



MONTANA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

2019 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday May 11th, 2019

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BUTTE, MONTANA

MEETING MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL
 - a. Roll call: Officers, MAHA Reps, Commissioners and elected positions, other guests
2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – April 15 call
 - a. ***Moved- RRiley, seconded NateGTF, passed***
3. REPORTS

President's Report – Mike McIntosh

There is a lot on the table today, please be diligent with the schedule. We will have a 3 minutes time limit for questions and concerns on the topic that is being discussed.

2018-2019 was a very trying year, as the President of MAHA this have been the hardest season. But we over came many challenges and had successful state tourneys. Handed out graduating senior Scholarships for the first time. MAHA also have excellent representation at the USAH National Tournaments.

District camps this past weekend in ND, girls did very well and the boys held their own. It was a very successful camp. MT is being looked at heavily for district help due to our USAH/MAHA participation and the people involved.

Please note we still have a few open spots in our volunteer positions for MAHA. Please let us know if you or anyone you know are able to participate and be active in these positions. We want involvement, not just someone to put their name on a position.

At the end of the season MAHA took a lot of hits on social media that were directed towards individual people. As board members of MAHA and your respective associations, this CANNOT be directed towards individuals by name or position. They need to direct these issues to the MAHA President. These volunteer members are doing the best they can with what they are given.

Just a quick heads up, for the 20/21 season scheduling – USAH National tournaments moved back 2 weeks

VP Report – Jason Kindseth

More discipline Statewide, more discipline Nationwide, we need to continue to Educate. Adults, Youth, Parents, Coaches to Refs

Grants: Received most requests at the deadline, will continue to process disbursements.

Player Development – Ryan Riley, Kim Buchanan

We had a very successful year as a state. Having great success at the National level is showing in both boys and girls development

State camp – good quality of coaches, organization and the kids are enjoying it.

NP District player development camp – we are moving the camp towards Developing the players, not a selection camp. With MT's presence growing it is showing that we are not that far behind in development and the higher level of play for both youth and girls.

MT sent 77 invites, only 44 boys attended; acknowledged travel distance and again have been talking about the possibility of moving it around the district.

MikeM: we need to entice more older players to go to District camp if they are chosen; possibly have D3/ACHA/Junior coaches in as coaches/evaluators.

Todd asked about at-large players whether they limit options for in-state resident players. Ryan: no cap/limit on players from a State, so no, they don't take spots from State selections going to District.

MWilkinson: Communication is still an issue before the camp was late/poor– coaches was week-of/day-of. Players was only online for Friday, on-site for Sat/Sun..Ryan: With two of the states in the district having their State camp a week before district, it is hard for the District camp organizers to set times when they do not know the numbers of kids for each age group..

KimB: girls – 42 at State camp, 3 at-large. 31 invited and 22 attended NPD Dev Camp.

Mike: top-ranked Forwards in both Youth and Girls were Montana kids. Other MT kids also ranked high.

Kim would like to see better communication among NPD Girls rep and WY/SD state reps. Girls side is good, youth could improve a lot.

ADM – Brian Stinson

Lots of updates at 10U, check Joe Bonnett's Sway Page

MikeM: ADM has now been in use for 10 years USAH has seen tremendous results. Skill development used at younger ages is now moving to older ages.

Registrar

Numbers overall are higher

1. Bozeman – 2017-2018 (224), 2018-19 (122), but need to add Termites/Mites into BAHA registration
2. Billings +48
3. Havre +28
4. GF -0-
5. Helena +30
6. Glacier -30
7. Missoula +14 (313)
8. Glasgow down a bit

9. Adults in general up
10. Miles City down slightly
11. Flathead down slightly
12. Butte -20
13. Overall (4881) in MT. 50% is adults.

No big Registrar changes, no meeting this year, overall, registration went well

Tournament sanctions: TSL was a difficulty, Tournament bids should include TSL sanction form filled out.

CIC – Pete

New Instructor certifications – adding (5) across MT

Last-chance clinic in Bzn in mid-Dec, No Level 4 in MT, on biannual basis. WY this year, MT next year.

