



## **Mahtomedi Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting**

**Date:** May 17, 2020

**Called to Order:** 8:03PM

**In Attendance:** Alex Rogosheske, Brandon Sampair, Joe Curran, Kelly Taff, Abe Appert, Nate Demars, Cory Huberty, Dan Miller, Craig Mickelson, Pete Moosbrugger, Aaron Pederson, Kelly Reagan, Jesse Sampair, Brent Sorenson.

**Absent:** None.

**Prior Meeting Minutes Approval:** April 2020 meeting minutes approved without corrections. Motion made by Brandon Sampair, Second Cory Huberty. Unanimous. Motion passes.

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### **New Business/Member Feedback:**

- **Charitable Gambling – Jim Kirkwood**
  - No Charitable Gambling Meeting again this month due to COVID-19; some discussions that Quinny's will reopen on June 1<sup>st</sup>; COVID policies sync w/restaurant and capacity limits.
  - \$10K in the account; only expenses are misc. along with salaries continue to be paid out for Jim Kirkwood and Katy Strub; looking for a June 1<sup>st</sup> reopening, if not, may need to take out a loan to start back up; will add sneeze guard and a slot to pass money through once we re-open.
  - Paid back \$20K of the start-up loan of \$30K; Charitable Gambling has given back \$70K to MYHA to date.
  - Quinny's continues to be open for take-out orders; please support them.
- **Registration – Mikalynn Hauer (see President's Report)**

### **President's Report (Alex Rogosheske):**

- **2020-2021 Board Member Elections**
  - The following board positions have been assigned for 2020-2021 season.
    - President – Alex Rogosheske
    - Vice President – Brandon Sampair
    - Secretary – Kelly Taff
    - Treasurer – Joe Curran
    - D2 – Cory Huberty
    - Junior Gold – Abe Appert
    - Bantam – Nate Demars
    - Peewee – Dan Miller
    - Squirt – Pete Moosbrugger
    - Mites – Craig Mickelson

- 5U/6U/8U & Recruiting – Aaron Pederson
  - Girls Director (10U/12U/15U) – Kelly Reagan
  - Player Development – Brent Sorenson
  - Director Coaching & Fundraising – Jesse Sampair
- **MOTION** made by Pete Moosbrugger to approve the board positions for the 2020-2021 Season. Second by Kelly Reagan. Unanimous. Motion passes.
- **Registration**
  - Mikalynn– Must start submitting on June 1<sup>st</sup> for July 1<sup>st</sup>; Deadline is placed in Sports Engine by birthday; this is for both players and coaches. Junior Gold is later as is Try Hockey; in process of getting ready. Current policy is no refunds unless a player makes a high school team; USA Hockey is saying with COVID we would be refunding this year. Question on a late fee this season and are we changing registration to a later date.
  - Discussion was to keep with our same timelines/schedule; we need to stay on track; could do a survey to see where people are at; may not get a response timely or at all to make an informed decision; tournaments start being scheduled in June; concern if numbers are down will we get refunds if we cancel; if the season is canceled refunds would be granted. Could extend payment plan from six months to eight months.
  - If the season is shortened; need to prioritize on what would get cut; FHIT and ProEdge would go first, with practice ice and tournaments being last.
  - Plan is to proceed as we normally do; open registration on July 1<sup>st</sup> w/early bird discounts; historically closed traveling registrations right before evaluations. This is too late.
  - Mite 2/3 Evaluation will take place right after MEA; typical year is 15-20 Mites register after the deadline.
  - Deadline for registration for all players will be October 15, 2020.
- **D2**
  - Alex sent an e-mail to all board members outlining issues with D2 along with the Chisago Lakes association being added to D2 for the 2020-2021 season; he requested feedback for discussion at the May 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
  - Cory– Advised that D2 has not held a meeting in person or online for the months of March, April or May 2020.
  - Chicago Lakes was added as a new association to D2 with no vote/communication to any of the current D2 associations; the February 2020 minutes did not have this noted.
  - D2 Playoff's for MYHA last season; PWAA's, BAA's and PWB2's had bracket and scheduling issues that put these teams at a disadvantage from the start.
  - Board members discussed the areas of concern and the best approach to address it directly with D2; e-mail to be sent by Alex once all board members provide modifications/edits.
- **Fall Camp**
  - Alex to work with Brent on the Fall Camp; Jesse will combine the Fall Camp with the Squirt Skate; Nate to confirm ice. Nate to reach out to Doug Brady at St. Croix.
  - Discussion on combining the girls/boys this season for the camp; Brent and Kelly Reagan to coordinate.
- **Chair Positions/Handbook 2020-2021 Season**
  - Tifini Lipovetz/Kelly Taff to confirm the returning volunteers; will recruit if needed.
  - Currently eighteen (18) Chair positions; and one (1) Webmaster position.
  - Kelly to work with Alex to begin updating the Player Handbook.

- **Location of Board Meetings**

- Board meetings will be held at Quinny's; continue to support Quinny's & Forster's/Dugout.
- Our next meeting is June 29th; will review bi-laws, budge, fundraising and registration. if the Shelter in Place order is still in effect, we will do another Zoom/Video Conference.

