

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2022

Zoom Meeting

A meeting of the Executive Board at the winter meeting was held January 21, 2022 at 7:00pm.

George Atkinson, President called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Attending the meeting were voting members George Atkinson, Dan Pozdol, Judy Niemi, Joe Barone, Jean Laxton, Gordon Bowman, Kevin Wood, Jim Cosgrove, Steve Stapleton, Jason Reynolds, Rick Frescura, Craig Stakowski, Nick Zajas, Tom Berry, Al Wakeham, Lyle Phair, Michael Palmer, J.P. Palmentier, Dan Jaroshewich, Julie Becker-Myers, Larry Johnson, Don Wright.

Absent: Matt Kakabeeke, Matt Hawkins, Bob Yohe.

Guests: Gordie Lietz, Kitti Loukus, Brad Johnson, Carolyn Horton, Bob DeSpirit, Deborah Frescura, Jon Hosking, Paul Osborn, Brett Gayheart, Mark Kavanaugh, Gerry Ruskowski, Dale Rainier, Perry Wooden,

Last month Minutes- Motion to approve, seconded and approved.

Financial update: Huntington Bank has added fees for check expenses and other service fees to our account since it was taken over in merger with TCF/Chemical Bank. During states and districts, we will write 120-200 checks just for the officials. We are working on it with the bank and trying to set up a meeting to get the charges resolved.

The 2022-2023 Budget was discussed which was sent out prior to the meeting and in the winter meeting book, a motion will be needed in the board of directors meeting Sunday for adoption, no questions were asked.

Presidents Report: Bob Mancini has been promoted to the Assistant Executive Director of Development for USA Hockey. ADM activities are now being broken up into two pods, 13 and under, & 14 and over. Heather Mannix will be the new point of contact for Michigan, replacing Bob.

Task force has met many times over the fall, now is the time to review the recommendations, and more will be discussed at the task force meeting on Saturday, as we continue it will be a work in progress going forward.

USA Update: Governance changes at the Board level, athletes have to make up 1/3 of boards, Board of Directors becomes the Congress, Executive Committee is made up of 24 members. USA Hockey has had a fee increase for the 2022-2023 season.

Billet Policy: Make sure Billet information is all complete before rostering your teams if you have billets. The Tier 1 application needs to be revised. One Tier 1 organization do not have their billeting paperwork turned in. Billet person, billet families, and everyone should be registered as a billet, purpose to create our current policy- doesn't have any teeth to hold anyone accountable. If the billet organization does not follow the billet policy, they will be put on probation after a discipline hearing resulting in being ineligible for state playoffs.

Coaching Education Program: Temporary cards-180 coaches did not finish the coaching education program by December 31, 2021, some temporary cards have been issued by the Michigan Coaching Director. Coaches who are redlined that are level 1 will have to start the coach's clinics from the beginning. Every association coaching director should be monitoring their coaches and communicating with the coaches of there progression needed to continue to coach. Every coach can look themselves up to verify their credentials on the USA Website. The last clinics offered the numbers were large, the last one had 186 participants.

Residency update:

Tier 1 players would not be allowed to apply until second season as a resident.

Appoint a committee to review and make a recommendation to the executive board or SPC.

Appeals-should be changed to an administrative action under bylaw 10- tabled for more discussion.

Task Force idea: 8U transition plan-allow 8U to go full ice January 1, we would have to write a plan to the USA Player Development Committee at USA Hockey for approval. It would be for 8-year-olds only, MAHA would run the league, season would run potentially through March/April with playoffs. Participants would be able to dual roster on their 8U team.

DEI Committee Formation For Michigan- Dan Pozdol to chair, and create a committee.

Safe Sport/Appeals: Appeals-quite a few were sent to USA Hockey, Safe Sport clarifications for MAP Policy, Safe Sport must be two words. Safe Sports updates starting on 4/1/22 will be good for 12 months from when you renew. The renewal is a 15 minute renewal online module.

Disciplinary group: made up of current and past MAHA people to oversee the hearings and disciplinary throughout the state to be more consistent.

Adults-MAHA adult states have been cancelled due to lack of participation, there will be two Labatt's adult tournaments hosted by the MAHA adult committee.

Disabled Hockey: Growth nationally has come back to pre-covid numbers. Warriors hockey 105% Nationally for the 2021-2022 season. The disabled festival will be held in April 2022. Troy Michigan to host the 2022 Warrior Classic tournament October 28-30, MAHA will be responsible to be the host. Potential name change to Adaptive Hockey, also USA Hockey is bringing a new rule book for the blind and sled hockey disciplines. Also they are looking into expanding the Paralympics hockey program to include more disciplines.

Girls/Women's: 8U girls division added for the 8U state tournament in Grand Rapids. Krissy Langley was appointed to the USA Hockey Female Referee in Chief. This is the last year for Senior Women as they will fall under Adults starting next season,

Officiating: 103 total seminars were put on, 1740 officials (last year 1359) 1337 have completed, 403 have not completed.

Old business: Starting to integrate everything over to Microsoft which includes emails and director emails. The substitute goalie form needs to be reviewed.

New Business: Tier 1 showcase 9/11/22 in Troy, and the 2nd one 12/11/22 in Troy.

Motion to go into closed session of the Executive Committee, Seconded and passed.

The MAHA
Kevin Wood
MAHA Secretary

Attachments: None

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