

Billings Amateur Hockey League
February 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING Minutes
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 6:00 PM

Call to Order: 1806

Board Members present: D Tillery, Desarae Detling, Mark Goldy, Kristi Laib, Margaret Stiles,

Board Members present via Zoom: Mark Loeding, Jason Heimer, Derek Hammermeister,

Board Members absent: Kristin Piccioni, Brenna Yarina

User Group/Rink Liaisons: Shaun Seedhouse via zoom, Megan Davis

1. Individual, Guest, Member Comment:
 - a. none

2. Board Liaison Update
 - a. Adult Hockey League
 - i. Nothing to report at this time. Things are running smoothly and there are no issues with the rink.
 - b. New Rink Update
 - i. Shaun has had one core meeting regarding the new IcePlex. It was a bigger group than he originally expected. There will be two meetings in March and then one meeting once a month for the next 5 months. The takeaway from that meeting was that CIA is revenue positive with only one sheet of ice. This shows that we could continue to be revenue positive with a second sheet which could potentially help to fund other projects at the IcePlex.
 - ii. Goldy states that A&E Architects were selected for the new facility
 - c. Figure Skating
 - i. Megan is reporting for Alex McCready. "Bring a friend" to Learn To Skate was a success at the end of the most recent session. They would like to implement it at all LTS going forward. The last session of LTS starts next week and is full.
 - d. Curling

3. Minutes Review and Approval
 - a. Motion by Des to approve January 2022 minutes. Second: by Kristi. All in Favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

4. Acknowledgment of the following Email votes
 - a. *Shaun Seedhouse formally requests that the B AHL create a funds held account (with necessary bookkeeping) for upcoming fundraising to support a new two-sheet ice facility. Funds held in this new sub-account are not to be used for any other purpose without consent from donors. The goal is to provide a tax-deductible option for donations on our path towards new facilities in Billings. We are NOT currently soliciting donations but want to be able to show the newly appointed Amend Park Sportsplex Development Board that the Billings Ice Community is proactive and has plans in place to support the growth of ice facilities in our community. (2/2/22)*
Motion: Jason Seconded: Derek Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstained or No Response: 2 Motion passed.

5. President's Report
 - a. Board Elections
 - i. Elections for the new board are coming up. They will take place at the annual meeting. D will be in charge of board elections. There will be 4 open seats.

- ii. A date and venue needs to be picked for the annual meeting. There was a request for it to be in a more central location than the heights ie Public Library. Megan will call around and get a venue in the next couple days.
- iii. Applicants are to send their applications to D. Megan said she will send out communications to the membership about elections by next Monday 2/21/22.
- iv. Once the communication is sent out there will be approximately a two week window for applicants to submit their applications. It was suggested to wait until after the March meeting on 3/15/22 to close the application window.
- v. We have Megan's open board seat that needs to be filled as Mark, D, Jason and Derek will have all fulfilled their terms. Whomever fills that open seat will serve the remainder of her term which will be one year. Megan mentioned that Simon Wald would possibly be interested. She also suggested him to be the coaches committee chair. Mark asked that potential appointees should come to the next board meeting.
- vi. Des asked if the number of directors on the board can be decreased. Mark stated yes and that had been a consideration in the past and reviewed the history on reducing the number of directors on the board. It was decided in the past that 7-9 board members would be appropriate. The Bylaws would need to be changed, which can happen at the annual meeting or a special meeting of the membership may be called. The board would need to decide how the number of seats would be decreased and present this to the membership for a vote. The membership voting ultimately decides changes to the bylaws.
- vii. Goldy would like the bylaws verbiage to be cleaned up for better clarification. He thinks that it can be accomplished by the March 15th board meeting for the board to review. Des stated that she would work on this with Goldy.

b. MAHA Update

- i. Margaret and Megan were on the zoom MAHA meeting and reported to the board.
 - 1. Bantam State will be split into 3 divisions (A, B and C). A and B will be moved to Butte and C will remain in Glasgow. MAHA reps voted on this and it was passed.
 - 2. MAHA would like to add Mitch Ferm to the High Performance committee. There was discussion on how this was to be done.
 - 3. Financials were reviewed. There will be a \$10 increase in fees per player due to inflation
 - 4. Kindseth encouraged everyone to continue to report violations
 - 5. Wilkinson is looking forward to player development camp. The date was moved to April to be after Nationals because USA Hockey wants all players to have the option to attend.

c. Director Update

- i. Megan reviewed how she needs help with different areas of running the rink and would like a united board helping her.

6. Vice Presidents Report

7. Treasurer Report

- a. Old Business
- b. New business
 - i. January Financials

8. Coaches Committee/Player Safety (Derek/Goldy)

- a. Old Business
- b. New Business

- i. MT Player Development Camp Coach Nominations: nominations were submitted to MAHA.
- ii. Planning for Next Year
 - 1. 2 committees have been formed. Megan and the coaches committee invited BAHL coaches to be part of these committees. The first committee was to revamp the evaluation/try out process. The second committee is forming and developing the Rec program.
 - 2. Derek, Goldy and Megan had a meeting with Al Bloomer over Zoom regarding the Rec league and growing the program. They will most likely have subsequent meetings.
- iii. Coaching Recruitment for Next Year
 - 1. Coaches have been asked to help recruit new coaches. Nonparent coaches with no ties to players or their families are desired.
- iv. Dryland
 - 1. Goldy reported that dryland wasn't as successful as he had hoped it would be. There were lower numbers within the older aged kids. Goldy talked about training in the off season and how important that is. He sates that his employer, Billings Clinic, offers a program for middle school kids but there are also other organizations that have similar programs.

- 9. Facility/Maintenance Update *
- 10. Marketing*
- 11. Learn To Play*
- 12. Fundraising*
- 13. Program Growth*
- 14. Tournaments*

*No updates or items to report to the board.

Motion to Adjourn by D

Seconded by Goldy

All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Tuesday, March 15, 2022 @ 6pm

Meeting adjourned @ 1942

Minutes submitted by Margaret Stiles, BAHL Board Secretary