

# Butte Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) Meeting

## Thursday, December 9, 2021

### Call to Order

Ryan Nielsen  
Camie Kendall  
Stephanie Stodden  
Cheyenne Holbrook-Wolcott  
Taryn Yelenich  
Ray McMillan  
Katrina Kruzich  
Travis Barry  
Bill LaVelle  
Mark Ewanic  
Alicia Bogert  
Brittnay Hintz  
Kristi Wilson

### Start – 6:00 PM

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes – Bill makes a motion to approve the minutes, Katrina 2<sup>nd</sup> - **PASSED**

### Unfinished Business

1. SportsEngine and Registration Update – No update
2. Handicap seating platform – Tech said they can build a ramp and platform in the open area next to the bleachers next semester (Cory)
3. Skate Helpers – 10 skate helpers total quote is \$1640 (\$164 per helper). We could try to get sponsors to put logos on them to help with the cost. This went to an email vote. Helpers have been ordered. - **PASSED**

### New Business

1. Aiden Ossello wants to start practicing – he will need a USA hockey number to start practicing. Stephanie will reach out to Sue to figure out the plan. He will need to be on the roster by 12/31 and may need a medical waiver through MAHA.
2. Cory submitted a request for a Toyota corporate sponsorship; asked for \$10K.
3. Request for player movement – KR Nielsen to play for both Squirts and Peewee B; priority team will be Squirts. Jeff and Travis okayed. Niensens will pay \$75 to cross roster. – **PASSED**
4. Need a first aid kit accessible for men's hockey league and other things. Only one is in the concessions and only a few people have access to that. The one in the concession also needs to be replenished.
  - a. Strandes got a back board/stabilizer. It is behind the stairs near the visitor's bench.
  - b. Possibly do a first aid training for safety.
  - c. Whoever is head of each group should have access to the kit in the concession. Please make sure each group lead has a code.

### Treasurer's Report – Dave Tuesday

1. Katrina updated – Dave is improving, but not up for running around just yet. She asks that all money that is put in the treasurer's box is clearly labeled with what the money is for. She did all the checks.
2. Current status of BAHA account(s) – Handed out balance sheets, net \$70,291.
  - a. Total Available Funds
  - b. Accounts Payable (bills to pay) and Receivable
    - i. M/S/P to pay bills – Bill makes a motion to pay bills, Stephanie 2<sup>nd</sup> - **PASSED**
    - ii. Receipts within the last month.
3. Invoices
  - a. Outstanding invoices

### **Registrar – Katrina Kruzich**

1. 12/31 is the roster deadline date. Nobody can be added to the rosters past this date.
2. She will get a list of all coaches whose CEP# is expiring 12/31 and try to get them into a clinic.
3. Streamlining the birth certificate process for mites/termites/first year skaters.

### **Rink Manager – Bill LaVelle**

1. Cleaning of the rink needs to be done more frequently.
2. Lots of complaints about Zam drivers. They need to complete the whole job. Possibly have another training; someone even drove the zam into the pit. He did get the charger for the edger.
  - a. Concessions Operation – Cody Stevenson
  - b. Rental Gear Coordinator – Kyle Hintz – Brittnay said Kyle bought a brander to burn “BAHA” into the leather on the rental skates. She will coordinate with Laurie to get this done.
3. Cobras – Doing good; they have more fans in the stands and are even winning some games. There is 1 more sponsored cobra game in February.

### **Committee Reports**

1. Grant Writing Update – Matt/Mike
  - a. Sarta grant update – presented on this on 11/23, Bill said this went well and they should have a response around 1/27/22. BAHA and Mile High were the only ones regarding kids, so he is hopeful.
2. Lease Agreement Update – Done, another 30 years.

### **Fund Raising and Other Events**

1. Meat & Gun Raffle Update
  - a. All tickets are due ASAP!
  - b. Currently, 643 gun tickets (\$25,730) and 661 meat tickets (\$11,440) have been turned in out of 1,000.
  - c. Contact Stephanie if you need more tickets.
  - d. If someone wants to do a raffle table at Murdoch’s, it would be a great time to do it!
  - e. Invoice for the meat went up from last year.

### **Appointed Director’s Reports**

#### **Age Group Representative Director – Kristi Wilson**

1. Chick Sanders festival was a success.
2. Payment plans for registrations are all paid for the season. Most of the invoices are being paid in a timely manner.
3. Reps feel that there is a lot of bickering/back-stabbing in our organization. Bill says people need to be minding their business and do their own jobs, not other peoples’ jobs. The policies are written for a reason and must be followed.

