

Butte Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) Meeting

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Call to Order

Ray McMillan
Cory Whitmore
Cody Stevenson
Taryn Yelenich
Mark Ewanic
Brittnay Hintz
Alicia Bogert
Kurry Hoffman
Kristi Wilson
Ryan Nielsen
Camie Kendall
Katrina Kruzich
Matt Enrooth
Travis Barry
Matt Vincent
Stephanie Stodden
Kira Strande
Bill LaVelle

Start – 7:00 PM

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

Kristi makes a motion to approve last meeting's minutes, Brittnay 2nd - **PASSED**

Unfinished Business

1. SportsEngine and Registration Update
 - a. Registrations are going well. There is a new volunteer registration on the website that will keep track of volunteers with SafeSport and background checks. Please spread the word to have all our volunteers register here.
 - b. There will be a Volunteer Policy acknowledgement and COVID waiver to be signed by all members; most likely at the parent meetings since we forgot to attach this to the registrations.
 - c. Registration numbers as of 9/30: 15 Termites, 11 Mites, 21 Squirts (to be split into 2 B teams), 23 PeeWees (split into A and B teams), 14 Bantams, and 6 High School. Bantams will be getting a few players from Salmon to join the team (Butte team). High School will combine with Salmon to make 1 team (Salmon team). There was a Zoom meeting with Salmon coaches to combine the teams to make it work for both organizations.
 - d. Try Hockey for Free dates: November 6 and March 5 – Alicia will let us know when supplies arrive to her house. There is a Cobra game on November 5, so she would like some Cobra players and some older CC Kings players to suit up and help for this event on the 6th.
2. Bill has created the Venmo account, we need to share the information so people can pay.
3. New door codes for Coaches, Reps and Board members – Alicia will work on this.

New Business

1. Kurry Hoffman donation – Clearwater employees contribute 1% of each commission for a donation to BAHA. Kurry presented the board with a \$500 check. Thank you Kurry and Clearwater for the generous donation!
2. Player age group movement requests
 - a. Jett LeProwse from Mite to Squirt
 - b. Kolter Allmendinger to move from Termites to MitesAll the affected coaches agree that these players move to requested age groups. - **PASSED**

3. Injury Prevention clinic and concussion baseline testing offered by Lone Peak Physical Therapy. Contact Lone Peak to set up an appointment for baseline concussion testing, \$25.
4. Tryout/evaluation process
 - a. Squirt teams – suggestions made for how this will work to create 2 even B teams. All coaches (past and present) of the current Squirt team will rank the players individually on a sheet of paper, each coach will give their recommendations to Mark, Mark will evenly split the teams based on the coaches' assessments.
 - b. PeeWee tryouts were completed. There were some initial complaints after the first rep's email was sent out prior to tryout. Major miscommunication. These complaints were alleviated after the tryouts were held, as it seemed to be a successful process.
 - i. One PeeWee player was unable to attend the tryouts and the conflict was apparently communicated to the coaches. This player will be given the opportunity to be evaluated for the A team during a team practice, using the same evaluators as the initial tryout. Kristi makes a motion to approve this, Katrina 2nd – **PASSED**
5. Those requesting a refund from registration fees must request this in writing to the board before the first 5 practices are completed, per our policy.
6. Bantams and High School may possibly combine practices once or twice a week because of low numbers.
7. Camie brought up that we should have a BAHA license plate. Something simple, hockey related would sell well all over the state. Only 40 plates/year need to be sold to keep this available and BAHA would get the proceeds. Camie has all the information to get this going. If anyone would be willing to design this, let us know!
8. Parents at practices – Coaches and Reps need to set more expectations for parents at practices. Parents are welcome at practice, but if there are problems they need to be addressed immediately. If parents are going to be at the rink watching practice, they could be volunteering too.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Tuesday - ABSENT

1. Current status of BAHA account(s)
 - a. Katrina will send a financial report soon
 - i. Katrina gave Stephanie deposit slips for raffle ticket money.
 - b. Accounts Payable (bills to pay) and Receivable
 - i. Alicia motions to pay the bills, Travis 2nd – **PASSED**

Committee Reports

1. Grant Writing Update – Matt V./Mike
 - a. Butte-Silver Bow SARTA grant for new cooling tower improvements and matching BAHA funds. Deadline is 10/1. BAHA will request \$50K grant for cooling tower installation, a total of \$95K for installation costs. BAHA would have to kick in \$5K upfront for matching funds and will have to fundraise for the additional \$40K. A new cooling tower will reduce our utility costs by about 50% and not stress out our compressors. Taryn makes a motion to commit \$5K toward the SARTA grant, Brittney 2nd – **PASSED**
2. Hockey Boards from the Civic Center/Lease Agreement Update
 - a. BSB Parks and Recreation Board meeting at the rink on Monday, October 11, at 11:30 a.m. to discuss BSB lease revisions and request to approve BAHA alcohol sales for 21-22 season.
 - i. Please get Matt V. a list of dates for alcohol sales for 2021-2022 season to be approved. Sounds like it would be most weekends, but we need to show specific dates.

