

**Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
Monday, November 25, 2019**

The MAHA board meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Adam Fortin. The meeting was held at the Highgate Sports Arena Office.

Board Members in attendance were:

Adam Fortin, President	Krystin Valenti, Girls Director
Marcy Stefaniak Vice President	Corey Fregeau, Bantam Director
Judy Laroche, Treasurer	Angela DeSanctis, T-Blade Director
Carrie Bessette, Peewee Director	Corey Fregeau, Bantam Director

MAHA Members Missing: Karen Fortin, Secretary/State Rep, Dawn Lapan, Mite Director and Amy Messier, Squirt Director

MAHA Members and Guests: Nola Gilbert, Penny Hakey, Mike Languasco, and Toby LaRocque

Secretary's Report: All in attendance reviewed the minutes from the October 22, 2019 MAHA meeting. A motion was made by Marcy Stefaniak to accept the minutes, seconded by Krystin Valenti. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: All in attendance reviewed the treasurers report presented by Judy Laroche. Judy stated the report is completed up to October 31st. A motion was made by Carrie Bessette to accept the treasurers report, seconded by Marcy Stefaniak. All in favor, motion carried.

State Report: Tabled due to Karen's absent.

Adam stated that the state is currently down to 28 refs, especially the Level 3. Adam stressed that good behavior by the parents is important. Adam added that it's important for coaches to know the new standards for body contact.

The State Tournaments will be that same as last year with most taking place on the same weekend. The Tournament Committee is currently looking at teams that may be moved up to the next level.

Fundraising: It was suggested that the Calcutta not to be held during hunting season. Currently looking at other venues such as the Swanton VFW. It was stated that the MC was very engaging with the raffle items and auctions. It was suggested to have more appetizers such as meatballs.

The cookie dough and rada orders are due November 3rd.

The clothing by Mountain View (Jon Johnson) will be going on sale soon. Jon will be adding \$2 per each item sold to be given to MAHA.

Team Updates:

Peewees: The state approved Brayden Welsh to be moved up to the U14TB team. It was agreed that he was skilled and ready to move up. Dylan M. played in his first full ice game and it went well. Dylan had a great game. You couldn't tell he had missed a few years.

Adam complimented the coaching staff of the Peewees. It seems everything is going well especially for a big team. The question was raised about moving up to T3 level. It was stated that they are doing well but would like to wait to do that. They want to get more games played. It was added that they have 6-8 players that are T3 players. 4 players that are playing up to that level. They are missing 3-4 skaters because of hunting.

There have been some parents grumbling because of the size of the team. The coaches will be trying to deal with that. The Peewee average ice time is 32 seconds per shift. Penny Hakey came to talk about her experience, where Gavin missed time during 1 game. Talked with the coach and took care of it.

It appears there is a rumor going around that the Peewee team is going to be splitting. This is not going to happen. It was stated that they are a better team rather than 2 small teams. There is also a concern about home games only taking place at Gutterson.

It was suggested to have a sports engine team page with a library of video's or on the MAHA Facebook page.

Nola suggested that the minutes be posted sooner, can this be added to the bylaws?

Squirts:

We do have a shortage of coaches at the squirt level at times due to work schedules. Adam stated that he is hoping Braylen Parent will attend the Level 1 coaches' clinic so he can be added to a roster. Carter Letourneau has been helping with the practices.

It was stated that our Squirt white team needs help during practices and games. Adam stated he will help with that Squirt teams if needed. He will reach out to the coach.

There is a concern if the T3 Squirts will be asked to be moved up. They are having a great year this year. Adam stated that if a team is winning all their division games then they should be playing teams that will challenge them. This may result in moving up a division.

Mites:

There have been some concerns about how some practices are being ran. This seems to have been taken care of. Much better about following the ADM practices this year.

New Business:

Judy stated that last year we had 7 Milton players on combined teams and this year we have 26 players. She would like to us ask Milton to help pay for some of the practice ice. Mike stated that Milton is willing to contribute towards the ice. Milton has a number in mind and is willing to discuss further. Adam stated that we can discuss further and with both boards.

A motion was made to enter executive session by Angela DeSanctis. Seconded by Corey Fregeau. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to exit executive session by Carrie Bessette. Seconded by Angela DeSanctis. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the MAHA meeting was made by Marcy Stefaniak. Seconded by Corey Fregeau, all in favor motion carried.

Minutes Taken by Angela DeSanctis in Karen Fortin's absence

Submitted by,

Karen Fortin
MAHA Secretary

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