



Otsego County Hockey Association

PO BOX 835, Gaylord MI 49738

OCHA Board of Directors
Special Meeting

April 15th, 2020
Via Zoom Meeting

Attendance: President: N/A, V. President: Michael Hutchens, Secretary: N/A, Treasurer: Emily Barber, Coaching Director: N/A, ADM: N/A, Checking Director: N/A, Non-Checking Director: Nathan Mattson, Registrar: Katie Kucharek. Travel Director: Lindsay Kline, Tournament Director: N/A, Equipment Room Manager: N/A, Scheduler: N/A, PR/Website: N/A

Meeting Called to order at 7:59pm by Michael Hutchens

Roll Call for Attendance: Michael Hutchens, Vice President
Nathan Mattson, Non-Checking Director
Lindsay Kline, Travel Director
Katie Kucharek, Registrar
Emily Barber, Treasurer

All previous board positions are expired, 2-year terms per OCHA Bylaws, thus leaving this 5 person/position board.

Michael wanted to review the timeline from his appointment. This timeline is to clarify the connection with MAHA and D7 involvement with OCHA.

- Michael was appointed to Vice President position by MAHA after the resignations of the President and Vice President.
- Michael reached out to Shayne, District 7 representative.
- Was informed of OCHA Bylaws having contradictions, inconsistencies and errors that needed to be remedied ASAP.
- Michael was informed that the OCHA annual meeting Election would be conducted by Shayne, D7 rep. and 2-3 other representatives from D7 and MAHA.
- Governors Executive order resulted in cancellation of Annual Meeting/Election.
- The Stay home order from Governor resulted in Shayne advising Michael to hold election online, via electionrunner.com, as the Executive order allowed this for public bodies
- Shayne and Michael worked to setup the Election on election runner. All letters of interest were sent to Michael and or Shayne. Shayne advise Michael to not permit write in options. The site required you to vote for each position in order to submit the vote.



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- There were three unopposed positions.
- After election was done, MAHA received a complaint regarding our election.
- MAHA's President and Vice President had to investigate the complaint that was filed. This required the involvement of not only the President and Vice President, but also the attorney for MAHA, and another representative from MAHA. (Bylaw Guru)
- In result of the investigation, the Governor's Executive Order has no bearing as OCHA is not a public body. It is a private entity. Therefore, her order does not apply to our association for online elections.
- OCHA Must follow the current Bylaws that were filed and approved by MAHA and D7.
- The Election done online is null and void. We cannot have any elections until we are able to conduct them in person.
- At this time, Michael reached out to George Atkinson regarding the concerns for the Association from a personal level and not as the Vice President.
- George Atkinson requested a Zoom Meeting with the attendance of several people to provide options to OCHA to move forward. This meeting was last night, 4/14/2020.
- Results from this meeting were: OCHA was provided three options to choose from:
 1. No business can be conducted until the in-person election once the executive order is lifted (at this time is unknown)
 2. MAHA find our Association in Breech. This results in MAHA would appoint our board, create our bylaws, and would remain in complete control of OCHA until they deemed fit.
 3. The current board appoints a president, works diligently and quickly to redo our Bylaws and get them approved by MAHA, D7 and present to the association for vote to pass them.
- The Attorney, Steve, stated that MAHA did not want to come in and take over. Steve and George recommended that we appoint a president to have a leader and move forward done that path with complete support and involvement of MAHA. Since OCHA did not appoint that position at time of previous resignation, it was advised that OCHA could legally appoint that position to be in good standing with MAHA and move forward.
- George recommended that OCHA board appoint Adam Repsecki. This recommendation came for several reasons, his letter of interest with his experience, along with based off the elections he was clearly whom the association wanted to be the President of OCHA. Steve and Shayne agreed.
- Jerry, D7 representative, recommended that we follow path three as well and that he would assist in the Bylaw process.
- The plan that was recommended was to appoint Adam, redo Bylaws, open registration in July, hold special meeting around August 1st for Bylaw vote, then hold special election to fill any position that are vacant.



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After the timeline review by Michael, he opened up for any board members to inquire and or make comments.

Katie expressed the results of a survey that was completed pertaining to 9% of players would not return due to Jess Rich. (the results of this survey that was conducted have not been seen or received by OCHA board members or association members) Katie also expressed concern with these 5 board members voting on president seat.

Michael addressed both concerns of Katie's. Jess Rich has been suspended by MAHA and USA Hockey- The information regarding his suspension is not privy to the entire board as there are policies set for confidentiality and the procedures to move through the process. Michael also explained that the path to appoint a president was the option given to not result in Breach with MAHA.

Several board members expressed concern with appointing President without the letter from MAHA expressing the same options that Michael had given, the concern was having the documentation to present to the Association in the event that any questions were asked regarding appointing the President seat.

Michael motioned to Appoint Adam Repski into the President position.

Discussion came about with wanting to have clarification from MAHA or D7 prior to appointing President role.

Motion was tabled pending more information from George/MAHA. Seconded by Nathan.

