

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2022

Zoom Meeting

A meeting of the Executive Board was held November 17, 2022, at 8:30 pm via zoom.

George Atkinson, President called the meeting to order at 8:30pm. Attending the meeting were voting members George Atkinson, Judy Niemi, Jim Cosgrove, Dan Pozdol, Jean Laxton, Gordon Bowman, and Doug Diroff. Non-voting members Jason Reynolds, Al Wakeham, Tom Berry, Julie Becker-Myers, and JP Parmentier, Matt Hawkins, Nick Zajas, Craig Staskowski, Steve Stapleton.

Guests: Bob Despirit.

Minutes: October 10 minutes were presented motion to approve with changes second Motion approved.

Financials: Financial statements were distributed no questions were received. The treasurer is trying to close the Huntington Bank accounts by mid-December, there are 13-14 outstanding checks at this point.

Some of the checks for the scholarship fund have been paid and mailed.

New crime policy \$500,000 limit, the Travelers policy will be cancelled. Also working on excess DNO policy, probably looking at \$1,000,000 policy.

Registration: We are up 1.6% overall, adults up slightly over last year, 8u up 8% from last year. Adults are still down 8,123 players from pre covid.

Director Of Operations & Marketing:

Growth initiatives increasing the numbers in 6u and 8u, we were number 2 in the country with 32 sites for the November THFF, Minnesota was number 1.

Little Wings program has rolled out 6-week sessions in Petoskey, Fraser, Dearborn, and Grosse Pointe. We are looking at doing an all-exclusive girls program.

Partnership renewal- Henry Ford Health, Flip Give and Coaches site has renewed for the 23-24 season.

DEI: There is a PSA Video to be put on the MAHA Website. DEI is going to look ethnicity break-down by associations.

Clark Park is looking to upgrade their sticks to the new style hockey stick, most of their players are still using wood sticks.

Safe Sport/Disciplinary Committee: They is a meeting scheduled for Sunday.

1st jamboree was in Chelsea, and it went off very well-was a lot of fun. The Super Deker was debuted by Biggby as part of their onsite activation. Biggby also had a stick taping station which was also a big hit with the players and parents. Next jamboree is 12/4 at USA Arena.

Michele Caples update; He is doing a very good job for the MAHA, he is doing a lot on our social media platform.

Adults: 3 women's teams are sign up for states. No sign up for other adult teams, no Classic tournament in Michigan again this season.

Bylaw review: Some changes discussed was to add an Athlete Director to our board, possibly eliminating the VP of Coaching and the VP of Officials. Hopefully have changes to the executive board by December for review.

Coaching:

- Michigan coaches may participate in ANY virtual clinic posted - the district/affiliate does not matter & it does NOT need to be a Michigan clinic
- A letter from me went out via MAHA to all Michigan coaches and to all Districts & Associations on Friday, November 11 advising of Coaching Clinic requirements and expectations to remain on the roster, on the ice and behind the bench effective January 1, 2023.
- Michigan CIC does NOT plan to issue any temporary cards again this season - please reinforce this!
- An in-person Level 1 clinic for November 19 at the Suburban Athlete Lab was cancelled due to the lack of registrations.
- In person clinics for Level 1 (December 3) and Level 2 (December 4) at Troy Sports Center have been posted for at least a month and still have available seats.
- MI Coach Developers will be posting at least 6 more virtual clinics and with those postings will exceed the established clinic expectations determined by USAH.
- Liz Cohen has been moved to the manager position of Youth Hockey from Coach Education and her former position will be posted by USAH.
- The Continuing Education requirements will be pushed back ONE year because of the lack of available opportunities. So those needing CE credits in 2023 will now be 2024 - which should reduce the anxiety of most Level 4 coaches.
- The USAH Level 5 is in Falmouth, Mass from May 4 - 7, 2023
- The Coaches Site will offer the TCS Live again in Ann Arbor from June 22-24, 2023

Disabled: They held a fantastic Warrior Classic.

Girls/Women's: Female Coaching Summit is in Seattle WA, Kim Gallagher will be representing Michigan at this. We have two girls on the U18 team competing in Sweden.

Guidebook: The guidebook has had a couple mistakes; the correct version is updated online. One mistake is on page 37 women's B1-a and page 47 #8 change penalties for coaches.

High School: No report.

Legal: We been working with Jason on Safe sport issues and the new process is working well.

Officiating: Registration numbers 1,947 registered officials, 1500 completed which is up from last year. 103 seminars so far. Some changes to the seminars for next season are being implemented. The Referee Symposium will be in Ohio this season.

Task Force: No meetings at this time.

Youth:

- 2024 National sites Are announced.
- The 8U waiver request was heard by the USAH Player Development Committee and denied. Player Development Committee has tasked staff to provide guidance on some type of program offering for the next season soon.
- An 8u player(mite) playing on a 10u team cannot also play on a 8u team, no dual rostering.

Old Business: Proposal for a Hockey Event Manager: responsible for MAHA key events, we are working on a draft of the position and budgeting for this position.

Winter meeting reminder to register by December 12, 2022.

Officer nominations are due by November 30, 2022.

Motion for adjournment at 9:57pm.

The MAHA