

**Helena Area Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2020
5:30 p.m. Helena Ice Arena**

HAYHA Board Members:

Kurt Moser – President and PeeWee Rep
Ryan Lilletvedt – Vice President and Bantam Rep
Mekell Lybbert – MAHA Rep
Randy Boysen – Member at Large / Program Development (Girls and Goalies)
Allison Riddle – 8U Rep
Darryl James – Squirt Rep
Jon Flynn – House Rep
Scott Petersen – Member at Large / SafeSport Coordinator
Sarah Garcia – Treasurer and High School Rep
Judy Merickel –Secretary and 8U Rep

Absent Board Members:

Lance Wilson – Registrar

Guests:

None

Meeting Called to Order 5:37 p.m.

Minutes

Sarah moved to accept November minutes. Darryl seconded. Motion passed.

Public Comment

None

Ice Rink

No update from Stan or Brandon.

Registrar – Lance Wilson

Lance was unable to attend the meeting.

Coach-in-Chief Update – Shawn Schroeder

Shawn recommended the following amounts for non-parent coaching reimbursements:

\$110 for hotel

\$10 lunch

\$15 dinner

High school is currently using 58 cents per mile and sometimes they are successful asking hotels to comp their coaches' rooms because of the large block of rooms paid for by families.

The board discussed how to move forward with reimbursements. Scott Petersen suggested applying a \$10 per player to fees that would go into a coaching fund. Judy Merickel disagreed and felt that the players who benefited from non-parent coaches should be the ones who pay for non-parent coach fees, just like Bozeman does and how we are currently doing it in Helena. Sarah suggested piloting the idea at one level and see how it goes, then work out the issues before doing it across all levels of HAYHA. A subcommittee will get together before the next board meeting: Sarah, Mekell, Shawn and Darryl. Sarah also suggested we could skim a bit off the cookie dough sales to help fund a program since currently HAYHA doesn't benefit from cookie dough sales, only the families benefit.

Shawn is starting a Student Coach Program. He is following USA Hockey regulations. Student coaches must be between 13 – 17 years old and complete an application. Part of the application is for the following parties to agree to have the student coach: student coach's parents, head coach of student's own hockey team, and head coach of team student is wishing to help coach. Shawn will get the application together and send to the Bantam and High School age divisions.

Referee-in-Chief – Rob LaChappelle

Jason Manning wants to create a fee structure. Rob LaChappelle said that right now Helena is in the middle as far as ref pay, we are not the highest but not the lowest either. Getting cash after a game is a big perk for refs in Helena. Bozeman pays at the end of every month. Darryl and others said we need improvement to our ref scheduling system. He had a squirt game where the refs were unaware of the time change and didn't show up. Helena High School Team leads the league in fair play points with 8 points. After a long discussion about the Bantam's experience in Whitefish last weekend, Shawn and Rob will send a report to Jason Manning about the game. The refs weren't calling anything, and Whitefish players were going for the body first before the puck, sometimes not even playing the puck at all, instead just checking players. Whitefish coaches were encouraging this style of play. Shawn and parents were concerned for Helena players' safety.

SafeSport Update – Scott Petersen

No update.

Air Quality Monitoring

Scott Petersen will be air quality monitor and will track readings and report at next board meeting.

Division Updates

8U: Since the last tournament, the Mites and Termites attended the Bozeman and Great Falls Tournaments. U8 State Tournament planning is well underway with an expected 26 teams and 266 kids participating. All upper division travel teams are asked to donate a basket for the raffle, since the proceeds benefit all of HAYHA.

House: Three new players started this session. Jon is partnering with Billings to provide more playing for 12U kids. One of our 12U house players is playing with Billings this weekend. Bozeman house kids are coming to play Sunday and our players are traveling there Feb. 8 to play. Jon has started planning for the House Tournament March 8 in Helena. All travel divisions are asked to donate a basket to this raffle.

Squirt: Squirt season is going well. The overriding concern from all parents is what is happening next season with half-ice hockey. What does it look like? How many travel teams, etc.? Mekell has a MAHA subcommittee meeting Monday and she will report back. She asked all board members to share their input and ideas before the meeting.

Peewees: Peewee A is done with their regular season already. The A and B teams are going to Great Falls for a tournament in a couple weeks. A player has recently moved back to Helena and wishes to play. The board decided to let him join practices and pro-rate the fee for this player.

Bantams: Whitefish last weekend they lost 2-4 first night and won 6-3 second day. It was very rough game, as stated above. They went to Missoula tournament and did not play very well. But they did beat Bozeman in regular season play, who was previously undefeated.

High School: Currently #2 in the state and leading the High School division in fair play points.

Girls and Goalies: There continues to be a solid 8 goalies coming to the morning sessions. Girls is going well. We are sending our girls to Butte to play a scrimmage Sunday, Jan. 26.

MAHA – Mekell

Here is the December MAHA call report:

- Per last HAYHA Board Mtg discussion, Mekell proposed to MAHA Board that MAHA form a subcommittee to begin working on the 10U half ice rules/structure for next season. MAHA subcommittee was formed and will have first meeting 1/20/20, week after USAH winter meeting as some members will be attending that, and MAHA President also wanted that information prior to us planning.
- Taxes / financial committee working with new accounting firm.
- Jason Manning working on poster for Respect & Support Officials. Once complete, it will be mailed to all associations and must be placed in all ice rinks.
- TSL Commissioner & Tournament Director beginning to work on State Tournaments and working with local associations who will be hosting each tournament.
- MAHA Scholarship for HS Seniors - please remind HS Seniors that the deadline is Feb 1st and at this time there have been very few applicants. (Reminded Sarah to inform HS Seniors.)

- MAHA President asked that we all be mindful of the code of conducts that players & parents signed and remind parents/players (especially before State) of acceptable behavior and the conducts they signed.
- Regarding game misconducts & game suspensions, please remind all 14U 7 HS teams that games are being live scored so commissioners can track when players receive these penalties, so that they can ensure that the player/players properly serve these suspensions. (Discussed at HAYHA meeting with Sarah - HS, & Ryan - 14U, and asked to remind their team managers)
- Reminder that Coaching CEP deadline & classes for this year are past.

Treasurer – Sarah

There is \$137,837.49 in checking account. We have two more months of ice payments to Helena Ice Arena.

Future Visioning -- Allison

Committee will meet.

Suspension for Failure to Pay

Darryl made a couple of suggestions and Kurt edited as such during the meeting. Ryan moved and Sarah seconded. Policy passed. Judy will sign and ask Miles Wacker to put on the website.

Next Meeting: February 20, 5:30 p.m.

Items for Next Meeting:

- Instituting Failure to Pay policy on outstanding members
- How the Squirt Half-Ice program will look next season
- How to effectively expand House program
- Committee recommendation on non-parent coach reimbursements
- Visioning committee report

Meeting Adjourned.

Signed by President: _____ Date: _____

Signed by Secretary: _____ Date: _____