

## **MCAHA Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** March 11, 2020

**Location:** High Horse Saloon and Eatery

**Attendees:** Josh Culbertson, Shaun Seedhouse, Dan Wagner, Laura Naves

**Meeting called to order:** 5:32

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:02

### **Treasury Report**

Balance is approximately \$28,600 as of 3/11/2020. Refunds issued to Ester Weiss and Ray Kuntz.

### **Old League Business**

Eight teams committed thru 3-11-2020. As of 3-13-2020, two more teams have expressed interest. We will cap the tournament at ten teams.

#### **Shamrock Shootout**

Deadline to register is Sunday, March 15.

Registration is available at [allplayhockey.com](http://allplayhockey.com)

Cost: \$80/player on or before February 29; \$90/player after February 29

Dates: March 20-21-22

Maximum number of players in tournament – 104 plus 8 goalies

#### **Non-profit status**

We are creating three documents: bylaws, governing body procedures, and player's guide. The intent is to submit the bylaws and governing body procedures to the Secretary of State. These documents describe the league operations/procedures and likely will not change. When changes are made, we are required to send them to the Secretary of State.

The player's guide will outline specifics such as fees, rosters, player ratings, game specific information, etc. This information will change on a year-to-year basis and we want to avoid having to send those changes to the State.

## **New League Business**

Reviewed complaint about a player and determined that no further discipline is necessary.

Reviewed options for next season's play:

- Separate registration for each division and private user groups
- Shorten season to 20 games – no games during Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Super Bowl
- Add another skill level of league above elite?
- Bring your own team and or draft format?
- Offer a short September-October pre-season league?

Begin posting notices/descriptions for upcoming vacant board positions

Starting in new league year, establish two monthly meeting times: first Wednesday of month will be for executive board; third Wednesday of month will be for subcommittees and public input.

Plan for meeting with team captains to review player ratings. Date to be determined.

Begin preliminary work for establishing a referee committee and reach out to individuals who have expressed interest.

Doug Schrock presented an idea of hiring a grant writer to raise money for improvements to the rink or raise funds for the MCAHA. This idea was well received by the board. For a small investment, the benefits could be significant.

## **Coronavirus Update – March 14**

Since our board meeting on March 11, significant developments have occurred. The President has declared a National State of Emergency. As of Friday, March 13, four cases of coronavirus have been reported in Montana, including one case in Yellowstone County. High school, college, and professional sports organization have postponed or cancelled their events for the next several weeks.

Bozeman has cancelled the following events: Lucky Cup tournament, all school group events, public skating, Legends tournament, MAHA development camp, ACHA prospect camp, Broke Back 3 on 3, Easter 3 on 3, Learn to Skate

All skating rinks in Massachusetts have been closed for the remainder of the season.

The rink in Sheridan, WY may have been exposed to coronavirus. It will remain closed until further notice.

The MCAHA board is considering steps to minimize exposure, such as suspending play for the next few weeks and postponing/cancelling the Shamrock Shootout. As of this writing, the Thunder Cup tournament has not yet been postponed or cancelled, but we will be monitoring the situation closely and following recommended guidelines.

Centennial Ice Arena was originally scheduled to shut down the ice on April 27. Big Sky State Games is using the ice on the two weekends following Thunder Cup, so we are checking our options in terms of re-scheduling events that may be cancelled.

Please be safe and stay tuned for more updates..