

Butte Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) Meeting

Monday, August 1, 2022

Call to Order

Jaki McCarthy
Dan Blando
Cheyenne Holbrook-Wolcott
Taryn Yelenich
Brittnay Hintz
Zach Woods
Travis Barry
Cory Whitmore
Bill LaVelle
Luke Davis
Laurie McGree
Sara Jaksha
Dale Kingrey
Kristi Wilson
Mark Ewanic
Dennis Janecke

Non-voting attendees:

James Richards
Alicia Bogert
Stephanie Stodden
Ray McMillan

Start – 6:30 PM

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes – Zach motions to approve the last meeting's minutes, Cory 2nd - **PASSED**

Unfinished Business

1. Registration Update – Online registration is open. There are a few things to fix, waiting on SportsEngine to fix some issues.
 - a. Jersey order deadline is September 1st – increased rates after this date to ensure jerseys are delivered on time.
 - b. Practice schedule – 2-hour practices – Bill says 2 hours might be too much, kids' attention spans are only about 1.5 hours. Only considering increasing practice times for teams playing full ice games. It would be helpful to see our registration numbers before deciding, and ultimately the decision should be up to the coaches. October 3rd is the tentative start date for practices. Possibly create a few different schedule options to propose to the coaches and board. – **TABLED**
 - c. Deadline for player movement requests – Deadline should be September 1st.
 - i. Travis says that we need to simplify this process, it is getting too out of hand. Requests should be sent to Travis; he will then talk to the affected coaches, and then bring the board the decisions for approval.
 - ii. Mark explains the importance of letting kids play through with their appropriate age group. There should not be as much 'moving up' as there has been. Eventually these kids are going to get stuck at the Bantam level because they cannot play on the High School team unless they are in high school. It benefits the kids to have their 'stand out' year with their age-appropriate teams. We also need to wait until we have registration numbers before we grant movement requests.
 - iii. Kristi makes a motion to have people register for their age-appropriate team. They can then submit their movement request letters to Travis. If it is decided that they can move up, they will be invoiced for the difference in price. Dan 2nd – **PASSED**

- iv. Haley Dale – request to skate DOWN with Mites – Board **DENIES**. Haley must register with the Squirt team. If the Dales oppose, they can bring it to MAHA.

New Business

1. Jake Siddoway Memorial Tournament – This will be name of the annual Bantam tournament.
2. Learn to Skate Program – Brittnay and Mark will work together to figure this out.
3. Player movement requests: Previously discussed. Travis will bring names to the board after he speaks with the affected coaches.

Treasurer's Report –

1. Current status of BAHA account(s)
 - a. Total Available Funds
 - i. SARTA grant funds – \$24, 425.
 - ii. Jake Siddoway Memorial Fund - \$1,665 in account, \$225 to deposit. Board agrees that this money will go into the general fund for the rink.
 - iii. Granite Mountain Bank is showing \$9,500.
 - b. Accounts Payable (bills to pay) and Receivable
 - i. Owe about \$1,800 on the Zam loan, have 2 payments left.
 - ii. Philadelphia insurance is \$1,844.75.
 - iii. We will owe team bonds to MAHA soon, \$500/team.
 - iv. Gun payment is due in October, \$5,000.
 - v. \$46,737 balloon payment due in December.
 - vi. Golden West has sent an invoice, Cheyenne will follow up with them about what it was for.
 - vii. M/S/P to pay bills – Taryn motions to pay the bills, Travis 2nd – **PASSED**
 - c. New Treasurer email: bahatreasurer22@gmail.com
 - d. Sara proposes that refs be paid in checks rather than cash. This will require out refs to fill out W-9s. Bozeman, Missoula and Billings pay their refs by check. It makes the accounting process easier, and there is less of a chance that cash goes missing. – **TABLED**
 - e. There are new forms to fill out to request reimbursement from the club. They will be at the rink, near the Treasurer's box.
 - f. Outstanding invoices – there are a few problem families that owe past due invoices, mostly for tournament fees. We need to figure out a better way to collect on these invoices. Suggest that these families be flagged when they try to register on the website to contact Kristi. They should not be allowed to register before past due fees are paid. Send letters to those no longer involved with BAHA to try to collect.
 - g. Cobras – Bill reports that there is a great group of kids this season. They completed well at a tournament and look promising for the upcoming season. They are short on billet families, so please send anyone Bill's way if there are housing options for the players.

