

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Thursday, March 28, 2018**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Adam Fortin. The meeting was held at the Highgate Elementary School Library.

Board Members in attendance were:

Adam Fortin, President	Corey Fregeau, Bantam Director
Judy Laroche, Treasurer	Angela DeSanctis, T-Blade Director
Marcy Stefaniak Vice President	Krystin Valenti, Girls Director
Karen Fortin, Secretary/State Rep	Dawn Lapan, Mite Director
Joe Severy, Director of Coaches	Amy Messier, Squirt Director
Carrie Bessette, Peewee Director	

MAHA Members: Brian Fortin, Ashley LaRocque, Lynne Airoidi and Mark Gilbert

Adam stated that elections were held on Saturday, March 24th. Marcy stated that the elections went very well. Wendi Dusanblan counted the ballots after 2pm. Marcy added that there were 79 ballots casted which is more than any other elections. She suggested holding the open voting from 10am-1pm as 9am-2pm was to long. Marcy added that Wendi Dusanblan also suggested to keep the ballots for 30 days. Marcy stated that she has the ballots.

The results of elections and team assignments are as follows:

Adam Fortin, President (2 year term)
Judy Laroche, Treasurer (2 year term)
Karen Fortin, State Rep (1 year term)
Joe Severy, Director of Coaching (1 year term)
Carrie Bessette, Bantam Director
Corey Fregeau, Peewee Director
Amy Messier, Squirt Director
Angela DeSanctis, T-Blade Director
Krystin Valenti, Girls Director

Ashley LaRocque asked why write-ins were not allowed. Marcy stated that you can only run for one position. Mark Gilbert added that no write in's should be allowed because a letter of intent was required for a position.

Secretary's Report: All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the May 30, 2017 General Membership meeting. A motion was made by Angela DeSanctis to accept the minutes, seconded by Marcy Stefaniak. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tabled

Judy stated that the MAHA accountant was finishing up with the March transactions from Spring League.

State Report: Karen stated that MAHA nominated 11 players and 2 goalies (born in 2005 and 2006) to the VSAHA development camp that will be held on April 13th, 14th and 15th. MAHA will also be sending 3 coaches.

Karen stated that on April 8th there will be a girl's state-wide meeting held at the Double Tree. Karen and Marcy are planning on attending the meeting at this time.

Karen stated the next state meeting will be on Tuesday, April 10th.

Old Business:

Learn To Play Hockey: Adam stated that this program was a huge success introducing players older than nine years old to hockey that normally would not have a place to start. Adam added that there are possibly 4 or 5 girls that will be playing at the high school team. Ashley LaRocque questioned why MAHA should be paying for that hour of ice for players not members of MAHA. Karen stated all of these players took part in the Try Hockey For Free that MAHA hosted. This program is a win win for MAHA giving older players a place to play. We are hoping 4 of the girls that took part will come and play at the U12 level. Karen added that MAHA is already receiving returns as we had a player play Spring League at the Squirt level and he will be playing Squirts in the fall. Brian Fortin added that MAHA's mission statement states that MAHA is the feeder program for the varsity teams and we must come up with ways to build the girls numbers along with the boys.

Dryland: Ashley LaRocque suggested having dryland for the teams. Mark suggested looking into the school or army. Marcy stated that SASA offered it to their players for \$25 they could have punch card to RAW to work out. Adam said he would ask New Beginnings in Swanton if they could offer something similar for those players who wanted to do extra as we could not make this mandatory.

Fundraisers:

Lake Monsters: Angela has dates for June, July and August. It was suggested that we try June 20th. A good way to kick off the summer.

Field Days: August 3rd, 4th and 5th

Cornhole Tournament: September 15th

Calcutta: November 2nd

Other fundraisers mentioned were Papa Noel's, Schwann's and Dunkin Doughnuts.

New Business:

By-Laws: The bylaws were reviewed and discussed with needed corrections made. Adam stated that the by-laws will be presented and voted on at the next meeting. We would need 20 members to be present to approve the by-laws.

It was suggested to make the Director of Coaching an board appointed position and non-voting like the State Rep position.

Jersey Fund: Ashley LaRocque asked about the Jersey fund and stated that it should be a line item to show the income and expenses for the jerseys. Karen and Marcy agreed and stated that this year the cost for 40 sets of Mite Jerseys was \$4000 (\$100 per set). After the cost of the sign we receive \$1150 from Boat Headquarters, we received an additional \$1000 from Aubuchon's and \$1560 raised from the jersey fund for a total of \$3710 which doesn't cover the cost of the 40 jerseys. Karen stated that the only jerseys needed for the upcoming season will be 10 XXL that have been ordered.

The next MAHA meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10th at 7pm.

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

Minutes Submitted by,

Karen Fortin
MAHA Secretary