Agreed to hold off and schedule a ZOOM meeting for Monday at 8pm.

Roll Call to table motion

Lindsay-Yes

Katie-Yes

Emily- Yes

Michael- Yes

Nathan- Yes

Once the board is established it was agreed upon to define the roles of the current board and make sure that positions have the correct access to what they need to fulfill their roles. Limit the number of hands in the pot. Example given was access to Equipment room.

Michael asked if the board would be open to having Shayne clarify the options presented by MAHA. Shayne was involved in the Meeting from the previous night. All board members



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agreed. At this point meeting was table for a few moments for Michael to reach out to Shayne and add him to the Zoom Meeting.

Meeting reconvened with addition of Shayne, D7 representative at 9:15pm.

Shayne gave a brief overview of the election, the steps for the election and also an overview of what options were presented to OCHA for moving forward.

Those options were the same as Michael had provided previously. Shayne expressed very deeply that we did not want to be found in breach of MAHA and let MAHA step in. This was also mentioned that MAHA did not want to do this.

Shayne also mentioned that Adam was recommended for President position by himself and was in agreement by other MAHA and D7 that were present for meeting.

Nathan inquired about obtaining this in writing from MAHA, Shayne responded with hat is being done. Although George is extremely busy this week with MAHA but would have the letter to Michael in hopes of by Friday. 4/17/2020

Opened up for discussion:

Katie expressed that she felt allowing MAHA to find us in breach and allowing them to take over and rebuild OCHA was the best route to go. She would abstain from voting for President.

Shayne responded with neither George nor Steve wanted to go that route. All parties involved want to see OCHA succeed and are willing to assist OCHA in success and direction with what we need to do.

At this point the clarification was provided to all board members on the options given to move forward.

Michael motioned to appoint Adam Repsecki to President position. Emily seconded this motion with the amendment that documentation from MAHA be received by OCHA to provide to our board and members.

Discussion:

Katie disagrees with motion. Concerns for experience, knowledge and the best interest of OCHA with Adam being president.

Michael asked who out if the three that ran for president would she feel would be a better fit. (Jennie Wingo, Adam Repsecki or herself, Katie Kucharek)



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Katie responded with she felt Jennie Wingo would be a better fit. She was a previous board member, has multiple years of experience with OCHA, along with able to represent older age groups. She is also currently the Vice President of High School Hockey Booster Club.

Lindsay had concerns with transparency and trust regarding appointment.

Nathan was all set with information provided

Emily had no further comments or questions.

Roll Call was requested to Vote on the motion to appoint Adam to president with the documentation from MAHA to be provided to board and members.

Roll Call Vote:

Katie: No

Emily: Yes

Lindsay: No

Nathan: Yes

Michael: Yes

Motion carried with 3 to 2 votes.

Katie took this moment to resign from registrar position. She inquired about how to submit her resignation as the Bylaws state her letter of resignation needs to be dropped off at Sportsplex, but it closed currently. Shayne responded with nothing would be needed as the meeting was recorded. Katie said she would have all registrar items at her home for anyone to come pick up and at that time she removed herself from the meeting.

Michael resumed with obtaining the availability of another zoom meeting to introduce Adam and allow for everyone to get to know him and begin the steps to move forward. We discussed establishing committees for assistance in setting up this next season. Also, the steps of the Bylaws

Nathan inquired about the assistance with Bylaws, Shayne expressed he would be willing to help. Emily also explained that Jerry from D7 would be available and has provided her some Bylaws to review and use to establish OCHA's new bylaws.

Emily had two questions for Shayne. 1.) Do we need to appoint a new registrar to that position? Shayne said his recommendation was no, to have one of the current members fulfill that



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position until the special election meeting. We would not be found in breach with MAHA as it is the off season. As long as we have someone able to start registration in July, we will be ok. Lindsay was semi-nominated for this role. She is worried about the commitment for time with her work and family life and the COVID 19 situation. At which time Emily offered to assist her and work with her so there is a checks and balance with Emily being treasurer. Lindsay agreed with this and was willing to move forward in a team essence with registrar work until election. All board members and Shayne felt this was appropriate.

Question 2.) for Shayne from Emily was the committee roles. If we can't appoint, do we create committees with a board member as the chair and then recruit volunteers and or those that have expressed interest in that area to help and complete the task but have a board member be the chair. Shayne agreed he felt that was appropriate the less we appoint the more seats are available for election which in turn gives our association a voice and involvement with choosing who they feel best represents their association and them as members. The one position that would be wise to appoint would be Scheduler. This position is extremely important with scheduling ice time and more. This would be one he would recommend OCHA board appoint. Whatever the bylaws state once they are redone, this position would move into that area for the remaining time of term.

Zoom Meeting scheduled and to be emailed out to all board members for tomorrow April 16th at 7:30 pm.

Letter was drafted by Emily and Michael to be sent out to association members to let them know how we are moving forward. All board members agree to this and were ok with it being drafted and sent by Emily and Michael.

Michael motioned for meeting to be adjourned at 10:18 pm.