New coaching materials - updated practice plans, including rationale on designing practice plans.

Online practice planner is updated, sponsored so advanced features are free.

Practice planner, activity tracker, designer, evaluates practice plans. Desktop interfaces with Phone App

Helmet Rule – all coaches on ice must wear helmets, helmets must be buckled: **Automatic 30-day suspension, potentially longer**

New online modules – updated content. We need to remind all coaches they **MUST** have age-specific modules done BEFORE working with players

MT will have representation at the Multi-District Select 14 camp in Colorado

Goaltending Development – Ryan Riley

District Goaltending Camp – Aug 9-11 – Dickinson ND

Offering Bronze and Silver CEP at the Goaltending camp, will also offer Shooter camp. Looking at a CEP in December – to offer Bronze/Silver Goaltending. For ALL coaches to be able to more effectively coach Goalies

MikeM would like to see a Goaltending-certified coach at every Association

Can use a Goaltending camp to level up (1 to 2, or 2 to 3). Requirements will become more clear

Bronze – Level 1 or 2 a prerequisite. Silver for Level 3 or 4 Gold is in conjunction with Level 5

Pete: may become a requirement to have a Goaltending-certified coach on every roster

Grow the Game - Mike M

Mike M and Greg Evenson have committed to focus on Growth for our District

Dave Tronus – former district director, will work toward District GTG meetings after June annual congress, will want Girls representation

Local Associations need to focus on growth initiative, also focus on Retention

Safesport – Kari Riley

We are still working on aligning USAH/MAHA rules with US SafeSport Center. Nothing will be finalized until after Annual Congress. But I do know each association will be required to report to me any discipline handed down Including all Coach, player, adult discipline as I have to report all this to USAH

MikeM: Kari had locker monitors for State camp, thanks to Russ Barnett for being one of the only volunteers on the boys side. Need to follow similar guidelines at State, District, National levels.

Financials – Karen Young

Financials - **Moved (Grace) and seconded (Dustin) to approve.**

Finance committee: KimB: the committee had a conference call and they went through the audit questions from USAH. Discussed grant monies and block grants and how to separate or combine them. Talked about a different budget format and making recommendations. Also looking at sliding scale on bond amounts per age group.

USAH Block grant/fees

Funds had been returned as Association Grants (\$3 per player x 4,411 = \$13,233)

If all associations request Grants, would cost MAHA money

Currently we have 3 grants – GTG, Girls/Womens, 3rd rotator (Tech, Adult, etc)...

2019-2020 Grant – Move to have 1 grant this coming season for GTG \$2,000, 1:1 match

Dustin moved, Grace 2nd and passed

Mike: GTG had been tied in with ADM, for purchasing ADM-related materials for station-based practices, etc. Age-specific nets, **half-ice boards**, etc.

1 year until USOC-mandated Background Check fee \$30 (good for 2 years) (currently \$8) will add expense in 2020-2021. We need to decided if MAHA will pay for this and the added \$30,000+ or split with associations or have the member pay themselves.

TSL – Mitch

2019/2020 Commissioners

10U - Colleen Schiele NEW

12U – Kari Riley – but has a lot of duties, would be happy to be replace

14U – Dena Lang

HS – Todd Young

19UGirls – Shawn Baker

14UGirls – position now open

18/19 State Tournaments: Missoula and Havre – 19UG tourney, youth HS tourney – outstanding job.

12U MILES CITY– all games live-streamed. Other associations should look into this. There were people at the HS tournament watching peewee games on their phones at the same time.

14UA – Bantam A in Billings had ice plant issue, Bozeman picked up the tourney which helped out a great deal so the tourney would not be just cancelled.

TSL POWERPOINT SLIDES:

Travel rule

Mitch discussed proposed winter travel policy. **Barry moved, Grace 2nd. Friendly amendment to host team gets 1-0 win in case of a forfeit, friendly amendment to add “Emergency Travel” in addition to “Closed”. Passed unanimously on voice vote**

Outdoor rink rule

0°F Temperature, not wind chill. Mitch moved, Brian Stinson 2nd. Passed

What happens at state tournaments if one sheet is out door: Moved to revisit that discussion at a later time.

