

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2019**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by President Adam Fortin. The meeting was held at the Highgate Sports Arena Office.

Board Members in attendance were:

Adam Fortin, President	Krystin Valenti, Girls Director
Judy Laroche, Treasurer	Amy Messier, Squirt Director
Karen Fortin, Secretary/State Rep	Angela DeSanctis, T-Blade Director
Dawn Lapan, Mite Director	Joe Severy, Director of Coaching

Missing MAHA Members: Marcy Stefaniak Vice President, Carrie Bessette Peewee Director and Corey Fregeau, Bantam Director

MAHA Members: Nola Gilbert, Ty Choiniere and Mark Gilbert

Secretary's Report: All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the January 14, 2019 MAHA meeting. A motion was made by Joe Severy to accept the minutes, seconded by Angela DeSanctis. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judy presented the treasurer's report ending December 31, 2018. A motion was made by Dawn Lapan to accept the treasurers report. Seconded by Amy Messier.

Judy stated that we have received \$730 in donations in Real Laroche's memory. That brings the savings account to \$3537. Judy added that MAHA still has the Feb and March ice to pay. Karen stated that the Town of Highgate will be billing February and March ice on one bill. Judy stated that she still has a few outstanding bills to collect for MAHA members and will be sending those families out another bill.

State Report: Karen stated that the February state meeting was cancelled due to weather. The next state meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12th. Karen stated that she has sent in the reimbursement for the U14T2 state tournament ice (\$2475) and referees fees (\$1210). The background invoices have been sent and MAHA owes VSAHA \$255 for 17 background checks.

Karen added that she was asked to be the chair of the nominating committee for the VSAHA executive board and will be presenting the names at the meeting on March 12th and voting will take place at the April meeting.

End of Season recap:

U12T3: Adam stated that they had a great season with a great group of parents. They had no super stars but worked hard as a team. They played a good game in the State Championship game but came up short by one goal. Ended 2nd place in the U12T3 state championship.

U12T4: Nola stated that it was a hard with players not knowing each other and trusting each other on the ice. Mark stated that they had a good year with some close games. The team they tied in States ended up winning the U12T4 State Tournament. Mark added that he did put evaluations together for the parents and players to complete on the coaches.

U10T4: Dawn stated that the team really came together at the end of the season and closed the skill gap on the other T4 teams. So much that SASA thought they had brought T3 players down.

U10T3: Amy stated that the team struggled during the season to compete at the T3 level, but had some close games.

U14T3/T2: Dawn, Krystin and Amy stated they had a great season. The taking 2nd place in the State Championship at the Tier 2 level.

U14T4: It was stated that they also struggled during the season. Some of the players did grow as players controlling their emotions during games.

U-8's: Joe stated they had a good year. The U-8's took part in the SASA, BAHA and some in the Saranac Lake tournaments. In the BAHA tournament they played 5 hours of ice and took 2nd place against Middlebury.

T-Blades: Karen stated that there were 40 players registered for T-blades with ½ being girls. The 2nd and 3rd years did get an opportunity to play 3 cross-ice games with SASA at the end of the season.

Spring Thaw: Karen stated this is the largest year for registration with 128 players. Nola Gilbert suggested having a discount for coaches who volunteer to help. Judy stated then we would have coaches volunteer and then not show up after receiving their discount. Nola stated that she doesn't want to see no coaches on the bench and then people are not happy with what they are paying for. Karen stated that this was the best year yet for coaches volunteering their time. Karen added that we had a few light days with players when the BAHA tournament and State Semi were being held but otherwise it was a great success. Joe added that we do consider this a fundraiser and to give discounts for coaches would take away from the MAHA kids. We were able to bring in the Full-Stride Clinic for all the players in October. It was added that the purpose of the Spring Thaw is just a fun way to extend the season 4 weeks.

Elections: The MAHA Vice-President, Secretary, Coaching Director and all the Directors are up for election. The elections will take place on Saturday, March 30th from 11am-1pm at the Highgate Arena. Letters of Intent are currently being collected until March 16th. Karen stated that absentee ballots will be available after March 17th. Wendi has offered to count the ballots again this year and she has also offered to have a lock box available at the Highgate Town Office for the absentee ballots.

Others:

Ty asked about moving the nets during the varsity games. Adam stated that he has had a conversation with Jay Hartmann about the concern of people falling on the ice. Ty stated that the town may make it mandatory that anyone on the ice will need to wear a helmet.

Ty stated that next year there will be no playing in the back hallway allowed, including Highgate Recreation Commission members children.

Ty added that a new Highgate Recreation Director has been hired. Dan Beauregard will begin working on March 20th.

2019 Calcutta: Angela stated that the 2019 Calcutta will be held on November 16th and the rental of the American Legion was \$300.

Lake Monster Hockey Day: Karen stated that the Hockey Day will be July 27th.

Evaluations: The idea of Spring Evaluations was discussed. Adam suggested getting a committee formed with coaches. It was suggested that each player get a report card and scrimmage another team for their evaluations.

Draft Minutes: It was suggested by Nola Gilbert that the minutes get posted in draft form prior to being approved. A motion was made by Dawn Lapan made a motion to have the secretary post the minutes in draft form. Seconded by Joe Severy. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to enter executive session at by Angela DeSanctis. Seconded by Krystin Valenti All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to exit executive session by Amy Messier. Seconded by Dawn Lapan. All in favor, motion carried.

The Annual meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30pm, pending the availability of the Highgate School Library.

A motion to adjourn the MAHA meeting was made by Amy Messier. Seconded by Dawn Lapan, all in favor motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by,

Karen Fortin
MAHA Secretary

