

MAHA Meeting August 13, 2019

Season kickoff meeting. Drury Inn-Grand Rapids

Directors Present: Kevin Wood, Brian Belgraph, Kory Karlandar, Peggy Costello, Tim Jones, Tom Berry, Amanda Gobert- MAHA D6 Registrar

Frank Layman Assistant Referee in Chief

Jean Laxton- VP Girls/Women

Absent-Director Paul Osborn, RIC- Art Kale

Guests- Jessica Wilkins- Battle Creek President, Mike -Grand Rapids Blades, Carly Costello- Ann Arbor Hockey.

Tom Berry Treasurer's Report-

\$10,502.89 Checking Account. \$5736.19 Savings. New QuickBooks program to make us more efficient. Tom is working with Jim Cosgrove.

Guest Speaker- MAHA President George Atkinson-

George summarized the summer meeting(s).

Discussed new hire, first time MAHA has had a paid employee. Applications are being accepted. New hire will help associations and directors. Emphasis on Safesport at the summer meeting. New hire will help with influx of Safesport reporting.

2020 background checks will be National background checks, will cause fees to increase.

On ice safety. Pay attention to new points of emphasis on player safety on ice.

Shortage of refs. Stop abusing refs. Zero Tolerance policy.

Guest Speaker- Steve Stapleton-MAHA Attorney

Steve re-iterated the new Safesport updates from the summer meetings. Steve gave a handout to associations to take back to their coaches and parents. Brief discussion on the paper trail for Safe sport reporting and jurisdiction. Mandatory reporting. 2002 birth year and older need to complete Safe sport in order to be placed on a roster.

Steve emphasized some obvious points to remember for coaches- no one-on-one meetings with players, no texting kids without parents on the text thread. No electronic devices in locker rooms. Make sure locker room monitors are always present.

Amanda Gobert- MAHA Registrar

Make sure your midget/girls teams know to have their players 2002 and older, complete Safesport.

Everyone on Association boards need Safesport and background checked. Association registrar's need to create rosters for their Board of Directors. Association teams will not be approved until the Association Board roster is complete.

If you have teams where kids are billeted, every adult member of that billet household needs to be background checked, Safesport compliant.

All USA Hockey sanctioned programs need to be rostered. From mini-mites, to timbits, to developmental programs, all teams/groups need to be rostered. No exceptions on requests for birth certificates.

Michigan Hockey Associations must have a hard copy of the concussion form for every player.

Teams who are National Bound, need to keep a hard copy of the "consent to treat" form. The association does not need these forms, the team will keep the consent to treat forms.

House rec no longer exists in the portal system for rostering. It is now referred to as Tier III.

Assistant Referee in-Chief – Frank Layman

Seminar season has now started. Holland had 60 participants.

Level 4 clinic on 8/28 at Patterson Ice Arena.

Ref Seminar in St. Joe, 8/14/19.

One outstanding match penalty out of Kalamazoo.

Girls/Women's Report- Jean Laxton

Exciting growth for Michigan 4.5 percent growth. 123 new players at the 8U levels.

Fox Motors welcomes a new 10U program. Be sure to let USAH know about Girls events and Girls only Try Hockey For Free events.

Female Ref Clinic- August 25th at Patterson Ice Arena. Melissa will be running that clinic.

Jean is working with Michael Caples, Michigan Hockey Magazine on a video promoting girls opportunities in hockey, not necessarily as a player or coach, but other jobs/roles within the hockey/sports roles.

Adults: Kory

Summer meeting discussion. Adult membership, Michigan leads in registration numbers, registration is up marginally. Over the last 2-3 years, our numbers have dropped.

Better communication between team reps and players is needed.

Match penalty hearing results need to be shared between USA Hockey registered adult leagues. This would keep players from jumping to other teams after being suspended.

Mite Exchanges:

8U D6 exchanges. Van Andel 8U Jamboree is January 11th. The 6U VanAndel Jamboree will be on February 8th 2020.

October 19th, Face-off Jamboree in Holland, season “kick off”.

MAHA Mite Jamborees are on the MAHA website.

Tom Berry- One Goal

43 Associations applied. This year, the grants were given to 40 associations.

D6 had 9 Associations receiving the One Goal Grants this year. The One Goal Grant is tied to growing the game at the 4-8 age level, associated with Try Hockey For Free.

Rules- Kevin Wood

MAHA By-Law revision. Trying to make the guidebooks more user friendly. Trying to get the new guidebooks out by the end of October.

Revisions should be on the MAHA website within the next few weeks.

State Playoffs/Chairperson’s mtg- Kevin Wood

Paperwork changes were handed out. Please go to the website for accurate and up-to-date information.

Officials:

Importance of zero tolerance. Stop the abuse of officials.

Coaches: Brian Bellgraph

Brian’s clinics are all posted. Other clinics may be posted after this weekend’s USAH Coaching Director meeting.

Committee meeting. Brian handed out his report.

Focusing on more interactive coaching clinics, gathering and sharing knowledge during the coaching clinics.

Player safety and respect. Banging sticks on the boards was discussed.

Safe Sport/STAR- Tim Jones

Nothing new to report- Steve and George covered Safesport updates.

USAH Try Hockey For Free

11/9/19

2/22/20

Girls Try Hockey For Free Oct 5 & 6.

New Business

Block grant money usage \$2500. – T-shirts for jamboree.

Play In Games- Hosted by Koha Saturday and Sunday January 4 & 5, 2020 @ Wings West Kalamazoo.

If your association is interested in hosting districts, please send bids to Amanda with a mock schedule, by September 1st. Form is on the MAHA D6 website, deadline is November 1st.

District HOUSE and TRAVEL Tournament: January 31- February 2, 2020 @ TBD (September Mtg).

Kevin passed out new “contact” sheets for MAHA representatives, as well as D6 calendar.

Make sure every association fills out the affiliate agreement and upload the association by-laws.

Check the MAHA D6 website for District more information.

All associations need to send house draft rules to Brian Bellgraph.

Make sure you notify your MAHA rep when your association draft will be held.

Association/ MAHA D6 Rep changes (from the sheet that Kevin passed out). Tom Berry will take Battle Creek and Peggy Costello will take Chelsea.

Meeting adjourned. 8:41 PM

Next meeting, Southside Arena, Byron Center