Determining “A” vs “B”

Discussion on each slide, and this will be decided per age group

Behavior issues/policies

2018-2019 worst since 2009. Players-parents-coaches Local associations need to start policing their own.

Discussed possible Fair Play points... Grace: Ask Jason Manning if he feels this puts more or less pressure on officials. Ryan Riley: we still have to call the game as it is played. It was asked of the associations to prepare their ideas/issues of a Fair Play policy by August 31 to vote at Summit.

SportsEngine -- Do 10U/12U need stats on SportsEngine? **No.**

Adherence to Concussion Protocol

MT State Law, we need to be aware of it, need to read policy. MikeM: have changed website based on State law, will reflect language in Annual Guide language. USAH has also made a more concerted effort.

Seeding for State with unequal games played

Use willing % if unequal amount of games are played. (the girls divisions have used this way for many years) **Dustin moved, Barry 2nd. Minimal discussion. Passed unanimously.**

TSL League Structures

8U Mites – stick with current True House Programs that meet ADM guidelines, fun festivals, MAHA sponsored Mite festivals (no score).

8U is hockey for fun, no scorekeeping. Please stress this to parents/coaches/associations

10U Squirts

the four 10U slides were discussed in GREAT LENGTH...

Half-ice. Alaska and Pacific NW (WA) have been using Half Ice play for 10U (AK has mandated). It starting to be used in many states.

Flathead had all half-ice in 2018-2019. Glacier had one travel, all kids did half-ice with Flathead. Billings bought half-ice boards

Motion for a 1year transition to a ½ ice full 10U league, for both A and B levels starting in 2020/2021 season. Weaver, Barry 2nd. HAND VOTE - Board voted to go to half-ice for 2020-2021 season. 9 for, 2 against (Missoula, Helena)

TSL Options: after discussion on the different proposals on how 10U league play will be starting 19/20 season. ***Current Status quo (with Commissioner regionalizing games as possible). With teams Declaring A or B prior to scheduling was selected for 2019-2020 season. Ryan, Barnett 2nd, passed***

12U Peewees

Discussed similar options as 10U

DWeaver moved to keep format same as it has been, Brian Stinson 2nd. Current Status quo (with Commissioner regionalizing games as possible). With teams Declaring A or B prior to scheduling was selected for 2019-2020 season. 10 for, 1 against (Flathead)

Discussed 12 vs 16 games for 12U A division only.

12 games if only 4 teams. 16 games if more. Other games need to be scheduled around the 12 league games. Moved Grace, WF 2nd. Hand vote 9 for, 4 against (Hel, PD, GF, GLAS). Passed

14U Bantams

Option 1: Status Quo: A and B division, generally teams play each other 2x

Option 2: Regional Play (no A/B Divisions). If enough teams in division regional play applies 12 Games in region, 4 against other region. Try Regional Play and regional tournament at 14U first (then adapt to 12U or HS if it works) Motion failed

Stay with status quo

GIRLS –

keep currently structures in all age groups!!

High School

Two Leagues “Varsity” & “JV” (The way TSL was up to 2010)

Varsity: 20 Game Season- Eight Team State Tournament (or less if appropriate)

JV: (or whatever we want to call the league). This league will be by League and age group commissioner approval, but will include: Teams trying to rebuild (Miles City etc), Associations with two HS teams (possible freshman/sophomores etc). If the Association only has 1 team, they play “Varsity”.

16 or 20 game season

Play for the “Montana Cup” as post season Tournament

Moved Mekell , 2nd Grace, to play V/JV played as stated above, passed with one nay vote (HAV)

HS State tournament

Eight Team Tournament:

Option 1: Pool Play w/ crossovers (16 Games) --- current structure OR

Option 2: Bracket Tournament (12 games)

Seeding based on regular season standings, All guaranteed 3 games

Ryan Riley moved, Brad F second, passed unanimously

Tiebreaker for HS regular season games

5 Min Stop-time Overtime (3 Skaters); If no Goal... 3 Player shoot out. Overtime winner 2 pts, loser 1pt Moved Weaver, BradF 2nd and passed

It's was discussed regarding game length/schedule with the overtime added. It was approved to try regular time for this coming season and if scheduling is greatly affected, will change to run time 20/21 season.

