

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
Monday, March 27, 2017**

The MAHA General Membership Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Adam Fortin. The MAHA meeting was held at the Highgate School Library. There were 10 MAHA Board Members present and 34 MAHA Members present and 8 proxy vote requests.

Secretary's Report:

All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the Thursday, April 7, 2016 General Membership meeting. A motion was made by Amy Messier to accept the minutes. Seconded by Amy Parent. All in favor motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

All in attendance reviewed the end of the year treasurer's report. A motion was made by Amy Parent to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Carrie Bessette. Motion carried.

Facility Report:

Mark Gilbert stated that the facility had another successful season. The new bleachers are scheduled to be installed in June. The facility board continues to work with the town on the issues with the dehumidifier. Mark stated that next year's schedules will be adjusted to maximize the usage. The turf has been installed and is up and running through the end of May. Mark also stated that the cleanliness of the building can be credited to Bernie Delorme.

State Rep Report:

The VSAHA will be holding a development camp for players born in 2004 and 2005 on March 31st-April 2nd. There are currently over 200 players registered for the weekend event. MAHA had 12 players taking part and two coaches. The next state meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 which will be elections for the executive board.

Season Overview:

Adam thanked the MAHA board, coaches, coordinators, schedulers and volunteers for a successful season. He also thanked the facility board for making some of the best ice in the state ice. MAHA had 150 registered players this season which is one of the highest registrations in the past 10 years.

A question was asked why the Mite season was cut short. Karen stated that everyone's season ends the first weekend in February which is the weekend prior to states. When the schedulers attend the schedulers meeting they are given ice slots to fill up to that weekend. MAHA members in attendance agreed that the season always ended the weekend prior to states. A question was asked why the Mites did not attend the BAHA tournament. Karen stated that our season had ended. The BAHA tournament used to be held the first weekend of February in recent years and that would be the last weekend for the Mites. She stated that the coaches she spoke with did not want to attend. In recent years, the BAHA tournament was moved to Championship weekend which is the first weekend in March.

Spring League: The Spring League had 130 registered players this year, 48 of them being Mites. The Spring League started a week early this year as the facility board did not want to a week of dead ice like last year. Karen added that the school vacation started a week later than last year. Nola asked if the schedule for the Spring League can be posted earlier. Karen said the delay this year was due to waiting for States to finish up on Sunday and Spring League started the next day. We were waiting on two teams to see if they would be in the Championship weekend. If they were, those teams would have needed practice ice.

Dryland and Street Hockey: Adam stated that many members have voiced interest for dryland training and street hockey during the summer. Adam stated that Mark Gilbert has put a survey together that will be sent out for our MAHA Squirts and older to see who would be interested in taking part. A comment was made that it shouldn't cost too much as members pay enough throughout the year. Mark stated that the fees would cover the cost of using the building (\$40 per hour).

Upcoming Clinics: Adam stated that he is working on scheduling some clinics for the first few weeks of the season. He currently has a Checking Clinic schedule for the first week of practice. He is also planning on a Power Skating Clinic and Goalie Clinic.

Elections:

Adam reminded everyone present that if they were not in good standings they would not be able to accept nominations or take part in the voting. Adam stated that the members will be voting on the Vice President, Secretary, State Rep, Director of Coaching, Team Directors and Grievance Committee positions.

Vice President: A motion was made by April Mathieu to nominate Angela DeSanctis for Vice President. Seconded by Carrie Bessette. A motion was made by Amy Parent to nominate Marcy Stefanick for Vice President. Seconded by Amy Messier. A motion was made by Jaime Berard to nominate Josh LaRocque for Vice President. Seconded by Randy Connolly. A motion was made by Amy Parent to close the nominations and vote by paper ballot. Carrie Bessette seconded the motion. The results of the paper ballot ended in a tie for Marcy Stefanick and Josh LaRocque. A motion for was made by Amy Messier to vote by paper ballot between the two tied candidates for the Vice President position. Seconded by Carrie Bessette. Marcy Stefanick was elected for the Vice President for a 2-year term.

Randy Connolly asked the question if the board had received Marcy's acceptance in writing since she was not present. Adam stated that Marcy was away for 6 weeks due to training for her employment and that he has a letter of her acceptance.

