

# Vice President of Coaches Report

## MAHA Summer Meeting

July 11, 2021

In February Jack Witt resigned his position as the Michigan Coach and Chief and moved to Texas.

In the days following his resignation a notice was sent out soliciting candidates. I named a committee of Don Wright, Lyle Phair, Roger Mauritho and myself to do interviewing. We interviewed 2 candidates. Both had impressive credentials and our selection and recommendation to the Executive Board and USA Hockey was Matthew Kakabeeke from Kalamazoo. Both parties agreed with our recommendation.

Matt was the Assistant Deputy Probation Officer for the United States District Court for Western Michigan Probation and Pretrial Services. He retires (d) June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Before becoming the Associate Coach in Chief of Michigan under Jack Witt, Matt had logged 30 years of service in coaching, including 10 plus years in the Coaching Education Program in the Kalamazoo area. Matt is the former the Vice President and Hockey Director for the Kalamazoo Hockey Association (a model ADM Association) and now is the Executive Director.

Matt's vision for the 2021/22 season is to return to in person clinics and utilizing a virtual platform to further create opportunities for a more specialized High - Performance Clinics to educate and develop coaches.

We in the Coaching Education program look forward to working with Matt and using his expertise to further our already elite program. Please give him a big welcome to the MAHA family. His email is: [matt@koha.com](mailto:matt@koha.com).

Since the USA, MAHA Meetings the Playing Rule Committee actively worked through 147 youth and 27 Junior rule proposals. I will discuss those rules of major importance during our Board of Directors meeting on Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>. I did send Kerin a copy of those to post.