

Brandon Valley Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 11, 2021 7:00 pm

Tailgators

1013 N Splitrock Blvd, Brandon, SD 57005

Members present: Emily Groen, Sue Harms, Tabitha LaFond, Cody Clites, Tom Gruenig, Mike Smith, Jason Lindquist, Chris Weber, Denise Poncelet, Steve Slaba, Perry Schneekloth

Welcomed Public attendees: Tom & Tanya Fogarty, Marsha Pederson, Nicole Cauwels

Members absent: Jamie Pyle, Andrea Johnson, Sarah Rasmussen

Vice president Tom Gruenig called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. The minutes of the September board meeting were approved. Jason Lindquist made a motion to approve, second by Sue Harms.

BVHA PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicole Cauwels- question about kids missing try-outs, do they automatically go to lower level teams? Expressed concern about needing locker room monitors due to foul language. Also expressed concern about not knowing coaches at this time. Are PW coaches included in the try-out process during and after? Question for possible need for rules and changes.

Tom Fogarty- questioning about the try out process.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sue had sent out the September financials via email prior to the board meeting. Tom Gruenig motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, 2nd by Jason Lindquist. Motion approved.

- a. Insurance renewal- Insurance through Steve Tripp, Sue has filled out the renewal application
- b. Cyber security insurance- board says not needed
- c. Volunteer checks- best way to collect and manage = Emily will send out communication to coordinators to collect volunteer checks at team meetings.
- d. Season and Open Skate passes volunteer= Marsha can pull the report from sport engine to an excel spreadsheet. Marsha will help with maintenance of the list. Jason Lindquist will laminate the passes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Covid Policy =Tom G. will speak to Eric to get an update on COVID policy for the new season. Will re-evaluate at next board meeting.
- b. Transfers from Sioux Falls- pending Sioux Falls release =
 1. King family: (PW&Bantam) are prior BVHA skaters that would like to return to BVHA after already being released from BVHA after registration has ended. Tom G. makes a motion to approve kings' request to come to BVHA on the condition of paying all the fundraising requirements which includes the registration late fee of \$50 per skater and to be on the 'B' team based on missing try-outs, and by approval of the head coach. no second. motion fails.
 - a. Connor King (PW) played with BVHA prior. He requested to leave and now would like to register for BVHA. Tom G makes a motion to approve the King's transfer which will have to be approved by the head coach. 2nd by Sue Harms. Tom G amends motion to specify Connor King. **Amendment motion passes 9-0, Initial motion passes 6-3.**
 2. Easton Dozark: (PW) was accepted to Power, but was too young. Wants to play at BVHA with his brother. Tom G makes a motion to approve Easton Dozark to play with BVHA with head coach approval. Second by Sue Harms. **motion passes 8-1**
 3. Bennett Bradley: (PW) started with SF but did not like the atmosphere, requesting to come to BVHA and has started the transfer request. Tom G makes a motion to approve Bennett Bradley to transfer to BVHA with head coach approval. 2nd by Denise Poncelet. **motion passes 9-0**
 4. Mr. Meyers: (PW) has never played hockey and is inquiring about registration for BVHA. Tom G makes a motion to approve Mr. Meyers' transfer to BVHA with head coach approval. 2nd by Steve Slaba. **motion passes 9-0**
 5. Chloe King: (Bantam) She was a BVHA skater prior but was released and now there is a possible chance she would transfer to BVHA. Tom G makes a motion to approve Chloe King to transfer to BVHA with head coach approval. 2nd by Chris Weber. **Motion fails 6-3**

DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT

- i. Concussion education materials- send annually= Need to give concussion education materials annually. Tabitha will send out a reminder about concussions to the association. Bryan Seaver will add information to the website.
- ii. Update on Iceplex times and money spent- Jason Lindquist makes a motion to reach out to additional facilities for additional ice time for PW and lower while staying within the original budget. 2nd by Tom G. **Motion passes 9-0**

- iii. Coaches= no issues with mini, mite, and sq levels. PW- currently have over the amount needed for interest. If PW coaches are not chosen by October 16, the board will make an executive decision. Bantam- have three currently in place.
- iv. Tryouts- the process, needing a couple extra days to release rosters.
 - 1. need to evaluate new skaters and re-evaluate goalies due to a miscommunication on evaluation requirements for goalies for the PW level. SQ roster can be released per Chris and Jason.
- v. Player transfers - an extra tryout for the new players and goalies.
- vi. Practices -Season practice schedule

FUNDRAISING

- a. Gun Raffle at Bottoms Up, Troy will get back to Denise in the next couple weeks when the raffle can start
- b. Great shots- BVHA is on the list but it sounds like there are not a lot of open times
- c. Stampede day- BVHA gets money on each ticket, we need the regular schedule to come out first before we can decide on a date
- d. Meat Raffle at Safari Bar, possibly in the Spring
- e. Barrel House- try to stay around Labor day
- f. Fire Pit raffle- Fire pit will be ready to go next week. ticket sales at games and DIBS are available.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS

- i. Try Hockey for Free Update- 31 kids attended, possibly 5 kids registered.

RINK

- i. Rink maintenance committee update
 - 1. Timeline for start of season
 - a. Develop a timeline from the start of ice backwards until now to figure out what needs to be done now. Tom will help Steve.
- ii. Puck and Pond update
 - 1. Worthington discount for use of boards-
 - 2. Payment capability- Sue and Marsha will look into it and let Emily know.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN/NEW RINK

- 1. Meeting with the City, brand new MOU. City of Brandon is offering just the land. This will make getting a loan difficult without owning the land. Looking for alternative locations or ideas.

COMMUNICATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

State Schedule should be out within the week

OLD BUSINESS

- a. 2023 Board Turnover Proposal- need to look at changing it so there isn't a major turn over. Possibly ask a couple to extend term and a couple to shorten term.
 - i. Jason Lindquist details a proposed change to the By-Law in regards to the terms and membership of board members. Proposed changes were made available to board members to review. Tom G makes a motion to approve the proposed changes to the board of directors by-law made by Jason Lindquist. 2nd by Mike Smith. **Motion passes 9-0, by-law has been clarified**
 - ii. Board will review options and reach out to Perry with questions and/or volunteer to extend or shorten
- b. Dibs for Coaches/board members- younger levels
 - i. Jason makes a motion to change the number of coaches exempt from DIBS at the mini- mites, mites and JV levels to 3 coaches. 2nd by Tom G. **Motion passes 9-0**

**Motion by Tom Gruenig, 2nd by Jason Lindquist. The meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.
The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm November 8th.**

Respectfully submitted by Emily Groen, BVHA scheduler/temp Secretary