

Butte Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) Meeting

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Call to Order

Cheyenne Holbrook-Wolcott

Jaki McCarthy

Kristi Wilson

Sara Jaksha

Zach Woods

Brittnay Hintz

Dan Blando

Luke Davis

Taryn Yelenich

Cory Whitmore

Stephanie Stodden

Mike Lasher

Guests: Erik Nelson, Alicia Bogert, Ray McMillan, Rachel McMillan

Start – 5:00 PM

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes – Sara makes a motion to approve September minutes, Cheyenne 2nd – **PASSED**

Word from the President – Brittnay wants to start the meeting addressing some miscommunication and anger from the board. Our board has the same goal: to make our rink successful and better for the kids. Please bring solutions instead of negativity. We need to work as a team and support each other. Stay in your lane, but also be there to help each other when it is needed. We need the whole board to be a positive part of our organization. Emails should go to the entire board; if it doesn't concern you, ignore it. We need to be better communicators. Please encourage each other and be positive!

Unfinished Business

1. Registration Update – Practice starts this week!
 - a. 109 registrations
 - b. Coaches need to make sure they have all their requirements completed to be added to the rosters: SafeSport, Background Check, Clinic, and Modules. They shouldn't even be on the ice until these are complete.
2. Erik Nelson
 - a. Erik has been helping BAHA with the accounting for several years. Refs are to be 1099ed for any earnings over \$600. BAHA could be fined anywhere from \$50-\$50K if this is audited. If we could have refs fill out an expense report, we could possibly get around 1099ing. By filling out an expense report each time they ref, we can better account for how much money is spent and where it is going. Erik was going to follow up with Mark and Bill. – **TABLED**
 - b. Granite Mountain Bank payments: Erik also asked about why we weren't making monthly payments on our loan at GMB and only the balloon payment at the end of the year. The board didn't know anything about these monthly payments, and they stopped around the time Dave got hurt. Erik was going to reach out to GMB on BAHA's behalf to figure this out. Erik also said that he will need the Cobra financial report; he will reach out to Bill for this.
3. Fountain pop vs. bottled pop in concessions – Fountain pop will take more time and create more work for concessions. Our ice machine is also broken, so we need to look into that. With bottled pop, we can return any expired or unused inventory at the end of the season. Pepsi also would like us to stay with bottled pop, and if we keep them happy, we could potentially ask for help with bleachers. Luke makes a motion to stay with bottled pop in concessions, Cory 2nd – **PASSED**

4. Scary Skate – Keonni will be the lead for this; Saturday 10/29. Cheyenne will set up a volunteer signup; 2 concessions, 4 skate room help, a few ice monitors, cleaners. We could also advertise this as a safe Trick-or-Treat and set up a ‘haunted house’ in one of the locker rooms. There is a girls’ game at 8:00, so we will do ice from 4:00-7:00, doors at 3:30. We will advertise this via paid Facebook ads.
5. Try Hockey for Free is 11/5 – Alicia registered our rink. Cobras will help also. We need a lead person to check kids in and write out certificates; USA hockey will provide a free USA Hockey number to any new kids who participate. Recommend kids bring their own helmets!

New Business

1. Signup Genius upgrade – Cheyenne is paying for the Silver package out of her own pocket. She says there is no need to upgrade to the Gold package, as the Silver has everything we need. Board asks if she would like to be reimbursed, Cheyenne declined.

Treasurer’s Report – Sara Jaksha

1. Current status of BAHA account(s)
 - a. Total Available Funds - \$74,574.75; SARTA \$24,425, Jake Siddoway \$2,405 (scholarships) = \$47,741.45.
 - b. Accounts Payable (bills to pay) and Receivable – Bills to pay: Butte Glass, Harringtons, Jaie’s Refrigeration, McGree Trucking, Montana Broom and Brush, Northwestern Energy, Spectrum, 3 Bears, Water, Philadelphia Insurance, Postage, Key for PO Box; \$17,252.79 total due.
 - i. M/S/P to pay bills – Taryn makes a motion to pay the bills, Dan 2nd – **PASSED**
 - ii. Outstanding invoices – Speed skaters, Wolves/Royals, Birthday Party, Bonspiel.
2. Price of Rent for Garage – Spectrum is currently paying \$425 for rent for garage. We pay Spectrum about \$250 per month for their services. Should we increase their rent? Propose their rent to be \$750/month or \$500/month if they donate their phone and internet services to us. Luke will contact John Summers.
3. Ray’s Rent – Since everything is going up in price, we should look at increasing Ray’s rent for the pro shop. He’s currently paying \$150/month for October-March. Cory makes a motion to increase Ray’s rent to \$200/month for October-March, Zach 2nd – **PASSED**
 - a. Ray will sharpen rental skates for free if they are brought down to him.

