

Brandon Valley Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 8, 2021 7:00 pm

Tailgators

1013 N Splitrock Blvd, Brandon, SD 57005

Board Members Present: Sue Harms, Emily Groen, Cody Clites, Mike Smith, Andrea Johnson, Sarah Rasmussen, Perry Schneekloth, Jason Lindquist, Jennifer Swenson, Tom Gruenig, Denise Poncelet, Christ Weber

Members Absent: Laura Schoen Carbonneau, Steve Slaba

Guests: Germaine Lindquist, Krista Clites, Laura Reinsch, Marsha Pederson, Bryan Seaver

President Perry Schneekloth called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

BVHA PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Michailidis was recognized for his dedication filling the rink this season.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sue Harms previously emailed the bank statements and financial records to board members. **Jason Lindquist moves to approve the January financial report. Second by Tom Gruenig. Motion approved.**

The board discussed use of the \$49,970 CARES Act grant. **Andrea Johnson motioned to move \$10,000 of the CARES Act grant to the Capital Campaign Fund. Second by Denise Poncelet. Motion approved.**

Three families have donated funds to pay for a BVHA banner which will have a photo of all the teams. Messages have been sent to coordinators to collect tournament fees.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Perry has contacted the Assembly of God Church about renting it for the BVHA Annual Meeting scheduled for April 18 at 3 pm. The cost will be \$100.

All BVHA members are reminded to be mindful of language and attitude on and off the rink. They should respect the calls made by referees.

Open board positions for the coming term include President, Secretary and Communications. Some members have expressed an interest. An email will go out reminding members of the open positions.

DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT – No Report

FUNDRAISING

\$3,500 has been raised through the firepit raffle to date, mostly from non-association members. The drawing will be held in conjunction with a pep rally following the Mite scrimmage on February 21. The pep rally will be a state tournament sendoff to the Bantams and JV teams. A photo will be taken of all skaters during the pep rally. The committee is looking at other ideas to include in the event.

The annual raffle will begin in February with prizes of \$10,000 cash, \$1,000 cash and two \$250 Starbucks gift cards (donated by the Clites family) a coach purse, \$500 spray Bedliner (from LineX, Car Detail and a Quick Oil Change (donated by Papik Motors). There will be a “Butts and Ribs” pork cookoff in conjunction with the drawing. The association has been approved for a liquor license from 6 pm – 11 pm at McHardy Park. The raffle will be capped at selling 5,000 tickets. Families with one skater will be required to sell 40 tickets. **Jason Lindquist moved to increase the multi-player family raffle ticket sale amount to 60 tickets. Second by Mike Smith. Motion approved.**

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS

The February 20 Try Hockey for Free event will be held at McHardy Park from 12:00 – 1:30 pm but can move to the Scheels Ice Plex if weather demands it. If the event is held in Brandon, the Mite and Mini Mite practice will move to the Ice Plex. The decision will be made toward the middle of next week. Currently registration for Try Hockey for Free is low.

REGISTRATION

Coaches should think about checking their requirements for next season. Bryan Seaver will look into whether there is a way for coaches to enter their USA Hockey Number when they register for a season.

RINK

The City of Brandon needs a commitment from BVHA to use the land at Aspen Park. The city has approved funding to continue the road near the proposed rink and expects to begin groundwork in September. **Tom Gruenig makes a motion to inform the City that BVHA plans to move the rink to Aspen Park. Second by Sarah Rasmussen. Motion approved.**

The board reviewed the proposals for a new rink. The next step is to secure quotes for a site plan and foundation engineering. The cost is estimated at \$3,000 and \$10,000 respectively. **Emily Groen moves to approve a \$15,000 allowance from the Capital Campaign Fund for the rink committee to spend on site planning and structural engineering inspection fees. Second by Jennifer Swenson. Motion Approved.**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Capital Campaign Committee will review the list of sponsors and contact any donor who may have a specific request that may not currently be able to be achieved. The committee will also identify a list of assets at the new rink which may be available as potential sponsorship opportunity.

COMMUNICATIONS

Jennifer will send out weekly updates on the open board positions.

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed the rink rental fee. Current rates are \$125 + tax per hour. A form has been created and will be added to the website. Once filled out by potential renters, the form will be sent to the scheduler and rink manager.

The BVHA New Player Policy was presented. The intent is to clarify registration fees, volunteer requirements and participation in fundraising activities for new skaters. The policy also addresses skating ability. **Denise Poncelet makes a motion to approve the BVHA New Player Policy. Second by Jason Lindquist. Motion passes 9-2.** The New Player Policy taskforce will meet to review the past policy.

Jason Lindquist moves to approve BVHA Bylaw Proposal #1 which adds point VI.A.VI as follows. Second by Mike Smith. Motion approved.

Article VI. Duties of the Officers

A. President...

VI. Upon election of a new President, the former President shall serve in the role of the Past President for one year.

Jason Lindquist moves to approve BVHA Bylaw Proposal #2 which adds point VI.E.III as follows. Second by Tom Gruenig. Motion approved.

Article VI. duties of the Officers

E. Past President...

III. Serves as a non-voting board member for one year.

Jason Lindquist moves to approve BVHA Bylaw Proposal #3 which strikes "Past President" from A.I and reads as follows. Second by Tom Gruenig.

Article V. Officers

- I. The corporation shall have Four (4) officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Jason Lindquist moves to approve BVHA Bylaw Proposal #4 which strikes "Past President" from Article VII.1 as follows. Second by Tom Gruenig. Motion approved.

Article VII. Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of Fourteen (14) Directors. The Directors shall consist of each of the Four (4) officers, One (1) Past President, Three (3) State League Directors, Three (3) Development Directors, and Three (3) At Large Directors.

Jason Lindquist moves to approve BVHA Bylaw Proposal #5 which amends Article VII.IX as follows. Second by Tom Gruenig.

Article VII. Board of Directors

IX. The composition (4 officers, 1 Past President and 9 directors) of the board may be changed to have more or less directors, or alter the criteria of Director Position by a majority of the vote of the current Board of Directors.

OLD BUSINESS – None

The meeting Adjourned at 9:50 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, March 8 at Tailgators.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Schoen Carbonneau, BVHA Secretary and Emily Groen