#### **Vice President's Report (Brandon Sampair):**

- **Chair Positions**
  - Holly Kutzer, Traveling Teams Jersey Coordinator is not returning this season; Krissy Wright, 5U/6U/8U/Mite Jersey Coordinator will return.
  - Tifini Lipovetz, DIBS Coordinator and Kelly Taff to work together to confirm the returning volunteers for the Chair Positions; will recruit if needed.

#### **Treasurer (Joe Curran)**

- **Finance/Budget**
  - \$140K cash on hand; up from last season due to Charitable Gambling donation; unexpected donation/nice surprise from Apple, Inc., (Kelly Regan's employer) donated \$4,600.
  - FHIT - reviewing the breakout paid hours/number of players; cost MYHA \$20K for 60 players; ProEdge, \$16K for 15 traveling boys teams; discussion on pulling out of FHIT, will not impact MEGA/Goalie camp if we drop FHIT.
  - Kelly Regan provided feedback; Sunday's conflicted with tournaments; Wednesday's conflicted with Religion; suggestion is to do ProEdge for the girls. Dan Miller provided feedback; nice benefit for the girls, cost/attendance was not good; Pete Moosbrugger saw the benefit/need for the dryland and additional ice for the girls; discussion on cost per player between boys and girls; attendance was an issue; Jesse suggested additional training should be on Mites/8U; Jesse does help schedule Pro-Edge and will check-into adding four more teams; ProEdge contract is signed in June. Joe to run the budget w/out FHIT and add the girls to ProEdge. Kelly to work with Joe on the contract.

#### **Secretary (Kelly Taff):**

- **E-Mail Blasts**
  - Continue to coordinate with everyone on e-mail blasts. Board members provide the content and I will edit/format and send out.
- **Team/Individual Pictures (Lifetouch)**
  - Confirm team/individual picture date; coordinate efforts with Boys and Girls Traveling Tournament Scheduler(s).
  - Will reach out to Lifetouch to create a Banner for the Skate with the Zephyrs event (scheduled for November 28, 2020); Cory suggested I work with him; use the same company that uses for the sponsorship banners.
- **Board Elections**
  - Will post list of newly elected and re-elected Board Members to the website.
- **Chair Positions**
  - Tifini Lipovetz, DIBS Coordinator and Kelly Taff continue to confirm the returning volunteers for the Chair Positions; will recruit for any open positions.

#### **District 2 (Cory Huberty):**

- **D2**
  - No additional update. (See President's Report)

#### **Director of Coaches/Fundraising (Jesse Sampair):**

- **Coaching**
  - No update.

- **Fundraising**
  - Preliminary stages of t-shirt fundraiser through Lettermen's; working with Lory Keeney on designs and costs; online fundraiser. Lory to provide more details next week.

**Director of Player Development (Brent Sorenson):**

- **MEGA/Fall Camp**
  - Mark Harris to transition with Brent; looking to keep MEGA on Thursdays; coordinate ice dates/times with Nate.

**Junior Gold (JG) (Abe Appert):**

- Continue discussions on registration numbers for upcoming season; if numbers are high again will do a tryout; goalies will need to be addressed again this year.
- Abe to reach out to Lory Keeney, Susan Decker, Kathy Frable and last season's coaches to get feedback/suggestions.
- JG is a month behind the rest of the registrations; ten days after the high school team is named; continue with the payment plan option.

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**Bantam (Nate Demars):**

- No Update.

**PeeWee (Dan Miller):**

- No Update.

**Squirt (Pete Moosbrugger)**

- No update.

**Mite Program (Craig Mickelson):**

- Working with Brent and Mikalynn to transition; will also spend time with Aaron to review and coordinate efforts; Alex and Craig to meet to review the Mite evaluation process.

**Girls Program (Kelly Reagan)**

- **10U/12U/15U**
  - 15U, survey going out in the next few days; plan for one A team; survey results should assist on numbers; there were more Tartan girls than Mahtomedi last season.
  - 12U, discussion on continuing with an A and B team for upcoming season; small number of wins at the A level and concerned that girls will leave if they are not winning; considering having two B teams; Kelly discussed this with Joe and Pete and other coaches; two leveled B1 teams or a B1 and a B2 team; goaltending was a concern; Joe was in agreement for two B's, Pete suggested an A & B team; should have an A team at every level; Dan said girls may get discouraged if there is not an A team; discussions continued on pros/cons of both; no vote took place, Alex asked Kelly to come back with additional information for the next meeting.
  - 10U, plan for two teams, one A and one B; final team designations will be made in Sept.

**5U/6U/8U & Recruitment: (Aaron Pederson):**

- **Ice Allocation**
  - Reviewing ice times for all age groups; currently Mini Mites/5U = 1 hour per week; Mite 1/6U = 1-2 hours per week and varies, Mite 2/3 = 2 days per week with Skills. Looking for more regular weekday ice for Mite 2/3 and 8U; new total hours per week will be 3 hours.

- Nate's initial feedback; weekday ice is tight; will look to see what can be done; it will not be a set schedule; if additional weekday ice is added there may be conflicts with coaches with siblings at other levels; may need to combine Mite/5U/6U/8U levels to get enough coaches

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:** Made by Branson Sampair, Second by Abe Appert.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:26PM

**Minutes Submitted by** Kelly Taff, MYHA Secretary