

**Helena Area Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2019
5:30 p.m. Helena Ice Arena**

HAYHA Board Members:

Kurt Moser – President and PeeWee Rep
Ryan Lilletvedt – Vice President and Bantam Rep
Lance Wilson – Registrar
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 (arrived halfway through due to 8U picture day)

Absent Board Members:

None

Guests:

None

Meeting Called to Order 5:38 p.m.

Minutes

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

Public Comment

None

Ice Rink

No update from Stan or Brandon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – return to regular meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Registrar – Lance Wilson

There are currently no new registrants for second session. Judy expects a few to be coming up for 8U. Lance said USA Hockey has told all associations to be careful when supporting outside camps, clinics and hockey trainings. If we are supporting them we need to say “these are not sanctioned by USA Hockey”. The board discussed and decided that since the board previously decided it would simply pass along opportunities and board members should now say in the

email forward “This is not sponsored by HAYHA” and/or “Passing along an opportunity for those who are interested”.

Coach-in-Chief Update – Shawn Schroeder

Currently, there are two non-parent coaches in HAYHA – the two high school coaches. The High School Rep and Manager calculate the travel for the entire year and pay .56 per mile, actual hotel fees and a \$23 per diem for meals. The HS parents pay for this and many choose to take advantage of garnering poster sponsorships to cover these costs. To get an idea of how the rest of the state is handling non-parent coaching costs, Shawn spoke to Havre, Billings and Bozeman about coaching reimbursements. Havre only reimburses non-parent coaches and just reimburses their expenses. Havre didn’t give details. Billings reimburses non-parents hotels and meals. They have 2 non-parent coaches at U12 and 1 at the HS level. Dave Weaver, Hockey Director in Bozeman, gave Shawn the most information. Bozeman non-parent coaches get the following and they are built into the fees the players pay. Each team puts together a budget and parents pay the association and then the association pays out to the coaches:

1. Coaching clinics paid for
2. a stipend at the end of the year and a coaching jacket
3. mileage
4. \$10 lunch
5. \$15 dinner
6. \$110 hotel

Bozeman has non-parent coaches at the following levels: Bantam, U16, HS and Girls. Parent coaches get a coaching jacket and all their clinics paid for.

Pete Kaman shared what he has seen around the state. Stipends are rarely over \$500. He doesn’t know any programs that pay coaches to coach. Bozeman let’s coaches play for free in their adult league.

Scott moved to put a committee together to look closely at HAYHA’s approach to non-parent coaches. Lance 2nd. Motion passes. Committee members will be Sarah, Shawn, Darryl and Mekell.

SafeSport Update – Scott Peterson

Shawn will print a bunch of Concussion Coach Acknowledgement Forms and get them out to coaches who haven’t signed them. Shawn and Judy would like Lance to make this a form coaches can sign during their coaching application process, just like signing the Coaches Code of Conduct.

Division Updates

8U: 33 Mites and 9 Termites went to Butte Tournament. 23 Mites and 9 Termites are going to Bozeman Tournament. Bryce Wacker has returned after being out all season with broken arm.

The Wacker's have requested fee refund of sort. Darryl moved to reimburse half of Wacker's first session fees. Judy seconds. Motion passes.

House: Jon handed out report on possible ways to grow the House program next year. The board discussed at length but kept rounding to what half-ice program will look like for squirts next year. Shawn feels strongly that MAHA needs to come up with a programming plan for U10 Half-Ice and what that looks like in the Treasure State League. Is it 4 on 4, is it house-style games or are kids still traveling? Will there be an A and B division still? Will there be off-sides, icing? What will it look like? We need to know these things to plan for team sizes and tryouts.

Squirt: Dustin is working on scheduling the extra 9 hours that squirt A players are due. He has booked 4 hours of extra practices and is looking at booking some games with Billings and more practices. Darryl is going to talk with Colleen Schiele and others about the plan for half-ice program for next year. The board asked Mekell to push MAHA for a committee to put together half-ice programming for next season.

Peewees: Two A players got game misconduct penalties for boarding and were not allowed to play in the next game. Kurt talked to commissioner about it and they are not going to change the calls.

Bantams: All good.

High School: The team has been awarded 4 of their 5 fair play points and the coaches have made this an important thing. HS team is down 4 players for various reasons including injury.

Girls and Goalies: Goalies have 8 consistent players every other Monday. Girls also has had great attendance 12 – 20 per week. Butte invited all Helena girls to come play this Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

MAHA – Mekell

Mekell had a short MAHA call on November 18. Multiple teams were awarded fair play and respect points. There was a reminder to everyone to watch out for abuse of officials. She has a long MAHA call on Monday, December 16th. Mekell, Darryl and Dr. Mike Palsisko put together air quality information and Mekell presented it at the MAHA annual meeting. They encouraged associations to purchase air monitoring device to check carbon monoxide levels in their own rinks. Mekell reported that Stan says his staff is taking readings in the Helena rinks. HAYHA kids have gotten sick and gone to the emergency room at the Butte rink in the past. Butte now has an electric Zamboni, which makes their rink safer. Board members were concerned with what we do with readings and what is the process if we find a high reading. Mekell said the process is laid out – notify the rep, ask to turn fans on and open doors, re-check carbon monoxide levels. Darryl moved and Judy seconded to purchase the monitor Dr. Mike Palsisko recommended HAYHA purchase. Kurt asked Mekell to put together a short volunteer job description for the person who will be taking readings with the device.

Treasurer – Sarah

There is \$150,107.15 in the checking account. HAYHA received a \$2,400 check from Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Future Visioning -- Allison

Allison, Kurt and Darryl are getting together to talk about growth of HAYHA.

Suspension for Failure to Pay

Kurt presented document titled: Procedures Applicable to Player Ineligibility Determinations based on Financial Disputes. This was emailed to all board members prior to the meeting. The board discussed. Kurt will make suggested changes.

Next Meeting: January 16, 5:30 p.m.

Items for Next Meeting:

- How the Squirt Half-Ice program will look next season
- How to effectively expand House program
- Committee recommendation on non-parent coach reimbursements
- Air Quality Monitor job description
- Visioning committee report
- No-pay, No-Play policy

Meeting Adjourned.

Signed by President: _____ Date: _____

Signed by Secretary: _____ Date: _____