

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 25, 2020**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by President Corey Fregeau. The meeting was held at the Highgate Arena.

Board Members in attendance were:

Corey Fregeau, President	Dawn Lapan, Bantam Director
Marcy Stefaniak Vice President	Carrie Bessette, Squirt Director
Karen Fortin, Secretary/State Rep	Angela DeSanctis, Mite Director (Called In)
Judy Laroche, Treasurer	Tom Gates, Peewee Director
Lindsay Ladd, Girls Director	

MAHA Members Absent: Amy Messier, T-Blade Director and Adam Fortin, Coaching Director

MAHA Members: Carrie Bockus, Nola Gilbert, Tiffany Renaudette, Mark Gilbert, Kristen Coon and Bridgette Cadieux.

Secretary's Report: All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the July 28, 2020 MAHA meeting. A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to accept the minutes, seconded by Judy Laroche. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: All in attendance reviewed the treasurers report. A motion was made by Marcy Stefanik to accept the treasurers report, seconded by Angela DeSanctis. All in favor, motion carried.

Judy stated that everyone who has registered has been invoiced. Judy added that she plans on sending out the 20 Week calendars and Rada books out next week. Bottle money is still coming in. Heather has currently turned in \$990.00 bottle money.

State Report:

Karen stated she attended the August 20th Zoom meeting with VSAHA. VSAHA has posted the "Return To Play Guidelines for 2020-2021". This can be found on their website.

Changes for the upcoming season includes (subject to change):

September 8th masks will be required for players, coaches and officials on and off the ice. Electronic whistles are suggested.

Youth U14 (Bantams) there will be no contact.

Occupancy Guidelines will be directed by each arena following the CDC guidelines. Highgate is currently working on their guidelines which will include temperature, tracing, and traffic flow. Currently a facility is allowed up to 75 in the building.

Each association needs a Player Safety Coordinator which will oversee a safety coordinator for each team. It was suggested that the team coordinator take on this role.

All volunteers need to complete the VOSHA training from the State of Vermont. Certificates of completion need to be given to the associations Safety Coordinator.

VSAHA suggested limiting travel and number of games.

The State of Vermont is not allowing Jamboree or Tournaments.

There will be no state tournaments this season. There will be no Home/Home requirements. Tiers will be up to the local associations. Karen stated that splitting teams by Tier 3 and Tier 4 will be easier to schedule evenly matched teams. Kim Gaines from VSAHA will be sending out more information on scheduling within the next few weeks.

It is highly recommended to promote Live Barn usage to our association.

Transfer deadlines can be filed up to November 1st. September 1st for Allied Groups.

New York is currently not open to play hockey.

Currently most arenas are not allowing parents in the facility for practices and tryouts.

The next meeting is Tuesday September 8th.

Fundraising Committee:

Angela stated that the drive-thru BBQ's have been a great success. The next one will be held on August 30 in Highgate and we currently have 30 meals sold. The St. Albans Messenger will be putting an article on our current BBQ fundraisers.

Rada books will be available this week.

Ashley Spears has suggested Little Caesars. The flyers will be available after September 10th. We can run the sale for 6 weeks. MAHA will receive 50% of sales for profit. MAHA will arranged a drive thru pick-up.

Angela added that we will continue to sell Rada Knives.

Masks: Karen will send out another reminder using Lindsay's photos of Jeffery.

New Business:

U19 Teams: It was suggested by Karen that we consider having a U19 team (boys and girls) in case the varsity season starts later or does not happen.

A motion was made by Carrie Bessette open a registration for the U19's charging \$110 per month. This does not include the USA Hockey fee of \$55. Seconded by Marcy Stefaniak. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to enter executive session by Marcy Stefaniak. Seconded by Angela DeSanctis. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to exit executive session by Marcy Stefaniak. Seconded by Carrie Bessette. All in favor, motion carried.

The next MAHA meeting will be held at the Highgate Arena Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30pm.

A motion to adjourn the MAHA meeting was made by Carrie Bessette. Seconded by Marcy Stefaniak all in favor motion carried.

Submitted by,
Karen Fortin, MAHA Secretary