

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Wednesday, April 27, 2016**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by President Adam Fortin. The meeting was held at the Highgate Arena Office.

Board Members in attendance were:

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

**MAHA Members in Attendance:** Ty Choiniere, Jamie Berard, Don Gilbert and Mark Gilbert

**Guest:** Fernand Gagne, Franklin County Field Days

**Field Days:** Adam welcomed Fernand Gagne to our meeting so he could update us on any changes that would be happening at Field Days this year. Fernand stated that Field Days will run from August 3<sup>rd</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup>. They are adding an additional evening, Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> “Carnival Night” from 4pm-10pm. The cost to get in on Wednesday will be per the car load.

Judy stated that we spent \$300 on materials, received a payment for parking \$5500. We will receive .32 per person over 17500. It was suggested that we set up on Tuesday. Fernand stated that he will provide cases of water. We will need more stakes and can pick up \$100 worth at McCuins.

Karen asked if MAHA would be needed for the Beerfest that will be held in August and Fernand stated that they were going to try the first year without any help with parking.

**Secretary’s Report:** All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the March 15, 2016 meeting. A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to accept the minutes. Seconded by Jason Butler. All in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report: Tabled**

Judy stated that the current balance is \$2919.22

**State Rep Report:** Karen stated that there was nothing to share for the state rep. The kickoff meeting will be the next meeting for the VSAHA in September.

**Facility Report:** Don Gilbert stated that the town has approved a bid for the perlon and beams to be painted starting July 1<sup>st</sup> -September 15<sup>th</sup>. Don added that the facility board has approved that more tin near the scoreboard be replaced. Devon Glover will be working on the needed repairs on the Zamboni. We will be inventorying the trailers and holding a sale on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and the remaining will be donated to the Highgate Fire Department for their Memorial Day Auction.

The RFP has been posted for the Snack Bar.

Ty Choiniere added the last week of June we will need help rolling up the turf.

**Old Business:**

**Equipment Cabinet:** It was suggested to check with Habitat for Humanity’s in Swanton or Resource VT in Burlington for metal cabinets. Karen stated that could be painted if needed.

## **New Business:**

**Handbook Discussion:** It was recommended by the VSAHA that we put a Handbook in place that will spell out what is expected by players, coaches and spectators. The rules to follow and the consequences if they are not. We have been given guidance from Ray St. Pierre who is the Safesport Director on the VSAHA board and was the one who wrote the BAHA Handbook. Karen stated that she will reach out to the BAHA president, Chris to see if they would have an issue if we used verbage from their handbook.

Jason will schedule a meeting once we hear back from the BAHA president.

**Website:** Karen stated that Sportsngin has been contacted and will begin working on the website once paid. A motion was made by Amy Parent to approve paying for the Elite package. Seconded by Amy Messier.

**Equipment Storage:** Karen stated that a permit request for a conex box will be discussed at the May 5<sup>th</sup> selectboard meeting. Allen and Judy Laroche have a new conex box that has been used for one year to store their furniture and household goods. They would like to sell the conex box for \$2500. Jason Butler made a motion to purchase the conex box from Allen and Judy Laroche if the permit is approved by the town for \$2500 to be paid after Field Days. Seconded by Amy Parent. All in favor, motion carried. Devon stated that he would be able to move the box for us.

## **Fundraising:**

Calcutta: April stated that the American Legion had two dates October 15<sup>th</sup> or November 29<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that we schedule it for October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Comedy for a Cause: April stated that September 16<sup>th</sup> or August 19<sup>th</sup> are available.

Poker Game Night: Will need to contact David Beaulieu

Coupon Books: Jason will provide information,

Other fundraising ideas: Texas Road House, Genevieve, Raffle, Lake Monster Game

## **Other:**

**Parent Meeting:** Carrie stated that she will check with the MVU school calendar to schedule a Parent Night in September.

**House Program:** Karen stated she would like to start a house program for older players that would like to try hockey. This would be for 9 year olds and up. Skate once a week for the whole season and then they should be ready to start games in the Spring League. This will allow those kids who would like try it but are unsure on the commitment. Karen stated that MAHA has done this in the past it was very successful for the 9-12 year olds.

The next MAHA meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2016.

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