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07 Sep 2021 Zoom Meeting beginning at 8:03 pm

Traver explained his intent to host Board Meetings via zoom and keeping them to one hour each.

Business that needs more time can be handled via emails and/or phone calls.

The Hockey Summit is set for October 2 – 3, 2021 in Bozeman. There are a block of rooms set aside at the Comfort Inn.

High School format was discussed. Many Associations voiced their opinions.

- Glasgow – Would like to see A and B divisions brought back. Some play between divisions. Maybe shuffle at State.
- Miles City – Population is a factor for some associations. MC isn't competitive at the HS level, so have some seniors on JV team (Todd Young noted this is exactly why they don't want to say HS and JV)
- Great Falls – likes Glasgow's option
- Salmon, Idaho – Having the Big Sky League has been very beneficial to their players development
- Billings – (Loeding) Need to be conscious of player safety when 19 yr olds playing against 15 yr olds (LaPera) Thinks the current format works well for development, why spend so much time on the labeling
- Missoula – Many Associations only have enough players for one team, and the current format has been great for development.
- Bozeman – Likes the current format, the discussion is mostly about naming. BOZ does want B teams playing A teams.
- Helena – Last season Helena had two teams, but in order to do that they needed to cross-roster many players. (Traver noted that is okay because it keeps kids playing hockey and developing, who otherwise wouldn't have a team.)

After all discussion, it was generally agreed to leave the format and naming the same for the 21-22 season, as this is a matter that needs to be voted on at a regular Board Meeting. It will be added to old business.

USA Hockey Rule Changes were discussed by Jason Manning and Todd Young. Jason asked that the email from Al Bloomer be attached to the minutes for distribution. These will be sent out to all associations. Many changes will affect both scorekeepers and referees. 45 minutes will be set aside at the Summit meeting to go over the rule changes.

Player Development at Summit was discussed by Mike Wilkinson and Annie Petschauer. Registration is open, and a link is on the website.

Annie added that outside of the summit there is discussion for having 12U girl's jamborees on blackout weekends. **Blackout weekends are blocked out of MAHA scheduling, and are used for tier teams and others to participate in higher level tournaments. These weekends are typically Thanksgiving, Christmas, MLK Day and President's Day.

Dave Weaver reminded all that the final town hall meeting of the By-Law and Governance committee will be on Sep 23. This Town Hall will be different than the others in that it will cover the final draft before voting at the October Summit Meeting.

Brian Elliott brought up a point of order in regard to the increase in bond fees. The increased fee is being requested already, but has not been approved in the By-laws. It was pointed out that the fee increase was included in the proposed budget for FY22, and that was approved at the May meeting.

Traver asked everyone to be sure to read to the end of emails, as Connie includes a list of important dates at the end of every email she sends out.

The meeting was completed at 9:03 p.m.