

MCAHA  
Executive Board Meeting  
January 6<sup>th</sup> , 2026

Meeting Called to Order: 5:34 PM

Present: Steve Martian, David Udey, Travis Himmelspach, Jeff Worthington, Donovan Porter

Absent: None

Guest Monica Anderson and Rachel Hiester

Referee Update:

1. Tom Miller was not available for a call
  - a. We discussed the man in the crease rule change.
    - i. This change makes the rule closer to NHL rules where as long as a player does not interfere with the goalie while in the crease when a goal is scored the goal is still good.
2. We discussed David drafting a scorekeeping/officiating document
  - a. We discussed who is the first line of defense for easing tensions between players and referees. That person would be the Team's Captain.

BAHL Update

1. Monica discussed upcoming programs taking place at CIA and how they are going well. Monica Discussed the Youth Program wrapping up around Mid March. She also discussed possibly having multiple Hockey Tournaments including the Shamrock Shootout. She also discussed hosting the Curling Big Sky State Games.
2. We discussed end of season likely scenarios.
3. We discussed cancellation of ice times.
4. We discussed ice quality issues.
5. We discussed CIA employees working the scoreboard while they are actively working at CIA.

Treasurers Report

1. We discussed and reviewed the December Minutes.
  - a. Steve motions to approve the Minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff, all approve.

2. We discussed and reviewed the December Financials.
  - a. Steve motions to approve the Financials, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David, 3<sup>rd</sup> by Travis all approve.
3. We discussed failed monthly installments and what to do as we wrap up the season.

#### Administrative

1. We discussed Greenhorn and getting attendance counts for players and coaches.
2. We discussed rostering requirements.
3. We discussed the local news wanting to do a news story on Greenhorn.
4. The board was able to tour the new Signal Peak Ice Arena that is currently under Construction. The new rink is progressing and looking great.

#### Old Business

1. We discussed the End of Season Schedule
  - a. We discussed we have 99 games left with 55 in the system.
  - b. We discussed the Playoff Picture.
2. We discussed end of Season Playoff prizes that includes hats and possibly trophies.
3. We discussed that Captains need to lead by Example.
  - a. We discussed David writing up a letter to the captains on ways to communicate to the Referees.
  - b. We discussed that a captain creates a rapport with the ref before the game and that once you are upset over a call is not the best time to create such rapport.
  - c. We discussed ways of having a neutral discussion with the referee as a way to get a point across or politely asking what the referee saw etc.
4. We discussed drafting a letter explaining icing rules and that no checking does not mean no contact.

#### New Business

1. Yellowstone Ice Foundation – Steve discussed with the board his discussion he had with Jeff Bloomer about new Rink Operations.
  - a. YIF Fees – We discussed the possibility of our future Ice fees with YIF being \$275 an hour.
  - b. We discussed a realistic timeline of Signal Peak opening around June 2026.

- c. We discussed sending an email of our possible ice usage estimation for the upcoming MCAHA Seasons.
  - d. We discussed putting on a Summer League at Signal Peak in 2026.
  - e. We discussed dates, number of teams, Divisions and Fees.
  - f. We discussed opening Summer Registration on the last day of Winter League.
2. We discussed CIA putting on the Shamrock Shootout and MCAHA having to help with registrations.

Next Meeting Date: February 4<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 5:30 PM

Motion to Adjourn by Travis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David 3<sup>rd</sup> by Jeff all approve