

# Billings Amateur Hockey League

## June 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING Minutes

### Thursday, June 8, 2021 6:00 PM

Call to Order: 1806

Board Members present: D Tillery, Margaret Stiles, Megan Davis, Mark Goldy, Des Detling, Kristi Laib, Kristin Piccioni, Brenna Yarina

Board Members present via Teams: Mark Loeding, Derek Hammermeister

Board Members absent: Jason Heimer

Rink Guests: Eddie LaPera, Shaun Seedhouse

Liaison absent: Alex McCready

Membership Guests: LuAnn Rinebarger

1. Individual, Guest, Member Comment:

- a. LuAnn Rinebarger: LuAnn is the liaison with our uniform vendor Mosaic Threads and she explained to the board the background on her role with B AHL. Eddie and LuAnn have been working on uniforms. They have discussed traditional vs sublimated jerseys and working on designs. Sublimated is cheaper to do than traditional jerseys. LuAnn explained how online stores work. The question was asked “who can approve approve jersey and other apparel decisions?” Loeding said that the director is the point of contact.

2. Board Liaison Update

- a. Adult Hockey League:
  - i. MCAHA is looking at the design for the upcoming season. They are looking forward to the new Green horn division. The adult league will be working with the rink for scheduling
  - ii. Fall League registration will be starting soon and run in September and October
  - iii. Winter season will start mid to late November
- b. Figure Skating: none

3. Approval of May 2021 Minutes: **Motion** by Kristin to approve April 2021 minutes Seconded by Megan. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

4. Acknowledgment of Vote to approve 2021-22 B AHL Program Structure at June 1, 2021 Special Meeting.

- a. **Motion**: Jason Second: Mark Goldy, All in favor, none opposed. Motion Passed.

## 5. President's Report

### a. Meeting Introduction

- i. The 100-day plan is going well. Now that the program structure has been voted and approved, we need to focus on the handbook and having everything ready for early registration.
- ii. Loeding would like Eddie to start getting the word out about early registration and the 15% discount.
- iii. Loeding would like the handbook finished ASAP and sent out to board members for review. Issues were brought up concerning the formatting of previous years handbook. D is still working on it with Eddie. Kristin stated she would like to work on a forms management and documentation system. A subcommittee with Kristin, Eddie and D can be formed and started registration.

## 6. Unfinished/Old Business

### a. Facility/Maintenance Update & Employee Management

- i. Program Update: Eddie is working on early registration and the handbook. See formatting issues listed in President's report (a) iii.
- ii. Cooling Tower Update: Cooling tower has been ordered and install is scheduled as follows: ship on 7/16, arrive on 7/23, Cimco comes to help prepare for installation 7/26, tower installed 7/27, 7/28, 7/29. Planet Hockey is scheduled to come to Billings the second week of August. Eddie said that with the start of their camp being on August 9<sup>th</sup>, there would be no room for error with the cooling tower being installed and in laying ice. Eddie stated that he thinks the schedule is too tight and is going to cancel the Planet Hockey camp. Eddie said that we will do an in-house camp in August. Eddie is also getting Pete Kaman with Elevated Hockey, to come down in September and Robby Glantz in October. Exact dates are in the works.
- iii. CIA Insurance Update: Eddie stated that he is having a hard time trying to get an insurance policy for the building that will include wind and hail. Insurance companies are either not offering it or the cost is exurbanite. Kristin offered to call Jason to discuss the specifics and to see if they could find a policy or what is needed.
- iv. CIA Sign Update: The new CIA sign was installed on the building June 5<sup>th</sup>. A-1 Johnson Auto Wrecking delivered the sign on their flat bed for us. Dru Rietz-Weems of Signature Signs, LLC donated his time to install.
- v. Parking Lights Update: Electrician is going to be out at the rink this week to run power to the sign and parking lights.
- vi. Zamboni Tire Wash Update: Ordered and installed in May 2021
- vii. Contract with Figure Skating Update: Eddie has not been in touch with Alex since April. Mark asked Eddie to reach out to Alex so we can revise and firm up the contract that hasn't been updated since around 2014.
- viii. SUPRA Committee Update-none
- ix. Ice Technician Update-none

b. Marketing/Fundraising

- i. Golf Tournament Update: Flyers have been made and will be distributed. The flyer also went live on the website. Kristin asked that a post be placed on Facebook about the tournament as well. Registration is live.

7. New Business

a. Coaches Committee/Director

- i. 2021-22 BAHL Handbook see President's Report a) iii
- ii. Registration: Registration is set to open July 1<sup>st</sup> and run through August 31<sup>st</sup>. A 15% discount is being offered to those who register between July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>. Mark asked Eddie to start heavily advertising early bird registration.

b. Director

i. Jersey Management System

1. Eddie presented the jersey management system, which are attached to these minutes.
2. Kristin asked if you get to keep your number every year. Eddie said that you would get to keep your number except if there is a number duplicate. He said that would most likely only happen in high school when more than two ages groups are combined.
3. The board recommended that socks be included in the price.
4. LuAnn suggested letting parents order extra socks.
5. Names on the back of the jerseys were brought up. There was some discussion about pros and cons. Mark said that we should be unified through the league. Eddie is to make the decision for his jersey management system.
6. All kids from mites through high school will have their own jerseys. LTP will use Black and yellow practice jerseys.

ii. Branding

1. Going forward we will use the "new" Bulls Logo on everything.
2. Eddie stated that in future he would like to see CIA and BAHL have separate websites. That item will be tabled for more discussion.
3. Kristin wanted to know who picks out the apparel for the BAHL items and tournaments. It was a variety of people at different times in history. Eddie is to be the point of contact and the board can weigh in on decisions
4. The Bulls logo was being used without permission by a parent to fundraise. The board discussed how any fundraising using the BAHL logo or in the name of BAHL needs to be authorized according to our Bylaws. This is especially important because we are a 501c3. Eddie is the point of contact to start the authorization process.

c. Facilities

i. FirstMark Construction Sponsorship and Parking Lot Work

1. Loeding stated that the sponsorship program has been dysfunctional for some time. Former treasurer Carl Rose had started to go through the sponsorships and update them. The program needs to be revised.
2. Kristin let the board know that First Mark Construction had a 5-year sponsorship agreement with BAHL/CIA. They resurfaced the parking in which they donated part of the cost, therefore receiving center ice for 5 years. FirstMark is no longer in business. Kirsten wanted to make sure that the family who secured the donation from FirstMark will still receive their sponsorship credit even though the business has closed.
3. Loeding stated that BAHL/CIA will honor the sponsorship credit due the family. Kristin volunteered to call the family and let them know this.
4. Loeding also recommended we start looking for other options for center ice whether that is another sponsor or the bulls log at Center ice.

**Motion** to Adjourn by Kristin

Seconded by Brenna

All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Next Meeting, Tuesday July 20, 2021 location TBD

Meeting adjourned @1932

Minutes submitted by Margaret Stiles, BAHL Board Secretary