

# **Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

***February 10, 2022***

## **Zoom Meeting**

A meeting of the Executive Board was held February 10, 2022, at 8:00pm., via zoom.

George Atkinson, President called the meeting to order at 8:01pm. Attending the meeting were voting members George Atkinson, Dan Pozdol, Judy Niemi, Joe Barone, Jean Laxton, Gordon Bowman, Kevin Wood, Jim Cosgrove, Steve Stapleton, Jason Reynolds, Rick Frescura, Nick Zajas, Tom Berry, Al Wakeham, Michael Palmer, Dan Jaroshewich, Julie Becker-Myers, Don Wright, Bob Yohe, Mickey Jesue, Matt Hawkins.

Absent: Matt Kakabeeke, Craig Staskowski, Lyle Phair, Larry Johnson

Last Month Minutes- Motion to approve, seconded and approved.

Financial update: In the process of still closing January, everything appears on track at this point.

Michigan 8U program- Looking to add a late season full-ice transition component for players and young officials. VP of youth and some others have had input which was sent to the president. The program is in draft form and needs to be finalized and sent to USA hockey for approval.

Hosting a tournament sanction: The MAHA rule is not consistent with the USA hockey rule as far as the definition of the number of team to require a tournament sanction. The Executive Committee reviewed proposed new wording by the President for rule XVI. Motion was made and approved to adopt the proposed wording. Changes will be presented to the full board for ratification at the summer meeting.

Coach/parent Behavior-Districts and Associations need to step up enforcement to curb the issues arising during games in the arenas. One possible solution would be to clear the arenas for bad behavior, there would need to be some volunteers from the organization to help monitor the situations. Please be attentive to situations that arise, if need be, let Rick or George know if somethings need to be addressed.

It was addressed that some of the bad behavior from coaches and then to parents arises from a few unprofessional officials. Some officials are not wanting or giving the coaches and players any time to discuss anything. In certain situations, the officials need to be held accountable, as well as the parents and coaches.

Just a reminder to the districts: The district Referee in Chief should be attending your district meetings.

Communication and Marketing agreement: A proposal from Michael Caples to provide dedicated social media and content management for the organization was reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve the agreement, second, Motion approved.

State Playoff Committee update: MAHA will be partnering with Game On Mobile to provide on-line scoring and standings for this year's playoffs. Still doing some more testing, than training will be available in the near future. USA Hockey went with Game Sheets for nationals.

Hockey TV-will cover Tier 1 States at Taylor this year, they will be responsible for broadcasting and all aspects to producing the games.

MAHA Residency Policy: Need to review and start putting thoughts together on revisions.

Discussion: There was discussion for 3 out of state players at the Tier 1 level, which coincides with the Tier 2 policy, that includes just along the border of Michigan. There are 3237 Tier 2 players and only 27 of those are from out of state. Should there be a mileage limit for the out of state kids? In the past, 10U was negotiated to only be all Michigan Players: at that time, it was allowed now they are asking for more. Tier 1 would like something put in writing prior to tryouts. We will update next month.

Task Force 2021: Winter meeting was good, there was quite a few representatives and great discussion happened during the meeting. We need the districts to talk to the associations and presidents, to solicit additional feedback regarding the recommendations and bring back to the MAHA summer meeting.

The Tryout Locator is now up on the MAHA website to be used by the associations.

Other Business:

31 Try Hockey for Free events are set for March 5<sup>th</sup> on the website, you can still host an event, you should promote through face book to get added interest from potential players.

Director elections-we are working on verification of requirements for the potential candidates running for positions

Squad locker is open for the State tournaments using it to get there clothing for the tournaments

Motion to adjourn at 9:38pm. Second, motion passed.

The MAHA  
Kevin Wood  
MAHA Secretary

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