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- I. Call to Order- Meeting called to order on January 21.2019 8:01 P.M.
- II. Roll Call
 - Miles City-Sitting in for Rick Lang
 - Barry Brownlee
 - Scott Kirsch
 - Jill VanSon
 - Dave Weaver
 - Shawn Baker
 - Zanae Bates
 - Grace Hoene
 - Jason Manning
 - LuAnn Rinebarger
 - Mitch Ferm
 - Jason Kindseth
 - Todd Young
 - Tami Burke
 - Tina Stinson
 - Tina Young
 - Clint Muhlfeld
 - Mike Mcintosh
 - Karen Young
 - Brad Federenko
 - Ryan (Helena) sitting in for Mekell Lybbert
 - Dustin Zuffekato
 - Kim Buchanan
 - Rene Lenhardt
 - Ryan Riley
 - Sara Gilmore
 - Daniel Lupszyc
 - Nate Weisenberger
- III. Vote On MAHA Secretary Position
 - Mike Mcintosh talked about the Secretary position being open and Sara Gilmore offered to put her name in to fill the position. It would help Kari Riley who has been filling in with this position. This position will be up for re-election at the annual meeting. There were no members objections and Sara Gilmore will fill in.
- IV. MAHA Money Matters
 - a. Financial reports given by Karen Young. There was \$4,923.00 out verified volunteers. \$6283.00 in registration. Kim motioned to approve the financial report and LuAnn seconded.
 - b. Disabled report given by Jill VanSon; they are looking for practice slots. They are waiting for Billings to give them dates for March. She is waiting to hear back from Bozeman and Red Lodge to get back to them about the possibility of dates. March 4th – March 7th is the Sled National tournament in Tampa Florida. They are needing

volunteers and asked all associations to spread the word. If they anyone has questions to contact Jull or Mike.

v. USA Hockey Winter Meeting Recap (Mike, Kari and Todd)

- a. Mike presented the winter meeting report. There will be a lot of changes coming for the next season. Board of directors USA Hockey rates will be increasing \$6.00. Safe sport mandated by the federal government. There will be one monitoring company that will run the background checks. The screening will cost \$30.00 per screening; in previous years they were only \$7.00 per screening. Mike mentioned that we can talk about how to allocate this at the annual meeting; possibly add this fee to MAHA fee's, having the people submitting the request pay or possibly 50% MAHA 50% people. Transgender policy was put in affect during the winter meeting. Shawn has asked if MAHA would still need a background check if they were screened by another sport; would the system link and cover both sports. There was no clear answer if that would be the case or not. Mitch mentioned to possibly raise adults and lower the kids. Mike mentioned that we need to have a system in place before June and to keep ideas coming. We need to make sure we are using the wording of safe sport trained not safe sport certified.
- b. Any team that has a player over 18 years of age playing with an 18U team will need to complete the safe sport training. This was passed from the federal government guidelines. This will affect all Highschool players and Junior teams.

vi. Old Business

- c. Affiliate Agreement update - Some organizations still have not turned in and will need to get this completed as soon as possible.
- d. Conflict of Interest Documentation - There will be more changes for all sports from the federal government. Changes to be discussed as they are released.
- e. MAHA Scholarships – Scholarships are due by Feb 1st 2019. They need to be mailed or emailed to Mike. Grace mentioned the Kolby Baker character award. Each organization would have to have their head coach pick a player on their team and a \$75.00 donations per award.

VII. New Business

- a. MAHA Association not attending MAHA State Tournament – There is a \$500.00 fine plus their bond and are then in bad standings with USA hockey and with MAHA. This is the second year in a row that MAHA team has threatened not attending a MAHA tournament. Dustin from Flathead stressed that they are having issues trying to grow the game. They are struggling with lower hockey registration numbers because of missing school and work. The expenses for long distance travel is an issue and hard for their families to travel from Whitefish to Mile's city and would like to discuss other options for next season to help all organizations with travel.
- b. Russ Barnett Letter – During the annual meeting all of the board members approved the 8 high school teams at state leaving out the bottom two teams and Salmon.
- c. MAHA Positions coming up at Annual Meeting – The follow positions are up for election President, Secretary, MTPDC, and Summit.

- d. 14U body checking – Nothing has been decided by USA hockey. Working on defining body checking verses body contact. Currently body contact is from 8U and above whereas body checking is at 14U and above.
- e. USA hockey new technical director. One number for player, coach, and referee for the life of that individual. The registration platform is currently being developed.
- f. Player safety concussion return forms. These need to be signed and acknowledged. Coach should receive a signed release form from the player before any type of play starts. This form needs to be signed by a state licensed medical professional. Heads up don't duck stickers should be handed out at all organizations.
- g. Suspension of parents and players - All parents should read and understand the parent code of conduct. Jason Manning reported that there is a shortage of referees and volunteers. Play game suspensions 404A is 2 misconduct's in one game. In Kalispell the tournament director went against the USA hockey rules and allowed the player to play the next game. This was brought to the attention of USA hockey. There have been 51 disciplinary issues this season. Three weeks ago parents were questioning Jason and referee's in the hall at a Butte house tournament, parents are becoming abusive to the referee's. Missoula has the most referee's in the state, Bozeman was next then Butte with 11, Greatfalls with 8, Mile's City with 6, and Helena with 5.
- h. Mike educated the board members to visit the Minnesota hockey website and will send the link to the board members after the meeting. The have a 3-strike rule to help keep disciplinary issues at a minimum; this is for coaches, players and parents. Mitch mentioned that educating the coaches, parents and players would go a long way in youth hockey. Mitch mentioned that there were parents threatening players at a tournament. Todd stated that player are bragging about leading the board in penalty minutes. Players need to be addressed at the local organizations.

Motion to adjourn at 10:31 Barry motioned LuAnn seconded.