Secretary: A motion was made by Amy Messier to nominate Karen Fortin as Secretary. Seconded by Brian Fortin. A motion was made by Jeremy Letourneau to close the nominations and asked the President to cast one vote. Seconded by Carrie Bessette. Karen Fortin was elected Secretary for a 2-year term.

State Rep: A motion was made by Dawn Lapan to nominate Karen Fortin as State Rep. Seconded by Krystin Valenti. A motion was made by Randy Connolly to nominate Jaime Berard as State Rep. Seconded by Lucas Tatro. A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to close the nominations and vote by paper ballot. Seconded by Angela DeSanctis. Karen Fortin was elected State Rep for a 1 year term.

Director of Coaching: A motion was made by Josh LaRocque to nominate Joe Severy as Director of Coaching. Seconded by Lee Godin. A motion was made by Amy Messier to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one vote. Seconded by Amy Parent. Joe Severy was elected as Director of Coaching for a 1 year term.

T-Blade: A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to nominate Angela DeSanctis as T-Blade Director. Seconded by Amy Parent. A motion was made by Amy Messier to close the nominations. Seconded by Amy Parent. Angela DeSanctis was elected T-Blade Director for a 1 year term.

Mites: A motion was made by Kristen Valenti to nominate Dawn Lapan as Mite Director. Seconded by Angela DeSanctis. A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one vote. Seconded by Amy Parent. Dawn Lapan was elected as Mite Director for a 1 year term.

Squirts: A motion was made by Mark Bessette to nominate Jeremy Valyou for Squirt Director. Seconded by Carrie Bessette. A motion was made by Amy Parent to nominate Amy Messier for Squirt Director. Seconded by April Mathieu. A motion was made by Amy Parent to close the nominations and vote by paper ballot. Carrie Bessette seconded the motion. Amy Messier was elected Squirt Director for a 1-year term.

Girls: A motion was made by Dawn Lapan to nominate Krystin Valenti as Girl Director. Seconded by Brian Fortin. A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one vote. Seconded by Judy Laroche. Kristyn Valenti was elected as Girls Director for a 1-year term.

Peewees: A motion was made by Jeremy Letourneau to nominate Carrie Bessette as Peewee Director. Seconded by Amy Parent. A motion was made by Angela DeSanctis to close the nominations and have the secretary cast one vote. Amy Parent seconded the motion. Carrie Bessette was elected Peewee Director for a 1-year term.

Bantams: A motion was made by Jeremy Valyou to nominate Mark Bessette as Bantam Director. Seconded by Carrie Bessette. A motion was made by Amy Trudell to nominate Corey Fregeau as Bantam Director. Seconded by Ashley Longley. A motion was made by Amy Parent to close the nominations vote by paper ballot. Seconded by Carrie Bessette. Corey Fregeau was elected as Bantam Director for a 1 year term.

Grievance Committee:

A motion was made by Amy Parent to nominate Marc Bessette for a member of the Grievance Committee. Seconded by Amy Messier. A motion was made by Rob Tipper to nominate Randy Connolly for a member of the Grievance Committee. Seconded by Amy Parent. A motion was made by Kristian Valenti to nominate Dawn Fournier for a member of the Grievance Committee. Seconded by Dawn Lapan. A motion was made by Corey Fregeau to nominate Amy Trudell for a member of the Grievance Committee. Seconded by Dawn Lapan. A motion was made by Mark Gilbert to nominate Lynne Airoidi for a member of the Grievance Committee. Seconded by Amy Messier. A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to close the nominations and have the secretary cast on vote for the nominations. Seconded by Amy Parent. All in favor motion carried.

Amanda Connolly stated that she didn't think a board member should hold more than one position. She added that Karen should have removed herself from the State Rep nominations. Jeremy Letourneau stated that Karen had asked if anyone wanted the Secretary position and no one wanted that position. Jeremy stated that Karen has held both those positions for the past 5 years.

A motion was made by Adam DeSanctis to adjourn the MAHA General Membership meeting. Seconded by Amy Parent. All in favor motion carried.

Submitted by,

Karen Fortin
MAHA Secretary