

Butte Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) Meeting

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Call to Order

Zach Woods
Brittnay Hintz
Sara Jaksha
Cheyenne Holbrook-Wolcott
Dale Kingrey
Cory Whitmore
Jaki McCarthy
Dan Blando
Travis Barry
Alicia Bogert
Bill LaVelle
Mark Ewanic
Camie Kendall
Taryn Yelenich
Dennis Janecke
Kristi Wilson

Start – 6:30 PM

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes – Cory makes a motion to approve the last meeting minutes, Alicia 2nd – **PASSED**

New Business

1. County use of facility for Disaster Emergency Plan – Jim Axelson and Dan Hollis present their plan to include the BCIC for emergency use of the rink for a mass casualty scenario. The county needs to have a place with refrigeration for such a scenario. Our rink floor (with or without ice) would be an ideal solution.
 - a. Bill talked about the conversations of the lease agreement with the county. He said this was brought up in those meetings, allowing BAHA to possibly have the boards and/or ice plant at the Civic Center in return for use of our facility for a mass casualty scenario.
 - b. Jim and Dan will come up with a formal plan and meet with Bill (Rink Manager) to discuss. Taryn asks who would be covering the cost to run the facility if such a thing were to happen; Jim answered that the federal government would be paying, as it would be a ‘disaster’ situation. Bill makes a motion to allow the county to use the BCIC for a mass casualty emergency plan scenario, Dennis 2nd – **PASSED**
2. Approval of new board members – Jaki McCarthy (Registrar), Jess Ball (SafeSport Coordinator), Sara Jaksha (Treasurer), Luke Davis (Ice Scheduler), Dan Blando (MAHA Rep) – Mark asks why some of these new people aren’t in attendance.
 - a. Before we voted on the new members, Mark asks about the Treasurer position. We did change this to be an appointed position in July of 2021. Bill questions the vote that was passed, and that we can’t just throw anyone in the position. The person must have the qualifications and trustworthiness to take on such an important position on our board and must also be recommended by Dave Tuesday. Brittnay said she has spoken to Dave about Sara taking over as Treasurer. He is willing to work with her to show her the ropes. Sara explains that she has the qualifications for this position; degree in business management, has done the accounting for multiple small businesses, etc. Sara also says that we have not been following our own policies by allowing Dave to continue to be Treasurer without a proper vote (before this was an appointed position). Sara can serve as Interim Treasurer (working with Dave) and the vote to approve the new Treasurer will come at a later date. – **TABLED**
 - b. Brittnay says that the goal of our Board is to fix the policies and actually follow them. We need to have better transitions for people coming into these new positions. Mike Lasher has been working on updating our policies. Brittnay also finds it strange that the ‘old’ board members would approve the ‘new’ board members. Mark says that we should have a system in our board that would allow each of

these positions to serve 2 year terms; eventually getting to where the members starting their second year on the board would approve those starting their first year. Zach and Taryn approve the remaining appointed positions, as per our policy:

- Bill LaVelle – Rink Manager
 - Cory Whitmore – Building Coordinator
 - Kristi Wilson – Age Group Representative
 - Dan Blando – MAHA Representative
 - Cheyenne Holbrook-Wolcott – Volunteer Coordinator
 - Jaki McCarthy – Registrar
 - Travis Barry – Coaching Director
 - Mark Ewanic – Referee-in-Chief
 - Laurie McGree – Girls’ Program Representative
 - Dale Kingrey – Adult Program Representative
 - Camie Kendall – Tournament Director
 - Dennis Janecke – ADM Coordinator
 - Mike Lasher – Community at Large Representative
 - TBD – SafeSport Coordinator
 - TBD – Ice Scheduler (Alicia Bogert will assist)
3. Building rental – Kelly Holloman is interested in the space for a daycare. The board has been down this road before, the last person who wanted this space created a mess for us to clean up (asbestos abatement). We will have to check our new lease to see if we can rent out this space, we would have to get county approval. Kelly would want to use some of her grant money to make improvements to this space. Board members bring up many concerns with this plan. She can talk with Bill to present her plan and he will bring it back to the board if she is still interested. – **TABLED**
4. Hockey camps in Helena all summer – please pass along this information to our members. All information for various age groups can be found on the Helena rink website.