Fund Raising and Other Events

1. Meat & Gun Raffle Update
 - a. Still quite a few families that have not picked up tickets. Stephanie will attend all the parent meetings to hand out the others.
 - b. Quarterly payment for guns is due at 3 Bears, Katrina will bring the payment to them.

Appointed Director's Reports

Age Group Representative Director – Kristi Wilson

1. Rep meeting went well – still need PeeWee and Squirt reps due to having 2 teams in each age group. Kristi explained the binders to the reps and what should be in them.
2. Will still be sanitizing the locker rooms and high-traffic areas for COVID this season. Will use wipes for the locker rooms and spray for the larger areas. Cyndra Fulton has volunteered to keep these supplies stocked.
3. The Health Department is not requiring contact tracing this season, but if there is a positive case on a team, the entire team will be shut down for a week. Matt will check on COVID waivers from MAHA. There will be an email vote after Summit to decide which route to take; possibly only shut down the team locker room or to shut down entire team activities (practices and/or games).
4. Reps are aware of who has past due balances and they cannot get on the ice until the balance is paid. Kristi will back up the reps on this policy.
5. There has been unauthorized use of the ice recently. If someone is caught using the ice when they're not supposed to, they will be billed \$165/hour. This is a huge liability to have unauthorized people in the building.
6. Alicia will work on changing all the door codes and look at fixing the back door issue. It may come down to locking that back door for a while and make people use the front door.
7. Adult skaters will have a registration on SportsEngine, and there will be monthly rates, half season, and season rates. There is not a 'set' person who should be collecting money every night for adult league.

Building Coordinator – Cory Whitmore

1. Lockers for girls' locker room will be ready Monday; 14 player lockers, 2 goalie lockers. Kira asked if these could be installed later because the ceiling tiles are going up this week.
2. Has siding to build up the Zam room wall and build a nicer entrance by Ray's shop.
3. Showers are being worked on.

Rink Manager – Bill LaVelle

1. Assignments
 - a. Concessions Operation – Cody Stevenson
 - b. Rental Gear Coordinator – Kyle Hintz – Did receive funds for the "Grow the Game" grant through MAHA.
2. Cobras – No Update

MAHA Representative – Matt Enrooth

1. MAHA Summit is 10/2, all our tournament bids are in.
2. Will ask about COVID waivers.

Volunteer Coordinator – Cheyenne Wolcott – ABSENT

1. No Update

Safe Sport Coordinator – Kira Strande

1. Volunteers, especially SafeSport volunteers must register on the website.

Ice Coordinator – Alicia Bogert

1. George Wolf wants to rent ice, she doesn't know much about him. Any input appreciated.
2. PeeWee (B) fun tournament organized by a lady in Boise, Idaho. Bozeman, Missoula, and Helena are all interested, and games would be played in Butte and Helena. Thinking about the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Christmas break.

Registrar – Katrina Kruzich

1. Needs to get the correct rosters from Squirt and PeeWee coaches to make rosters.
2. Will be working with Salmon to get the appropriate kids registered with the correct organization.
3. When people want to schedule ice for a camp, there needs to be a non-refundable deposit put down and a contract signed. We can't hold ice for an entire weekend with the possibility of them backing out last minute.

Coaching Director – Travis Barry

1. Held a coaches' meeting – wants to have each of the coaches help out during another age group's practice or swap teams for a couple practices.
2. New coaches need more guidance and to feel more supported.

Referee-in-Chief – Mark Ewanic

1. Level 2 and 3 Ref clinic was last Saturday, not a huge turnout of local refs.
2. Level 1 turnout was ok, a lot of younger refs for Squirt and below.

3. If we are renting ice to hold scrimmages, cost is \$165/hr.

Girls Program Representative – Laurie McGree – ABSENT

1. No Update

Tournament Director – Stephanie Stodden and Camie Kendall

1. Will make flyers with prices to hand out at Summit scheduling with our tournament information
 - a. Chick Sanders (Mite/Termite) December 4-5
 - b. Don James (Squirt B) January 8-9
 - c. Brent Roeber (PeeWee – will need A and B brackets) February 11-13
 - d. Bantam tournament December 17-19 – Approach a sponsor for this tournament. Maybe BWB?
 - e. Copper City Cup (High School B) January 21-23

ADM Coordinator – Dennis Janecke – ABSENT

1. No Update

Community at Large Representative – Mike Lasher

1. No Update

Katrina makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15, Bill 2nd – **PASSED**

Next Meeting

Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 7:00pm at Hops