

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Monday, July 23, 2018**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 6:31pm 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
Judy Laroche, Treasurer	Amy Messier, Squirt Director,
Dawn Lapan, Mite Director	Carrie Bessette, Peewee Director
Karen Fortin, Secretary/State Rep	Corey Fregeau, Bantam Director

MAHA Board Members Absent: Marcy Stefaniak Vice President, Joe Severy, Director of Coaches and Angela DeSanctis, T-Blade Director

MAHA Members: Mark Gilbert and Ty Choiniere

Secretary's Report: All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the June 18, 2018 MAHA meeting. A motion was made by Corey Fregeau to accept the minutes, seconded by Carrie Bessette. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Judy stated that we currently have a balance of \$8953 which is the largest ending balance in many years. Judy stated that she will be moving \$3100 with is the remaining from the Gates Donation to the Highgate Recreation Commission for use within the building. The \$3100 was used for the benches inside the arena. Judy also stated that we will be closing the MAHA account at McCuins. The only expense since the last report was the one time fee of \$250 for the Dibs program.

Judy stated that we still 6 outstanding balances and bills will be mailed out certified mail.

MAHA Registration is open and we currently have 11 registered.

State Report: Karen stated that there is still no date or time for the kick-off meeting. She will get information out to the board as soon as it is received.

Coaches Clinics should be open as of August 1st on the USA Hockey website.

Transfer and Release Request will be open on the VSAHA site by August 1st.

Field Days: Adam stated that he and Karen met with Fernand at the Field Days grounds to go over the new parking location. There is a new 700x400 parking area down the road to the back parking lot on the left side. Field Days have fenced off an area for pedestrians to cross and walk to the ticket booth. Adam talked to Harvest Equipment and they will let us use a side by side for the weekend. Marcy talked to Fournier Equipment and they will let us use a trailer for the weekend. Karen stated that there are still families that have not signed up. We are shorthanded on Saturday after 5pm. Set up will be Wednesday morning.

Dryland: Dryland has been well attended. 16 players consistently each night.

Fundraising:

2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament is scheduled for September 15th. Karen stated that she is currently trying to find a bartender.

MAHA's Annual Skate-A-Thon will be held on Sunday, October 7th from 10am-12pm. Pledge Sheets have been updated on the website. All money raised by the player will be applied to the players plan balance.

Calcutta: A Calcutta meeting will need to be scheduled.

Upcoming Grow the Game Events:

Girls Try Hockey For Free has been scheduled for Saturday, October 6 from 2pm-4pm. Varsity Girls will be helping with this event.

Try Hockey For Free Saturday, November 11th. Time to be determined.

This will be MAHA's 8th year holding the equipment swap. Karen stated that she will get info out on the equipment swap and ask for equipment donations. The equipment swap will be held on August 24th from 5-7pm and August 25th from 8-11am. Karen also stated that the MAHA storage container has been organized with help from Dawn Lapan, Brad Gagne and Mark Gilbert. Brian and Allen Fortin built shelving for all the totes from a donation of materials.

Team Meetings: Adam stated that he would like to hold team meetings at the beginning of the season rather than a kick off meeting. Last year the guest speaker was very good and shared some great information, but the parents didn't attend. Adam added that they would be mandatory team meetings during practices.

Game Scheduling: Karen stated that she will schedule for the U8 and U10/U12 girls teams and the Bantams. Marcy will schedule for the Mites and Peewees and Amy will schedule for the Squirts.

Power Skating: Adam stated he has been in touch with Dan McFall and he has agreed to two sessions for two weeks for U8-U14. Adam added that Dan said that the U8 and U10 could skate together and the U12 and U14 would skate together. This will cost MAHA \$1200 with no additional cost to the players. Money raised from the Spring League will cover this cost.

Evaluations: Adam stated that he will not be involved with the evaluations but will be on the ice. It was stated that evaluators need to be spread out around the arena not in one room together.

Coaches Meeting: Adam stated we will need to get in touch with Joe to schedule a coaches meeting and get clinic information out to coaches.

A motion was made to by Carrie Bessette to move into executive session. Seconded by Amy Messier. All in favor, motion carried.

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 6:30pm.

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

Minutes Submitted by,

Karen Fortin
MAHA Secretary