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### BAHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date of meeting: 7.26.2023  
Time: 6:30 pm  
Essentia Health Sports Center

In attendance: Jim Brau, Chris Wallace, Megan Goebel, Brent Potvin, Darren Goltz, Andrew Murray, Amanda Ciesinski, Justin Jerve, Alicia Prahm

- I. Call to Order – 6:33 pm by Darren Goltz
- II. Good News =/< 5 minutes
  - a. Good Social Media feedback from Dick's Sporting Goods Donation
- III. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Motion to approve by Megan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris. Motion carries.
- IV. Approval of Consent Agenda which includes: Motion to approve made Justin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris. Motion carries.
  - a. Executive Director's report (Attached)
  - b. Hockey Director's report (Attached)
    - i. Player Development Committee and In-House sub-comm.
  - c. Treasurer's/Financial report (Attached)
  - d. Recruitment and Retention Committee report (Nothing to Report)
  - e. Alumni Committee report (Nothing to Report)
  - f. SafeSport/Grievance/Discipline Committee (Nothing to Report)
  - g. Fundraising Committee report (Nothing to Report)
  - h. Volunteer Committee report (Nothing to Report)
  - i. Executive Committee report Nothing to Report)
  - j. Finance Committee report (Nothing to Report)
  - k. Marketing Committee report (Nothing to Report)
  - l. Events Committee report (Nothing to Report)
  - m. June Meeting Minutes (Attached)
- V. Old Business
  - a. Acknowledgement of electronic approval of member communications – Motion made to approve letter to membership made by Chris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Megan. Motion Carries.
  - b. Move-up policy, tabled from June Meeting – Motion made to approve presented Move-up Policy by Megan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin. Motion Carries.
  - c. SSDG Committee Chair tabled from June Meeting – Motion to table until after new elections by Justin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris. Motion Carries.
- VI. New Business
  - a. New Board Term 2yr/1yr – Motion to approve new board terms as voted top 5 elected will be 2 year terms and bottom 4 at 1 year term and keeping the number of board members at 9 made by Justin. 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew. Motion Carries.
  - b. Number of Board Members – Combined with New business a.
  - c. Officer elections per Jeremy Reed will follow BAHA bylaw and not be elected at special elections – Per Jeremy Reed's email on July 19<sup>th</sup>  
August Board meeting date per MN Hockey appeal timeline August 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> with current and new members – Motion to hold New Board meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm by Alicia, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda. Motion Carries.



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- d. Try out dates/evaluators/team selection approval process – Will send list of evaluators for pre-approval by the board. Motion to approve tryout dates of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and team process placement as presented by Megan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris. Motion carries.
  - e. Committee Member approval –
    - i. Recruitment and Retention: Kayla Atkinson, Kevin O' Grady, Amanda Ciesinski, Tori Evans, Stacy Brown, Brittany Dolen, Kalyn Rife, and Jessica Teasck. Motion to approve made by Alicia, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brent. Motion Carries.
  - f. Ice Scheduler 23-24 Season – Motion to approve ice scheduler for the 23-24 season made by Brent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin. Motion Carries.
  - g. 23-24 Regular season registration fees – Motion made to leave Registration fees as is for the coming season by Justin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alicia. Motion Carries.
  - h. BLF Co-op – Motion made to approve sponsorship of jerseys and breezer covers by Alicia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew. Motion Carries.
- VII. Comments and Announcement – Email Received July 20th
- VIII. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Justin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris. Motion carries. pm

Next Board meeting August 30, 2023 at 6:30pm



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### Co-op meeting recap 7-25

-Team makeup/designation for the 23-24 season has been decided and is being recommended to do the following

- 15U- 1 team and will be classified as "A"
- 12U- 2 teams with one being "A" and one being "B"
- 10U-1 team and will be classified as "B"

-In order to get to the 2 teams at the 12U level, the committee will be inviting up to 5 current 10U skaters to tryout for the 12U team. The 5 selected will have birthdays ranging from June of 2012 to August of 2013. Upon approval from the BOD, a letter will be sent to the 5 girls identified outlining what we are proposing to get their feedback if they would or would not move their daughter up.

-Once approved by the BOD, the committee will compose an email to send to the parents on our girls side outlining what has been decided and how we will go about getting to our desired outcome.

