



**MALONE MINOR HOCKEY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

July 23, 2020

A Malone Jr. Huskies Hockey Association Board Meeting was held on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 6:45pm in person (socially distanced) and via Conference Call at the Malone Civic Center.

ATTENDANCE:

Present in person: Matt Jones, Beau Brand, Kris Hardy, Sandra Riley Jay Perras, Josh Ashline, Laurie Dustin (guest)

Present Via Conference Call: Nancy Legacy (guest)

Absent: Scott Marlow, Chris Walfield, Shawn Niles, Ben West, Mike Beebe

1. Welcome

A. Matt asked for approval of the new board members with terms starting for the 2020-2021 season. Since there were 4 open board seats and 4 biographies were submitted, the recommendation as made to accept all 4 to fill the 4 open board seats. Beau motioned and Jay seconded, all were in favor. Matt welcomed the new Board Members Josh Ashline, Mike Beebe, Kris Hardy, and Ben West.

2. 2020-2021 Board Positions:

A. The board discussed the option to send out to entire board via email a recommendation for board positions to be voted on by the entire board, not just those present. A motion was made by Beau and seconded by Matt for Kris to be appointed as Treasurer. A motion was made by Beau and seconded by Kris for Matt to be appointed President. A motion was made by Matt and seconded by Beau for Jay to be appointed as Vice President. A motion was made by Matt and seconded by Kris for Sandy to be appointed Secretary. **Email vote** was recommended for approval of the board positions.

3. Coronavirus/COVID-19 Updates:

A. Jay provided an update from a USA/NYSAHA around return to play. All Coaching Clinics are currently virtual and can be done online for coaching Levels 1-4. For hockey return, more will be known after August 3rd. Will be important to review and monitor rink opening rules/guidelines of other current rinks that are open to establish our own. Guidelines will most likely be set by NYSAHA and NYS DOH.

B. Matt informed the board that Rusty Gallagher was voted in as North Section President for the 2020-2021 season. Dave Marcellus was voted as our area Vice-President.

C. Sandy asked question around incoming dollars from outside organizations for the coming season, which included the potential for FA High School teams. Jay said that he had spoken to Village leaders and the dollars historically allocated to the Malone Jr. Huskies for operation of the Malone Civic Center has been budgeted and approved. Kris indicated that we have received the first installment of that payment.

D. Discussion was had around 2020-2021 hourly ice rates. Current rates are \$125/hr. Would look to keep these rates in place for past renters. Some thoughts around rates and the potential need

to cover additional costs and some past dollars from organizations that might not be using the rink for the same amount of time (high school).

E. Jay discussed the need to order rink supplies (white paint and new line kit) for the 2020-2021 season. Cost was estimated to be \$800. A motion was made by Jay and seconded by Kris. **Email vote needed** for approval.

F. Matt reminded the board that it was voted on and agreed with the YMCA to charge a weekly rate of \$278 for this year's camp. The YMCA was not sure how many weeks they would be able to run the camp and wanted to flexibility instead of the straight \$2500 fee for 9 weeks.

4. Registration Fees 2020-2021: Matt discussed the proposed registration fees for the 2020-2021 season with support from Kris. Proposed same fees as last season for most levels. It was explained that at the 10U, 12U, and 14U levels, SportsEngine made a mistake last year for the 2019-2020 season registration fees, which were supposed to be set at \$450, but were set at \$425. The following fees are were proposed. A motion was made by Jay and seconded by Beau. **Email vote needed.**

- Lil Huskies- 1st year: \$50
- Lil Huskies- 2nd year: \$100
- 6U/ In-House League: \$200
- 8U: \$400
- 10U: \$450
- 12U: \$450
- 14U: \$450

5. Team Request: Jay received a request from Paul Richards to bring to the board for a '07 Adirondack 46ers full season, non-tournament bound team. With the potential for the Canadian boarders to be closed for the foreseeable future, the request was made as a potential option to keep some local kids playing with combining with some out of town players. Sandy asked what level this would be at, response was the 14U/Bantam level. Discussion was had could the potential players tryout out for the Malone Jr. Huskies Bantam team and potentially have two teams based on skill level. Residency rules were discussed and how no other sections in NYSAHA have residency rules. Other organizations in our area do not follow the North section residency rules and it is not enforced. Tier 3 organizations throughout the state do not have residency rules. Proposed to present to board through email for further discussion.

