

Billings Amateur Hockey League
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Minutes
Thursday, September 2, 2021 6:00 PM

Call to Order: 1815

Board Members present: Margaret Stiles, Megan Davis, Jason Heimer, D Tillery, Desarae Detling, Mark Goldy, Kristin Piccioni, Brenna Yarina

Board Members present via Zoom: Mark Loeding, Derek Hammermeister, Kristi Laib

Board Members absent: none

Rink Guests: Eddie LaPera

1. Welcome
 - a. Eddie, Derek and Goldy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Ice Time Schedule (Goldy)
 - a. The proposed Ice Time schedule was reviewed by the board. There were concerns about the early morning practices. Board members did not like that practice would end at 7:30 for Bantams or High School teams. There was also a concern about the start time of the high school practice. Lockwood students don't get out of school until 4pm. The board agreed that school is the number one priority of our athletes and the kids would not be punished for coming late to the high school practice. The board asked the coaches committee to revise the early morning practices for both high school and bantams. The board asked that practice not go any later than 7am as it will be hard for kids to get of the ice if their teammates are still on the ice.

3. Dryland Training (Goldy)
 - a. Historically the BAHL has gone off campus for dryland training, either at a gym like Granite or they rented office space and used that for dryland training. Goldy and Eddie are propping that the board room be used at the Dryland training room. Goldy said that we have some things for training already at the rink and later this month there will be an auction that will have Billing's Clinic's old equipment up for auction. Goldy said that there were other options available if the auction items fell through.

4. Program Structure and Coaches (Eddie and Derek)
 - a. Eddie reviewed the coaches for each team. He also provided information in to how the registration numbers will affect team structuring. The following is proposed by the coaches committee:
 - i. Treasure State League Varsity (one team)
 1. Gary Dimon & Stormy Knight (co-head coaches)
 - ii. Big Sky Highschool League (one team)
 1. Orri Hammond (head coach), Terran Hammond (assistant coach)
 - iii. Bantam (One team)
 1. One team: Andrew Sanders (head coach)
 - iv. PeeWees (2 teams)
 1. Dave Cavanaugh
 2. Mike Hass
 3. Corey Buhl
 4. Zeb Johnsen
 - v. Squirts (3 teams)
 1. Rob Davis (head coach), Derek Waddoups (assistant)
 2. Simon Wald (head coach), Ross McKnight (assistant)
 3. Stephen Klem (head coach), Luke Pentecost (assistant)

vi. Mites/LTP

1. John Stone
2. Shane Coleman
3. Marty Husicka
4. Zach Davis

- b. **Motion** to Approve Head Coaches as presented by Derek Hammermeister Mark Goldy and Eddie LaPera by D. Second by Kristin. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- c. There were concerns regarding the idea to move most 2007's up to JV if they were in high school even though they are second year Bantams. The league cannot force any of the 2007's to move up. It is up to the parents and the player whether they want to move up or not, meaning we will not force a 2007 to play JV. They can play with their birth year as second year Bantams.
- d. High school teams will have bare minimum teams. Therefore, there must be some cross rostering. Eddie will need to be able to give the coaches on both Varsity and JV more information on how this will work.

5. Evaluation Process (Eddie)

- a. Eddie will have the evaluation process done by tryouts. PeeWee's and squirts will have two weeks worth of evaluations. Eddie is aware that not all kids can come to the all the evaluations. He is encouraging the kids to come to as many as they can. Eddie said that the kids will be ranked and divided up into two equivalent teams.
- b. It was noted that the BAHL has lacked clear tryout criteria and information about tryouts/evaluations has not been forthcoming in previous years. The board would like to have specific criteria for parents to see prior to evaluations/tryouts, so there is clear and concise process for parents to see how teams are formulated. Evaluation sheet that is used should be published for parents to see. Eddie will come up with the requested items for the board to preview before being published for parents/public to see.

6. Special Considerations

- a. Move up request. A player's family is requesting that their child play up one level. Coaches committee recommendation is to keep the player at their current birth year level as per our handbook move ups are generally only done when there is a numbers issue. Neither level has number issues.
- b. A player's family is requesting to pay for the season but only practice with their age level and not be rostered. The player will play with another organization. The coaches committee does not support this request as our handbook does not offer a la carte registering.

Motion to Adjourn by D

Seconded by Megan

All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Next Meeting, TBD

Meeting adjourned @2000

Minutes submitted by Margaret Stiles, BAHL Board Secretary