squirt through Bantam. Dana Blume second the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Tammy Gunlogson moved to adjourn at 905 pm, Jordan Staples second the motion.

**NEXT MEETING:** Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Morris rink.

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Respectfully Submitted – Melissa McGinty-Thompson