Committee Reports

1. Grant Writing Update
 - a. SARTA fundraising update – Brittney sent an email to get more information and clarification; there is some wording in the contract on exactly how this money can be spent and we need more clarification. Bill, Toni, and Matt will get working on this.
 - i. Make a flyer to show exactly why this fundraiser is so important to our organization. We are waiting on an engineer to draw up plans for the cooling tower.
 - b. Markovich – they are revisiting this in October.

Fund Raising and Other Events

1. Meat & Gun Raffle Update – Tickets will be distributed the first week of practice.
 - a. Incentive for sales – Revisit this after a month after we see how tickets are selling. – **TABLED**
 - b. Other fundraising ideas – Markee Richards has some fundraising ideas, and she will talk to Zach. We need to create a committee for fundraising to get these ideas off the ground.
 - i. Trailer Raffle
 - ii. Cash Prize Raffle
 - iii. Golf Tournament
 - iv. Cornhole Tournament
 - v. BWW Night
 - vi. “Fill the Skate” – Donations on Harrison

Appointed Director’s Reports

Rink Manager – Bill LaVelle – ABSENT

1. No Update

Building Coordinator – Cory Whitmore

1. Someone broke more glass in the dryland room; an unattended child during the Wolves/Royals games. Cobra side door was left open. Have this on camera. Will send picture to both teams to try to get reimbursement for the damage.
2. Closing off the wall on the east end of the rink by the beer gardens to store Cobra merchandise.
3. Putting a workbench in the compressor room.
4. Tech will also work on shoring up the bleachers.

Age Group Representative Director – Kristi Wilson

1. Had a rep meeting today, went well. Reps have good attitudes and are positive about the season.
2. Reps request to have their own supply of game pucks for each age group.
3. Need a bucket of pucks for Stick and Puck. Maybe store them in the lockers on the south side of the rink.

MAHA Representative – Dan Blando

1. MAHA meeting was 9/21
2. Every team must do live scoring. May need to keep a laptop at the rink to do this.
3. Only 80 referees are signed up in MT for this year.

Volunteer Coordinator – Cheyenne Holbrook

1. 6 people have turned in volunteer hours so far.
2. The last 2 Cobra games have been successful. Some families have been super eager to help with volunteering.
3. Make sure all our volunteers get their SafeSport and background checks where necessary.
4. When helping people learn different jobs around the rink, be positive about it.
5. Some Mite/Termite jerseys have not been turned in. Will reach out to those people. We do need to order about 10 more sets of jerseys; Cory will work on this.

Safe Sport Coordinator – Jess Ball – ABSENT

1. Still waiting on more people to complete volunteer submissions.

Registrar – Jaki McCarthy

1. 109 current registrations
2. Has been working on official rosters, will get them submitted after all teams are finalized.
3. We need to create a least agreement for people renting ice from us. Maybe a Google form? When things get broken at these events, they need to know they are responsible for damages.

Ice Coordinator – Luke Davis

1. Scheduling meetings were last week.
2. He will email Bill, Sara, and Cheyenne for anything that gets scheduled.

Coaching Director – Travis Barry – ABSENT

1. No Update

Referee-in-Chief – Mark Ewanic – ABSENT

1. 2 people are signed up for the Level 1 clinic; 2 people are signed up for Level 2-3.
2. Reps need to get him home game dates and times ASAP.
3. Needs contact info for each age group. If no refs are signed up by Thursday before games, games will likely be cancelled.
4. Zero tolerance will be addressed in all team meetings.

Girls Program Representative – Laurie McGree – ABSENT

1. Games start Halloween weekend for Girls.
2. The Girls' State tournament will be in Butte.

Adult Program Representative – Dale Kingrey – ABSENT

1. No Update

Tournament Director – Stephanie Stodden

1. Zach makes a motion to approve Stephanie as the tournament director, Luke 2nd – PASSED

ADM Coordinator – Dennis Janecke – ABSENT

1. No Update

Community at Large Representative – Mike Lasher

1. No Update

LaVelle Invoice – Zach wants to talk about the \$32,500+ invoice the board received from Bill at the last meeting. Bill does so much for our rink, and we need to try to make things right with Bill. We can't afford to lose Bill. Zach has been talking to Bill about this. He proposes that we offer to reimburse Bill for parts and Billy's registration for this season. Kristi makes a motion to attempt to settle with Bill for the cost of parts and Billy's registration fees, Zach 2nd – **PASSED**

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 6:00pm at Hops.

Luke makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm, Kristi 2nd – **PASSED**