

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Thursday, December 1, 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. Adam welcomed John Coiffi, the VSAHA President and Nate Isham, VSAHA 1st Vice President. John explained that he and Nate are trying to attend all the local associations meeting this season.

Board Members in attendance were:

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	Amy Parent, Mite Director
Devon Glover, Director of Coaches	

Guests: John Cioffi, VSAHA President and Nate Isham, VSAHA 1st Vice President

MAHA Members in Attendance: Joel Jarvis, Amanda Connelly, Ty Choiniere, Heather Belrose, Ashley Longley Jaime Berard, Rob Tipper and Josh LaRocque

Secretary's Report: All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the October 27, 2016 meeting. A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to accept the minutes. Seconded by Amy Parent. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tabled

Facility Report:

Josh LaRocque stated that the bleachers have been ordered. They will be installed once the turf has been removed. Devon stated that some of the board signs are peeling. Devon also asked if removing the board on the varsity side has been discussed. Josh stated that it will be discussed at our next meeting.

State Rep Report:

Karen stated the last state tournament meeting was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016. There were 85 transfers for the 2015 season with 50 of them being Tier 1 to Tier 2 or Tier 2 to Tier1. The 2016 season has seen an increase in transfer request being 116 with only 37 moving from Tier 1 to Tier 2 or Tier 2 to Tier 1. Jaime Berard asked if a survey has ever been sent out to see why people are transferring from their home associations. Nate stated that the state knows, as there is a section on the transfer request asking why.

Reminder that all the background checks and safesport need to be completed. Nate added that he found 28 coaches currently coaching that have not completed their coaching requirements. Nate also added that he has found coaches with no helmets and players not properly registered on the ice. Adam added that all the MAHA coaches have completed their coaching requirements.

Brian Callamore, the VSAHA Referee in Chief stated at the state meeting to remind coaches not to intimidate young officials. The state is at an all-time low for referees.

John added that the VSAHA board is concerned with the Pop-Up teams and how this will affect the local associations.

New Business:**Fundraising:**

Adam asked the fundraising committee if they had any ideas or information on new fundraisings. Amanda mentioned a possible Bingo. Adam stated that it is something we can look into for a Spring fundraiser.

Adam asked each director if there was anything to report on their teams:

Mites: Amy Parent mentioned that she held a Mite meeting and suggest that evaluation be completed yearly.

Amy asked about the one-piece goalie equipment. John stated they are not expected to be received until after Jan 1^{ss}.

Squirts: Amy Messier stated that the Squirt A and Squirt B's will complete the double roster rotation January 1st.

Bantams: Carrie stated that there have been some locker room issues and issues with fans during games. Carrie added to date they have not had a parent meeting. Adam asked Carrie to set up a Parent Meeting for Tuesday, December 6th at 5:45pm and to include grandparents.

There was a lengthy discussion on the loyalty clause. Adam stated that we currently don't have a loyalty clause in place, but will be discussing it for next season.

A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to exit the MAHA meeting and to enter executive session. Seconded by Angela DeSanctis. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to by Carrie Bessette to exit executive session and resume the regular MAHA meeting. Seconded by Amy Parent.

The next MAHA meeting will be scheduled at a later date once everyone reviews their schedules.

A motion to adjourn the MAHA meeting was made by Carrie Bessette. Seconded by Amy Messier. All in favor motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by,

Karen Fortin
MAHA Secretary