

ANNUAL BYAHA Board Meeting

May 10, 2022

Meeting held in person at The Grove

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.

Members Present: Ice Director Jen Drost, Hockey Director John Howell, Treasurer Olivia McGregor, Vice President Jeff Hansen, Webmaster Tim O'Neil, Registrar Jess Stitch- Hennen, Equipment Manager Jody DiPalma, Secretary Krista Howard, Fundraising Director Natalie Cooper, Scholarship Director Travis Ceniga and Tournament Director Stephanie Blankenship.

Meeting minutes approval: Jen made a motion to approve the April 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jeff, and the motion passed.

1. Election results

President: Rob McSweeney

Secretary: Nancy Gersack

Fundraising Director: Dawn Colbert

2. President update

For the year: 118 skaters, teams traveled throughout the west, every team hosted a home tournament, over 30 clubs visited Boise throughout the season, 2 teams registered for Nationals. U14 AA took 5th Place at Nationals. The U14B won the state championship.

Survey Results: 46 families participated in the survey.

Joining a league: John is in discussions with Vegas Knights and Highland Hills and the Grizz about details of the league without committing. John will get more information and present it to the Board. There will be lots of challenges. The question is whether the organization wants to commit to a league. This would not be a tournament, everyone hosts 1 weekend and also invite non-league teams. Similar to National leagues where they have 12 teams and a certain number are part of the league and the rest are invited.

Tryouts: 37 happy, would like to see an outside evaluator. John said tryouts did include outside evaluators and they were closed tryouts. U10 only had coaches but all other levels had outside evaluators. It is up to coaches to organize outside evaluators.

Enjoyment: 34 marked 4/5.

Expectations: 37 felt they knew expectations

Fundraising: 15 families were interested in working concessions. Natalie said there were a total of 41 volunteers but there were some families that had more

than 1 member. Olivia believes there were approximately 30 families overall that participated in fundraising.

Season/Coach: overall good comments

Suggestions: Power skating sessions and goal coaching.
Safe sport for U14 and above.
Better relationship with BSU and Steelheads organizations.
More out of state and less travel.

Coach as role model: 38 said yes coach was a good role model.
Organized practices: over all good
Conflict resolution: overall good
Hockey Knowledge: most agreed
Team Managers: happy overall

What are the actions items that come from the survey: John states the purpose is to get feedback to Board and Coaches. Really want to see how the organization felt about joining a league.

Criticism of coaches comes at all levels.

3. Treasurer update: Fiscal year June-May. Budget is dependent the cost of ice, number of kids and unit of ice requested. Team budgets made after tryouts.

Fundraising and tournaments make up the balance. Scholarship fund is separate from the checking and money market.

Email treasurer to get balance for player account.

John recognized the great job Olivia has done.

Invoices for equipment in October. Ice bills are usually upfront. IIW went monthly this year. ICCU is a month behind b/c bill as we use it.

4. Director's updates

a. Hockey Director:

Identified tryout dates which are on the website, times will be forthcoming. Only 1 weekend of tryouts. Try to get teams posted within 3 days of tryouts.

Coaches:

U18 Nate Stanley with Tyson Cox
U16 Jefferson Dahl with Gordon Jones
U14 John Howell
U12 Travis Ceniga
U10 Coach not confirmed. Discussion about whether this should be like USA Hockey module or play competitive. Need to make sure expectations are set up front at the U10 level.

Jeremy Milmok is going to be the hockey director for CDA next year. CDA is working their program to become Tier 1 teams.

League: John is really interested but it is going to take a lot of time and effort to put it together. Looking to other leagues for feedback. May not be suitable for all teams. May possibly reduce fees. Travel drives the cost for this organization especially with stay and play hotels. The idea of a league is to show up and play and stay where you want with a 5 game weekend.

b. Scholarship Director:

This season there were 5 scholarships awarded totaling \$3658. Everyone who applied received something.

Process: Travis is the only person who sees the applications. May discuss with fundraising director to determine if fundraising. Information is not shared with anyone. Asks the Board for approval once a determination has been made on how much should be awarded.

Organization worked hard to fund the scholarship fund

Do we disseminate information to the community about having scholarship funds to encourage others in the community to play?

c. Tournament Director:

Securing dates for tournaments is difficult b/c at the mercy of ICCU. Working with ICCU to set tournament dates.

Severe ref shortage which impacts availability of games.

Discussion of ref shortages at IAHA meeting. It is nationwide and a lot of it has to do with how they are treated.

Can we mandate parents to volunteer a certain amount of time each year?

d. Fundraising Director:

Dawn Colbert is the new fundraising director.

Past year fundraising: Steelhead vouchers, Chuck a puck, Wreaths, Concessions.

Concessions was difficult this year.

41 volunteers, \$14K was brought in for concessions this past year.

Should parents be required to fundraise for the organization?

Wreath fundraising: don't anticipate it will be as difficult this year. Issues with supply and demand b/c of covid. Krissy Kane will be heading up the wreath fundraising.

Are sponsorships an option? Of course. What about sending out letters. Committee?

e. Ice Director: No stick times this summer.

July 18-21 ice is scheduled for a camp. John will help with it.

f. Registrar:

43 player achievement awards

Jess is the IAHA Registrar

g. Equipment Manager: nothing

5. Roundtable

a. Social media presence--Jess and Jody

Would be nice to have a Facebook page for the organization. Sara from the Idaho Steelheads has agreed to run the Facebook page. Team managers will be in contact with Sara.

b. Welcome bbq--Jess and Jody

Feedback is that there is a unified organization that each team does their things. Will have food trucks. It will be at Settlers Park. Wednesday August 3 is the scheduled BBQ.

- c. Coach stipends--Jess and Jody. No discussion.
- d. Open discussion

U10 Coaching team: John wants to sit with all coaches who have expressed interest because of competing coaching styles. Discussion with U10 coach as to why there needs to be a discussion.

Next meeting date: June 7, 2022

Meeting concluded at 7:23.