TIER I / TIER II LANGUAGE

Pete, Al, Ryan developed 9th revision. Ryan showed it to ND Tier II, SD Tier II directors and they really liked it and thought is was better that what they are using. It is not written in stone, if the language is approved it can be improved on as we go along.

Discussion:

Al: we needed to layout a roadmap for a certain accountability to states. We researched USAH annual guide and multiple states that have these programs. We want to make sure everyone in on the same page. Player-parent-team. The team is subject to the Affiliate Agreements. Teams will fall under a local association and will be accountable to their rules and MAHA rules. Their accountability is through the local registrar, coaching credentialing, rostering, etc.

For example, Billings Tier II, Team Montana, they are registered through Billings association they can name them selves what every they like, tryouts are open to ALL associations, the team has to follow BAHA rules.

Tier I language is designed to help groups that want to play during the regular season. So there is still governing by a local association. MAHA needs to build Tier II program(s) in the state to keep and build our players in the state. Then start working on the development of a Tier I program.

Mike: it doesn't matter why type of programs we have in the state, we still will have kids leave. This language is trying to build and grow OUR state kids and programs.

No vote.. **Need comments to Al Bloomer by June 15 for Vote at MT Hockey Summit**

ANNUAL GUIDE CHANGES

Still in review/update mode. Will need to add the voted on items in this meeting to the guide.

MAHA ELECTIONS

MAHA Hockey Summit (2 Year Award)

Missoula Proposal – Sept 28-29. One sheet, no Griz games, Missoula Fairgrounds will likely waive meeting room rental

Bozeman Proposal – Oct 5-6. Two MSU Men's hockey games, Ressler rink available for dryland and scheduling use

Bozeman selected

MAHA Player Development Camps (2 Year Award)– **Bozeman Mar 20-22, 2020**

Adult Director – Luke Wallenberg, Missoula

Youth Player Development Director – Mike Wilkinson, Bozeman

President – Mike McIntosh

Could potentially accept a District-level appointed position - Player Safety Director

Secretary – Sara from Butte will continue

NOMINATIONS

TSL Commissioner

Age Specific Commissioners

Technology Position and Safety Position – ***when and if needed, it was moved (grace), 2nd Kim to have these two positions Non-voting. Passed***

Standing Committee Positions

Disabled Director -

ADM

NEW BUSINESS

1. MAHA Meeting Structure (Could change barring changes to Annual Guide)
2. Helena 14U State Tournament Questions. Parents had concerns with the Billings ice failure and having to move to Bozeman. YES Billings paid Bozeman to use ice and pay ref's. Teams should have played 4 games, played 3 games. Billings team stepped out, forfeit win to Helena.
3. No ice cut between games – Mitch: **end of discussion** - both coaches agreed

Coach Development fund

Development Camp – 5+ years ago was a cost liability. Past 4 years have been a profit. Look at additional player development opportunities and coach development opportunities. Defray costs for Continuing Education of coaches beyond Level 4, and reinvest in Summit, MT Player Development camp, etc. Total budget to be \$2,500-5,000 annually

Pete will put together an application narrative and have Finance Committee possibly include in budget.

State Tournament Dates

Feb 1-2, 2020 – 8U Fest Mites

Feb 21-23, 2020 – 14UG / 16U/HS-B

Feb 28-Mar 1, 2020 – 19UG / 10U

Mar 6-8, 2020 – HS / 12U

Mar 13-15, 2020 – 14U Bantam

Mar 20-22, 2020 -- MTPDC – Bozeman

USAH National Tournaments Tier I-II – Apr 2-5, 2020

USAH National Tournaments HS – Mar 26-29, 2020

MT Hockey Summit – Oct 5-6, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

USA Hockey Annual Congress (Mike, Kari, Pete and Jason will be attending)

Open to Floor

No June meeting. Next meeting – 3rd Monday of July (15th)

Meeting adjourned 5:44PM