

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Monday, September 24, 2018**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Adam Fortin. The meeting was held at the Highgate Sports Arena Lobby.

Board Members in attendance were:

Adam Fortin, President	Krystin Valenti, Girls Director
Marcy Stefaniak Vice President	Angela DeSanctis, T-Blade Director
Dawn Lapan, Mite Director	Carrie Bessette, Peewee Director
Karen Fortin, Secretary/State Rep	Corey Fregeau, Bantam Director

MAHA Board Members Absent: Amy Messier, Squirt Director and Joe Severy, Director of Coaches

MAHA Members: Mark Bessette and Mark Gilbert

Guests: Karen Hammond, Milton President; Michael Languasco, Milton Vice President and Chris Rogers, Milton Head Coach

MAHA/Milton Peewee Combined Teams:

Adam welcomed the Milton board members, he added that MAHA would like to help Milton provide a U12 (Peewee Team) for their players. Currently MAHA has 15 U12 players which includes a goalie and two players who would like to play Girls U12 if MAHA has enough for a girls team. Milton has 9 players including a goalie. Karen Hammond stated that the Milton board did discuss the possibility of moving some Squirts up, but their numbers 12 squirts really don't allow that. Karen stated that all the Milton parents were notified, and all agreed it would be best for their players.

Adam Fortin added that all the MAHA parents were notified of the possible combined teams. We currently have four parents here at the meeting. The MAHA board all agreed that although we have enough for a team, it's the right thing to do to help the Milton players have a place to play. Carrie Bessette added that her son was on a combined MAHA/Milton team five years ago and it was a great experience.

It was stated that nothing would change at the state level for declared teams and games have been scheduled by each organization's schedulers. MAHA had declared a Tier 3 team and Milton had declared a Tier 4. Adam Fortin stated that MAHA has 8 hours of ice scheduled prior to evaluations. Four of those practices will be Power Skating with Dan McFall. Adam told the Milton board members that the Milton players were welcome to start with MAHA on October 2nd. The evaluations are scheduled for October 20th and 21st.

It was agreed that the registration fees and required fundraising would be completed by the players with their home organizations. MAHA will pay for home game ice and official fees for games in Highgate and Milton will pay for games and official fees for games held at Gutterson.

Adam Fortin asked if there were any other questions or concerns. There were none. A motion was made by Corey Fregeau to approve the MAHA U12 team to combine with the Milton U12 team, making two teams of 11 or 12 players at the Tier 3 and Tier 4 level. Seconded by Marcy Stefaniak. All in favor, motion carried.

Evaluations:

Adam stated that he had sent Joe Severy a message for an update on the evaluation schedule and had not heard back from him. We will have to add another hour each day for evaluations adding the Peeweess.

Adam stated that we do have two squirts who have reached out concerned that they will be on vacation during the evaluations. He will pass that on to Joe Severy to see what he would suggest as the Head Coach.

A motion was made to by Angela DeSanctis to move into executive session. Seconded by Dawn Lapan. All in favor, motion carried.

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

A motion to adjourn the MAHA meeting was made by Corey Fregeau. Seconded by Carrie Bessette, all in favor motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by,

Karen Fortin
MAHA Secretary