

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 21, 2016**

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

Board Members in attendance were:

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| Adam Fortin, President | April Mathieu, Peewee Director |
| Jason Butler, Vice President | Amy Messier, Squirt Director |
| Karen Fortin, Secretary/State Rep | Marcy Stefaniak, T-Blade Director |
| Judy Laroche, Treasurer | Carrie Bessette, Bantam Director |
| Angela DeSanctis, Girls Director | |
| Devon Glover, Director of Coaches | |

MAHA Members Missing: Amy Parent, Mite Director

MAHA Members in Attendance: Jeremy Letourneau, Kevin Moss, Jamie Berard, Chris Hatin, Randy Connelly and Amanda Connelly

Secretary's Report: All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the August 17, 2016 meeting. A motion was made by Jason Butler to accept the minutes. Seconded by Carrie Bessette. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: All in attendance reviewed the treasurers report. A motion was made by Marcy Stefaniak to accept the treasurers report. Seconded by Angela DeSanctis. All in favor, motion carried.

MAHA Clothing: Matt Walker from J.C. Image presented items that he could provide on an online store. In addition, he could sell T-Shirts that could be ordered online for a cause/fundraiser. April and Angela will go and select items to bring back to our next meeting for review.

Calcutta: April stated that that the Calcutta will be held on October 15th at the American Legion. April is looking for additional donations. Doors will open at 6:00pm with the meal beginning at 7:00pm. Karen stated that she has a bunch of small pumpkins that can be used to decorate with. Karen will check into the possibility of being able purchase the Calcutta tickets online.

State Rep Report: Karen stated that at the first State meeting, they broke down all the State Reps into committees. Karen was placed on the rules committee. She stated that the teams are going to be broken down by Tiers 2,3,or 4 and by 14U, 12U, 10u, etc. The teams are going broken into two or three groups. These groups will be assigned a color. The teams with the same color will be required to play Home/Home games. The standings of the Home/Home games will be posted on the VSAHA website. The colored teams will play in the first round of the playdowns.

Karen added that all coaches will need to have their Safesport and background checks completed prior to getting on the ice. The modules are available to complete at all levels and the coaching clinics have been posted on VSAHA hockey site.

New Business:

Coaches Meeting: Devon stated that 20 coaches attend the coaches meeting on September 20th. Jamie asked who would be coaching and Devon stated that it would depend on what team their child was selected for. Devon added that tryouts will be for two days with 6 evaluators. Dates and times will be determined once the season starts.

Squirt Numbers: Adam stated that we currently have 18 squirts registered. There is a large range of skill levels. Karen stated that she will put in a request to move up players. Adam stated that the

squirts would tryout and then tryouts for the Mites would take place to fill the spots on the Squirt B team. The questions was raised about

High School Relations: Adam stated that he has been in contact with the MVU Athletic Director, John Lumsden to discuss the possibility of getting the High School players more involved. Adam said John agreed and asked Adam to put a schedule together when we would like the boys and girls to help on the ice. Adam also would like to get the MAHA players involved with picking up the pucks and standing on the bench during the National Anthem. Adam also discussed the possibility of the U-14 girls practicing with the High School. John stated that would have to be approved by the MVU school board.

U-14 Girls: Adam stated that SASA has contacted him and would like to invite our four U-14 girl's edible girls to play with them. There is a possibility of there being 20 Bantams. After a discussion, the girl's families decided to stay with MAHA and play with the Bantams.

Registration: MAHA registration will open on July 15th – September 1st.

Old Business:

MAHA Kick Off: Carrie has reserved the MVU theater for September 30th for our first MAHA Kick-Off prior to the season to open. Jason stated that he will have a table with all the fundraisers made available for pick up (Skate-A-Thon, Wreaths, Great American Savings Book). Along with the Handbook and By-laws. Karen will invite Dan Daley the VSAHA ADM Director and Roger Grillo the USA Hockey ADM Director.

Field Days: Karen stated that sign-ups are filling up. Marcy stated that she would look into getting a trailer from Fournier's. Karen stated that she would make some "Handicap" signs for the additional handicap spaces. Set up will be on Tuesday morning, August 2nd.

Other: April asked if the board would consider working with JCMages for MAHA wear. It was suggested to get more details and prices. Judy asked if they would give MAHA as percentage like Kevin Smiths did last year. April said she would contact them to get information or invite them to a meeting.

The next MAHA meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 6pm.

A motion to adjourn the MAHA meeting was made by Jason Butler. Seconded by April Mathieu. All in favor motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by,

Karen Fortin
MAHA Secretary