-Reviewed the move up policy and agreed there is a need for the girls side and the co-ed side to have separate policies in place.

-Talked about fall camp and combining the 10U and 12U into 1 group while having the 15U's skate with the bantams. All agreed this makes the most sense.

-Discussed the desire to have coaching recommendations in place at the next meeting for board approval the following week. LF will be putting a list of potential candidates together and to date BAHA has received 1 coaching application for the girls side.

-Final preparations are being made for the jerseys for the girls. Looking to order them in August.

-Tournaments for the girls need to be selected ASAP as tournaments are filling up.

-A concern was brought up as it pertains to the lack of goalies on the girls side. Will be a topic of discussion at the next meeting as we look at ways to get more girls involved in the position.

### Co-ed committee updates 7-20

A quick recap of our meeting yesterday is below.

- Group agreed with the language and overall though process of the move-up policy for mites- squirts, Brent is making those changes, along with the verbiage for our other levels, and we will present that to the board for approval next week.
- Coaches: We agreed as a group to suggest the HC job for Bantam AA to Jake Mitchell. I did call and talk with him today, he was concerned about the parent situation from last year, but other than that looking forward to this season. I suggested that I help meet with his team/parents ahead of the season to help set expectations, and more importantly understand that we want them to focus on development this year, over wins and losses. AC has not been decided by him yet, he's going to reach out to a few people to have those conversations, and we will discuss at a later meeting.



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PWAA coach we suggested as Brent again. We did address the concern and question about his suspension and hearing from MN hockey which starts Sept. 1. We fully anticipate him following through with the items passed down from the hearing.

SQA coach, we have a few candidates in. I suggested that given the amount of players/coaches coming in this season that could be on that team, that we can likely wait for the A coach decision until teams are finalized – unless we come up with a better decision as a group.

To date we have had 13 people apply. 2 of those being a non parent. Breakdown is as follows;

8U-1

Squirt-4

10U-1

PW-4

12U-1

Bantam-1

15U-1

We had 1 person apply for the BAA job, 1 person apply for the PWAA job, 2 people apply for the SA job and 1 person apply for the 12UA job.

- Fall Camp: This year we Jerr has offered the fall camp to be run by the HS staff. As a group we decided this was great, and we'll be moving forward with that. Other coaches are invited to come in and learn drills and participate in practice, but the sessions will be run by Jerr/HS staff. We did not set a start date yet for this.
- PEP Camp: We will be holding a PEP camp the last week in September, Nick and Joe Quinn will come up again to run this. The goal this year is coach training, and overall plan development. Nick suggested an on-ice session for just the coaches, plus a video session or two to review and discuss specific details. This will be great for our kids, and coaches. We also discussed the opportunity to open this up to other communities, NL and LF in particular, but also Wadena, etc. We will offer to our Brainerd players for two weeks first, then extend to the rest of the community. They want to hold an NHL PEP development camp in Brainerd next summer so it would be great to demonstrate a big showing!!!
- The committee would also like to have Darren Goltz officially added to the PDC as a committee member, not due to his current role as BAHA president.
- Following what was outlined in the Hearing findings, the PDC is recommending the following protocol for post tryout roster approvals. Like we did this past season, the co-ed and co-op committees will submit a list of potential coaches that might be utilized for the upcoming season for board approval prior to tryouts. Tryouts will be completed on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> with the intent of sending out rosters the evening of the 8<sup>th</sup>. Upon completion of the tryouts, or could also be at the conclusion of each individual group as well, the PDC will submit the rosters to the BOD for their approval. If the rosters at any level are not approved, the PDC would like the BOD to explain their reasonings as to why, send that communication out to our members explaining the reasoning and also come up with how the situation will be resolved which could include new tryout dates, times, logistics, tryout scrimmages and evaluators. As a reminder, these pre-approved rosters are not shown with anyone outside of the evaluators, our ED, board president and HD. The PDC isn't shown the rosters until that evening when we finalize our coaching selections. Our expectation is that our BOD would also respect our process as well and not send any rosters to anyone prior to the roster release that evening.



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#### In-House Updates

-In house committee is meeting Thursday 7-27 to discuss their findings from the potential merger of all the in-house teams. Final recommendation should be in place for the next meeting. Correspondence will also be sent to the members once the board has their final say.

-1 member did attend a meeting that parents of the 8U held to discuss as a group.