Committee Reports

1. Grant Writing Update
 - a. Markovich Family grant application update – Have not heard yet
 - b. SARTA fundraising update
 - i. Money from the SARTA grant will be used to pay for the tower, valves, pumps, and piping. When we make these improvements, it should cut our electric bill significantly.
 - ii. Application has been signed.

Fund Raising and Other Events

1. Meat & Gun Raffle Update – We need to get the tickets ready for the upcoming season. Mark proposes that we increase the price of the tickets, as everything has increased in price.
 - a. Gun tickets will be \$50 per ticket. Meat tickets will be \$25 per ticket or \$100 for 5 tickets.
 - b. Rough budget for guns will be \$20,000; meat will be \$5,000.

- c. Cory makes a motion to approve the price increase on raffle tickets as well as the budget, Cheyenne 2nd
– PASSED

Appointed Director's Reports

Rink Manager – Bill LaVelle

1. Planning to turn on the compressors on 8/15.

Building Coordinator – Cory Whitmore

1. Waiting for the Tech kids to start up again to get some projects done.
2. There are lights in the girls' locker room, but they are not installed.
3. He will put a code lock on the door of the dryland room. Again, kids are not allowed in here without adult supervision.

Age Group Representative Director – Kristi Wilson

1. Taryn will get flyers for the schools approved to be distributed.
2. Has been promoting registration via social media.
3. Seeing tournament schedules on Facebook, so we will need to get our schedule out soon.

MAHA Representative – Dan Blando

1. There was a MAHA meeting on 6/27. It included a lot of information on diversity and equality, and they want clubs to promote various activities to promote inclusivity.
2. Discussed the spectator conduct issues and all organizations should have the same consequences for violating this.
3. Summit is 9/24-9/25.

Volunteer Coordinator – Cheyenne Holbrook

1. Cleaning at the rink on Sunday, 8/7. This will be the absolute last chance for those short on hours to earn credit. We will be sending out invoices next week for those short on hours from last season.
2. Proposes that we utilize a Google document to record hours. It would be easier to keep track of hours if everyone was documenting the same way. Kristi will help her get this started.
3. There is a team grant from Northwestern Energy to pay us for NWE employees to volunteer at our rink.

Safe Sport Coordinator – Jess Ball – ABSENT

1. Has received 2 coaches SafeSport and background checks already.
2. Has created a form for reps to have for complaints.

Registrar – Jaki McCarthy

1. Will be learning her role this month.

Ice Coordinator – Luke Davis

1. Griz want to use our ice on 8/24-8/25 for 2 hours each day.
2. Ice is \$175/hour this year.
3. September 24-25 is the Summit.
4. Tentative 9/27 for PeeWee tryouts.
5. Will see about setting up a TV for the lobby to have rink information and the rink schedule.
6. Need to find a time for goalie practice and who will run this.

Coaching Director – Travis Barry

1. Most coaches have been decided, there are a few still up in the air.
2. Possibly do a small evening camp in mid-September to get kids on the ice a little early.

Referee-in-Chief – Mark Ewanic

1. Trying to figure out a date for a ref clinic in September.
2. Requests that nobody younger than a 2nd year PeeWee comes to the ref clinic; age 12 and up only please.

Girls Program Representative – Laurie McGree

1. Meeting tomorrow with other girls' organizations in the state. She is hopeful for a 19U and a 14U team again this year. 12U is also possible.
2. Needs someone to step up and be the head coach for these girls.

Adult Program Representative – Dale Kingrey

1. Trying to work out an adult schedule.
2. There have been requests for high school kids to skate with the adults.

Tournament Director – Camie Kendall – ABSENT

1. Seeing a few cities' tournament schedules online. Working on Butte's tournament schedule to promote online.
We need to get these dates out ASAP.

ADM Coordinator – Dennis Janecke

1. Working on practice evaluations for all age groups.
2. Possibly have a 'coach swap' and have coaches be guest coaches for other team's practices occasionally.
3. Teams MUST have a parent/coach meeting prior to the season starting to go over expectations for the season.
Parents cannot be disruptive during practices.

Community at Large Representative – Mike Lasher

1. Working on our policies.

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 6:30 pm at Hops.

Brittnay adjourns the meeting at 8:30 pm.