

**Helena Area Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2018
6:00 pm at the Helena Ice Arena**

People Present

HAYHA Board Members:

Kurt Moser – President and Squirt Rep
Ryan Lilletvedt – Vice President and Peewee Rep
Robbie Whited – Bantam Rep
Scott Petersen – Member at Large and Safesport Coordinator
Mekell Lybbert – MAHA Rep
Justin Steckelberg – U8 Rep
Sarah Garcia – Treasurer and High School Rep
Lance Wilson – Registrar
Judy Merickel – U8 Rep and Secretary

HAYHA Members Present:

Trenton Soveck – High School Coach
Troy Green – High School Assistant Coach
Dustin Ryser – former Board Member who served as Treasurer and Registrar
Bob Richards – Coach-in-Chief

Call to Order at 6:00 pm

Minutes

Scott moved and Sarah seconded the passing of May's meeting minutes. Motion passes and Judy will post to the website.

Public Comment

Both high school coaches came to discuss what HAYHA will do with such high numbers in the high school program next season. There are an estimated 28 players, 15 of which will be coming up from Bantam level. They would like to see a varsity and junior varsity team. If this is the case, Bob will need to recruit another coach for junior varsity team. Robbie Whited suggested running a 16U Team and a High School Team for cross rostering purposes and also closer age competition for young high school players. Sarah Garcia will visit with parents to see what they are thinking. Mekell will find out at Saturday's MAHA meeting what other cities such as Bozeman, Missoula and Billings are doing with their high school teams.

Election of Officers

This was the first meeting of the new board and therefore new officers were elected.

President: Judy moved Kurt Moser be elected as President. Sarah Garcia seconded. Justin moved that Robbie Whited be elected as President. Ryan seconded. Five votes for Kurt and two votes for Robbie. Kurt is President.

Vice President: Robbie moved Ryan Lilletvedt be VP and Justin seconded. Mekell moved that Sarah Garcia be Vice President. Scott seconded. Four votes for Ryan and three votes for Sarah. Ryan was elected as Vice President.

Secretary: Scott moved Judy be elected as Secretary and Mekell seconded. Motion passes. Judy was elected as Secretary.

Treasurer: Judy moved for Sarah as Treasurer. Scott seconded. Motion passes. Sarah was elected as Treasurer.

Other Leaders

Robbie Whited agreed to manage the website.

Lance and Dustin reported that Randy Boysen agreed to manage equipment.

Registrar Update – Dustin Ryser

Dustin has registered Lance Wilson as our Registrar through USA Hockey portal. He has also given Lance the hayhahockey@outlook.com email account.

Equipment Update – Dustin Ryser

Dustin reported that him and Lance counted as there are 75 full sets of equipment for next year's U8 season. They will need to buy 15 – 20 sets for U8 and House League. They also need to purchase goalie gear for House League. All shelves are up and full. They need to spend \$200-\$300 more on shelving units. Mekell is donating 2 sets of shelves from her storage unit as well. They estimate that in total, they will need to spend \$4,500 - \$5,000 on new equipment. Judy moved to allow Dustin to put the equipment purchase out to bid, to go with the lowest bidder and to spend up to \$5,000. Justin seconded. Motion passed. Board decided to have two separate equipment days for U8 and House League. They also decided that House League players will have to purchase their own sticks because equipment rental only comes with straight edge sticks.

Treasurer Update – Dustin Ryser

There is \$72,576.84 in the checking account. Jeb Pedrazzi has two boys in the program and he coaches at both the squirt and mite levels. His employer -- Phillips 66 -- has a matching grant program and they donated \$2,000 to HAYHA in return for Jeb's volunteer hours. What a great program! Thank you to Jeb and Phillips 66!!

MAHA Update – Mekell Lybbert

Mekell will be attending the MAHA meeting in Butte on Saturday. She will talk to other high school programs about junior varsity games. She will also talk to Bozeman and Missoula about house league games. Other items on their agenda this Saturday include:

- State tournaments
- Point Streak
- Background screening
- Scholarships
- Elections of officers and TSL commissioners
- Potential split into 2 tiers – East and West

Discipline Committee Report – Mekell Lybbert

Mekell reported that the committee has had 2 meetings and a lot of email correspondence. The committee is made up of 2 parents, 2 coaches and 3 parents. Their mission is to provide a positive atmosphere for all players, parents and coaches during games and practices through setting behavior expectations, new incident reporting procedures and disciplinary processes. The following items will be brought to the board in July as recommendations from this committee:

- New Codes of Conduct for players, parents and coaches.
- A structure for a standing disciplinary committee.
- HAYHA disciplinary process.
- Member handbook updates.
- Consistency in parent meeting and board rep messaging to players and families.

House League Update – Judy and Bob

Judy provided new board member with the House League flier and will also email it to them along with the board details on the House League. Bob will follow up with Rob LaChapalle about coaching. All board members were asked to think about people who would make a great House League Program Coordinator. Jon Flynn would be great but has not committed at this point.

Coach-in-Chief Update – Bob

Bob will get the coaching application ready to go so it can go out with the registration email in July/August. Coaching applications due by September 14th.

Other Business

Mekell recommended getting board liability insurance. Everyone agreed and Judy will get the application from Payne Financial.

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm.

Signed by President: _____ Date: _____

Signed by Secretary: _____ Date: _____