Unfinished Business

1. Volunteer Feedback Survey – **TABLED**

Treasurer’s Report – Dave Tuesday and Sara Jaksha (Interim)

1. Current status of BAHA account(s) – No Update
 - a. Total Available Funds
 - b. Accounts Payable (bills to pay) and Receivable
 - i. Taryn makes a motion to pay the bills, Alicia 2nd – **PASSED**
 - ii. Cory asks to see the bills that need to be paid, as these have never been presented to the board.
 - iii. Outstanding invoices

Adult Program Representative – Dale Kingrey

1. Asks about using the two rooms in the back of the building by the Tech locker room for the adult program. Wants to tear out some carpeting. Dale will talk with Bill and Cory about his plan to change any rooms beforehand.
2. Asks about the adults using the back door to the rink. Adults may use the back door, but everyone cannot have a code. There needs to be a designated person with a code to let adults in the building and to ensure it is locked up when they are done using the facility.

Committee Reports

1. Grant Writing Update
 - a. Markovich Family grant application update – no update
 - b. SARTA funds update – as of now, we are looking at about \$15-20K in hand in donations for matching funds. Still need a formal monetary breakdown to see where we are at on this.

Fund Raising and Other Events

1. Meat & Gun Raffle Update
 - a. Stephanie Hassler will not oversee the raffle tickets for next season.
 - b. Cory asks about inflation and prices to see if these raffles would still be worth doing. We may have to consider raising raffle ticket prices.

Appointed Director's Reports

Rink Manager – Bill LaVelle

1. Will need to wash the floor and repaint the lines. Need to have the paint done before 8/1.
2. 8 BAHA players made the development camp team and will be going to Grand Forks. Congrats to Gigi Butler, Layla Harned, Kylie Jaksha, Chloe Jewell, Colt Hassler, Jaxon Kruzich, Billy LaVelle, and Rigley Vincent.
3. BAHA needs to step up to offer the kids more opportunities to be able to compete at a higher level. We have the ability to offer more ice time to get more camps in.

Building Coordinator – Cory Whitmore

1. Girls' locker room still needs lights; Brittnay will talk to Jason Larue.
2. Showers are still a work in progress.
3. Got a quote for new bleachers: \$90K for ADA compliant raised up bleachers. Possibly ask Pepsi for a donation for this? Our old bleachers are in disrepair and need to be addressed before someone gets seriously hurt.

Age Group Representative Director – Kristi Wilson

1. Will send out the volunteer survey results again.
2. Will meet with the new group of age reps soon.

MAHA Representative – Dan Blando

1. Annual meeting is 6/25.
2. Will ask about the possibility of Butte hosting the Summit.

Volunteer Coordinator – Cheyenne Holbrook

1. Updated the board on volunteer hours from last season. Most families met their hours.
2. She will send out to the age reps to send each family their own hours that were documented. Reps will cc Cheyenne and Kristi in these updates.
3. June 1 will start the new hours for next season.
4. Possibly assign each age group a weekend(s) that they will be responsible for volunteering for. The board has wanted to do this in the past, but it is difficult not knowing the schedules before September/October.
5. We need to be more positive about volunteering at the rink. We need to show the volunteers that they are appreciated for everything that is done at the rink. We could possibly host a BBQ at the rink to show appreciation and to also get some more cleanup done at the rink before next season.

Safe Sport Coordinator – TBD

1. No update

Registrar – Jaki McCarthy

1. No update

Ice Coordinator – TBD/Alicia Bogert

1. Tentative 8/15 to turn on compressors.
2. Alicia will stay on to assist the new ice scheduler.

Coaching Director – Travis Barry

1. Wants to host a start of year camp. We could pick a weekend in late August/early September to hold an all-ages camp.

Referee-in-Chief – Mark Ewanic

1. No update

Girls Program Representative – Laurie McGree

1. Congratulates the kids making the team to go to Grand Forks.
2. MSU women's is looking for a coach.

Tournament Director – Camie Kendall

1. Will look at dates for tournaments for next season so we are not competing with other towns holding tourneys at the same time.

ADM Coordinator – Dennis Janecke

1. Will work with Travis to dial in practices to follow ADM.

Community at Large Representative – Mike Lasher – ABSENT

1. No update

Next Meeting - Monday, June 6, 2022, at 6:30 at Hops.

Taryn makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30, Travis 2nd – **PASSED**