#### **Building Coordinator – Cory Whitmore**

1. White siding is done, entrance by Ray’s shop took the last of it. Siding by the zam needs to be painted white; we have paint. Offer this job out for volunteer opportunity.
2. Outdoor lights have been fixed.
3. Tech will continue to build lockers next semester.
4. Still working with the plumbers to get the showers in.
5. The back bathrooms/showers need to be cleaned weekly. Is this a Cobra job or do we need to find volunteers for this? Cobras should be the ones cleaning it, as they are the primary users. If they don’t want to clean it, maybe we should lock the doors.
6. 1 free Cobra game left, Montana Axe has a date picked in February.
7. Window broken in the dryland room over the weekend. Bill will look at it to see what to do. The dryland room needs to be always locked up. Kids should not be in here without a coach/adult supervision. Travis has a weight system to donate for this room, even more reason we need it locked and supervision anytime a player is in there.

8. Doors from concession to hallway, one of Ray's display cases got broke. Can we move these so that the doors can fully close during Cobra games? – Ray will fix this issue with his display cases so the doors can close.

**MAHA Representative – Matt Enrooth - ABSENT**

1. MAHA meeting was pushed out, he will have an update after.

**Volunteer Coordinator – Cheyenne Wolcott**

1. Most of the reps have been turning in hours to her.
2. Scholarship families are on par for where they should be.
3. Needs to know that people are actually doing what they claim to be doing.
4. WE NEED MORE HELP FOR OUR HOME TOURNAMENTS – very few families helped to clean during the Mite tournament. Reps need to be building good relationships with their families to help get stuff done around the rink. Home tournaments need to be scheduled out and not volunteer based. Per Alicia, based on the bare minimum needs at our rink, each family should be doing 66 hours of volunteer time. Look at adding this into the volunteer policy for next season.
5. Battermans will be plowing snow each time they send their trucks out.
6. Ray commends Cheyenne for a very well-run tournament for the Mites/Termmites.

**Safe Sport Coordinator – Kira Strande - ABSENT**

1. No update

**Ice Coordinator – Alicia Bogert**

1. Game schedules for home games are set.
2. Alicia is making a binder for ice scheduler with everything she knows and does. This position will be available next season.
3. Try Hockey for Free had 7 new skaters and they are all either joining a team or doing Learn to Skate. We do not receive money from USA Hockey to hold this event anymore. It is frustrating to hold these in the middle of our season and try to get new kids squeezed onto teams or get coaches to help with the event. Spring Try Hockey never has a good turnout. Alicia would like to cancel the spring event. Next year, we will hold our own Try Hockey event, earlier in the season. Please vote. We should not cancel the national dates for try hockey. We will hold our own date earlier (before the season starts) as well as the 2 national dates. We could always send the kids to the learn to skate program/house team instead of fully joining an age group.
4. Stick and Puck – Alicia would like to schedule this, but someone needs to be the point of contact for it.
5. She is working on Screen Cloud for digital scheduling/monitors in the vestibule. Monitor is donated, waiting on an Amazon fire stick. (Cory offered to mount the TV)
6. Figure skaters need to rent their own ice. There have been problems with them dividing up the ice during open skate. This cannot happen.

**Coaching Director – Travis Barry**

1. Lock the Dryland room
2. Will meet with coaches soon and will also hold an evaluation for the coaches.
3. He is looking for the outline for coaches for the progression of players from year to year on what they should know and be learning.
4. Brittney wants to address Brooks Blando skating one extra practice with the Squirts. He is practicing 2x with Mites and 1x with Squirts. Brendan Byrne is skating with the squirts 1x and the mites 1x because of a conflict with religious education. Both coaches need to be ok with this, and parents need to be paying for extra practices. If they want to practice more, Bill says they need to pay the registration fee for both groups they are practicing with. Travis says we need to draw the line at Peewee/Bantam, because younger kids can get hurt at the Bantam level because they haven't learned to take hits. We have to be consistent across the board with any players moving/practicing with other groups. If skaters are skating extra practices outside of their age group, they need to pay for registration fees for BOTH groups.

**Referee-in-Chief – Mark Ewanic**

1. No update

**Girls Program Representative – Laurie McGree – ABSENT**

1. No update

**Tournament Director – Stephanie Stodden and Camie Kendall**

1. Bantam tournament has 4 teams signed up
2. Ugly Sweater Skate is 12/18 from 12:30-3:30.

**ADM Coordinator – Dennis Janecke - ABSENT**

1. No Update

**Community at Large Representative – Mike Lasher - ABSENT**

1. No Update

**Final Items to Consider**

1. We need a better timeline to be getting our flyers out to schools and other advertising – Monday before an event is just not cutting it, probably need at least 2 weeks.
2. Might be worth sending the Cobras into the schools to read to kids and build up hype/advertising.
3. Scott Ludwig has been marketing for the Cobras – has since kicked Clay off Twitter login abilities.
4. Kristi has been doing her best to post anything and everything on social media.

Cheyenne makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30, Travis 2<sup>nd</sup> – **PASSED**

**Next Meeting – Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6:00 at Hops**