6. Banquet 2019-2020: Email was sent out to coaches requesting input of their teams regarding end of season awards and to try and close out 2019-2020 season. Limited responses were received back. Pucks and participation certificates are available to teams. Team awards (most offensive, most defensive, and sportsmanship) and special awards need to be finalized.

7. Financial:

A. June 2020 Financial Update: Kris updated that cancelled 46ers spring season impacted end of year budget. The general projected costs to operate the Civic Center for an additional 6 weeks is between \$15k-\$18k. Spring sessions has been a good revenue source in the past. Will need to be financially responsible with not knowing what the season will look like.

B. Kris discussed that he will be working with Nick to develop the 2020-2021 season budget projection after receiving approval for the 2020-2021 registration fees.

8. Committees:

A. Fundraising: Laurie Dustin was appointed as fundraising chair.

a. Craft Fair: scheduled for 9/19. Laurie discussed the option of using the Civic Center. Some additional discussion was had around the potential to put the ice in early in September depending on COVID guidance. Laurie indicated that vendors are already sending in their table fees for the event. \$20 per table and each vendor is responsible to provide a gift to be auctioned off. Discussion was had around potential date and/or venue change. Beau asked if the QWL building could be used and said that he would inquire about the availability for that date.

b. Pro Shop: Laurie and Sandy volunteered to take on the Pro Shop. Laurie would like to look at setting it up this year with somewhat of a consistent schedule for access. She will work with association members to try and find volunteers to staff and learn how to sharpen skates.

c. Rock the Rink: Laurie discussed having Rock the Rink on one Saturday night each month during the season. Would look to have different themed nights. Working on asking for donations of skates for rentals for those who would like to participate but don't have skates.

d. Concession Stand: will need to ask Brenda and Tom if they will be running Saints Snack Shack again this coming season.

e. Tag Day: Tag day was a successful fundraising event in 2019 and would like to do it again. Depending on the season projections, would like to hold it on 10/24 and 10/25.

f. Bottle Collections: Bottle collection bins at Suburban Propane and the Civic Center have been filling up frequently during COVID. Tom Sherwin has been a huge help in picking up the bottles from these locations and bringing to Citizen Advocates on Creighton Road. Matt connected with D.C. Redemption who would provide a service of picking up the bottles at the designated locations, count the bottles, and provide the money to the association. Another location was discussed on the western end of town and beside Dairy Queen was mentioned as a potential location. Will confirm that one could be placed there.

g. Advertisement Boards: Kris will connect with Nick on getting a copy of the excel spreadsheet with previous advertisement board businesses. The board felt that we need to do a better job this year of selling and collecting for the board advertisements. Josh indicated that he would volunteer to help lead this.

h. Coaches: Jay indicated that he would take the lead on the Coaching Committee. Will look to set up meetings at the beginning of the season to review expectations and answer questions from coaches. Will need board support to hold coaches accountable for getting their coaching requirements completed.

i. Scheduling: Kris will take on this responsibility for 2020-2021.

j. Tournaments: Committee will need to be formed. Board felt that home tournaments have been a missed opportunity in recent years.

k. Parents: Board stressed that parent committee will need to be developed and clear expectations set with parents for this season. USA and NYSAHA Hockey have both indicated that there will be zero-tolerance this season for players, coaches, and spectators. Zero-tolerance and code of conduct will be required and enforced for parents this coming season.

l. Grounds: Beau and Josh volunteered to take on this responsibility. Will also ask Mike Beebe if he is interested.

9. Registrar Report: Defer for next meeting. USA Hockey registration is currently open for the 2020-2021 season.

10. Next Meeting Date:

TBD

11. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Notes recorded by Matt Jones