

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association  
Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting  
Wednesday, October 26, 2022**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President, Corey Fregeau. The meeting was held via Zoom.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Corey Fregeau, President	Michael Fontaine, Girls Director
Marcy Stefaniak, Vice President	Jonathan Godin, Bantam (U14) Director
Lindsay Ladd, Secretary	Luc Choquette, Pee wee (U12) Director
Judy Laroche, Treasurer	Angela DeSanctis, T-Blades Director
Karen Fortin, State Representative	Ashley Spears, Mite (U8) Director
Tom Gates, Head of Coaching	

**MAHA Board Members Absent:**

Heather Gregoire, Squirt (U10) Director

**MAHA Members:**

Bridgett Cadieux (Fundraising)

Rebecca Manning

**Other Attendees:**

**Secretary's Report:**

Marcy motioned to accept September minutes, Angela 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Checking: \$64,288.64

Savings: \$24,083.72

The anonymous donor has donated another 200.00 and inquired about having a plaque made. They would like to have on the plaque "Where the Puck Stops". Karen will reach out to her contact regarding pricing of plaques.

Marcy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Angela 2nd the motion. All in favor.

**State Report:**

10/11 last state meeting and it was mandatory for attendance of state reps. One thing the state talked about was making sure all coordinators, volunteers, board members need to be on our board roster with the state. Becky Street talked about the Women's college games for the promotion of the girl's hockey program.

Karen submitted all the play up requests. We need to make a motion for the goalie who has moved up to the U14 Level. We also need to make a motion for the four U12 girls playing at the U14 level.

Marcy made a motion for the U12 boys' goalie, Andrew Fournier, to be moved up to the U14 T4 team.

Marcy made a motion for the four U12 girls (Kayliese McCray, Mallory Tipper, Reagan Howrigan, Kayleigh Francis) to play with the U14 girls. Angela 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**Fundraising:**

Harvest Barn Dance – We had 226 people in attendance. We had 169 people we were charged for dinner for. We had more people bring in other people from outside the organization than in years past.

We have made (roughly) \$8094.36.

Pull tabs – \$737

Extra Chances – \$920

\$2000 donation to cover the costs of what we made for the silent auction.

Feedback from members was missing the silent auction portion. Angela stated due to our venue, increase in people and the band it was difficult to hold the silent auction in the space we had. We are planning on doing something in January to replace the silent auction. In addition, one other negative feedback was the food was picked up too quickly.

Pizza fundraiser – submitted paper copies. MAHA will make \$2250 off it.

Put all the Fundraising due dates on the calendar of the MAHA website. MAHA Fundraising is doing a booth at the Highgate Library Vendor Fair. 11/19 9am-3pm. Potentially raffle off a free stick and puck or skate sharpening card to get people in the rink. Put something informational out about coaching on the table.

### **General Housekeeping:**

U14 T3 team inquired about playing in a tournament in Bedford Canada. Needs to fill out a waiver, and make sure that the team they're playing against is compatible with USA Hockey. They're doing the Connor Roberts Tournament and doing a tournament in Glens Falls. Sarah King is registering and will get with Judy regarding any other fees.

Welcome, Michael Fontaine as the Girls Director. He has been appointed as he was the only applicant to submit a letter of interest.

### By-Laws:

Waiving general hours for coaching staff as part of their incentive to coach. We do not have it noted in our by-laws; however, it can be added. Everyone is in favor of adding it to the by-laws. Marcy will send the one email out to get everyone's input and make any changes as necessary. In our by-laws it specifically states children are not able to wear their game jerseys for anything other than games.

- Modification – Jersey's can be worn but to remember they are representing MAHA and must be worn in a positive manor for special occasions and must be approved by coaches or for team organized events.

### Survey Results for the donation:

Most people wanted more game apparel, more ice time, socks, money off people's bills, building improvements, equipment and equipment maintenance, free skate sharpening.

Potentially use some of the donation money for player clinics for all levels for the beginning of the next season or somewhere during the summer. And find a new goalie coach as Roch has retired. Coaches' clinic to brush up on skating and drills? Use some of the funds towards coaching development?

Luc suggested having a clinic that includes both coaches and kids on the ice at the same time as it seems more beneficial for them to do all the same drills. Also brought to the table was a suggestion by Tony Gregoire to get a program called ice hockey systems for the coaches to use to get more drills for the kids and the coaches to communicate and share practice plans. Tom thinks its worth using for this year and see how it goes.

Marcy made a motion to purchase the software for the coaches, Angela 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.

### **Coaches Corner:**

Tom has reached out to the UVM program to have some clinics at the beginning of the season next year.

Coaching Committee – what is the goal? In the By-Laws it states promote interest. Provide support to the head coach and take some of the stress off.

We need to provide more promotion for coaching. How do we get information out to the community about coaching?

We can potentially have any associated coaching fees (dues, insurance) reimbursed to the coaches. The information is submitted, screened, and vetted before reimbursement.

Rebecca Manning suggested reaching out more to the high school kids. Unfortunately, per Karen at the state level, High School students cannot go to the same practices repeatedly without going to the USA Hockey stuff for coaching. The High School students will be mandated to assist on a rotational basis with the MAHA teams. Unfortunately, the students cannot start until the high school season starts.

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Is there a wish list for coaches to have for skills and drills nights on the ice for the kids? Stick handling figures (attack triangle), pass back bands. Tom – send out an email to the coaching staff to figure out what they would like to have to make their practices more affective. The high school team is going to provide some of the drills at their level to the bantam coaches so they can be prepared when they get to high school.

11/7 – Is town elections. The Town is asking that we do not have any practices prior to 7pm as people will be voting in the lobby.

No Hockey on Halloween 10/31. The town is doing a Haunted Hallway.

Marcy made a motion to go into exec. Angela 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.

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Next Board meeting will be held on 11/21 @ 7pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

Marcy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Angela 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.

Submitted by,  
Lindsay Ladd, MAHA Secretary