

Billings Amateur Hockey League

MAY 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday May 13, 2021 6:00 PM

Call to Order: 1801

Board Members present: Mark Loeding, Margaret Stiles, Megan Davis, Mark Goldy, Des Detling, Kristin Piccioni

Board Members present via Teams: Derek Hammermeister, D Tillery, Brenna Yarina

Board Members absent: None

Rink Guests: Eddie LaPera, Shaun Seedhouse

Liaison absent: Alex McCready

Membership Guests: none

1. Individual, Guest, Member Comment: none
2. MCAHA Update
 - a. Grant Writing Update
Dehumidifier: Will cost about \$98,000. The BAHL board has allocated \$10,000 to contribute to the cost. We may need to increase what our contribution is to get a grant. Nicole is looking for a major grant for funding and encourages anyone with any leads to reach out. We were turned down by the Scott Foundations at this time.
3. Approval of April 2021 Minutes: **Motion** by Jason to approve April 2021 minutes with the following corrections to 6 (j): Sungrown hockey: "After reviewing their proposal, the board declined to move forward." Seconded by Megan. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
4. President's Report (20 min)
 - a. New Member Onboarding: Des Detling, Brenna Yarina, Kristi Laib, and Kristin Piccioni are welcomed to the board. All four were elected at the Annual meeting in April 2021. This is the first term for all four new board members, and each will serve a three-year term.
 - b. Board Org Structure and Directors At-Large Assignments: Mark explained the Board Organizational Structure (see attached chart) and reviewed all directors assigned roles.
 - President: Mark Loeding
 - Vice President: D Tillery
 - Treasurer: Jason Heimer
 - Secretary: Margaret Stiles
 - Co-Chair of Facilities: Kristin Piccioni
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- Chair of Coach's/Manager's Committee: Derek Hammermeister
- Chair of Player Safety: Mark Goldy
- Chair of Tournaments: Des Detling
- Chair of Fundraising/Marketing: Megan Davis
- Chair of Program Growth: Brenna Yarina
- MCAHA Liaison(s): Shaun Seedhouse, Melissa Kittleman
- Figure Skating Club of Billings Liaison: Alex McCready

Kristin stated she would like to work with Derek again and remain as team manager liaison. Mark said committee chairs can invite whomever they deem appropriate to be on their committee.

- c. Big Sky Angels 19U Girls Hockey team: Mark explained background to the 19U girls hockey team that is being organized by Shawna Nickish. The Big Sky Angels have requested to be rostered through BAML. Mark explained that BAML has a history of supporting adjunct teams at different times in history ie Wildcats and Team Montana. He pointed out that any team rostered by BAML is bound by our handbook and must abide by it. This is for both for liability and program continuity. Shawna was unable to come to the May board meeting to present her proposal to the board. She is invited to attend the June board meeting.
Des asked if the BAML are interested in a girls team for the regular season. Mark responded that the BAML is interest in a girls team, but it is not a blanket yes for any team coming in. Mark recommended any interested parties to speak with Eddie about this program development.
- d. Eddie LaPera announced as the Hockey and Rink Director for the 2021-22 season/year.
- e. Mark is traveling more and will be doing some meetings via Teams or Zoom. Any board member is permitted to attend via telephone, Teams, Zoom etc. and still be counted as present per BAML bylaws.
- f. At this time there will not be a board retreat meeting. Instead, the executive committee has been meeting regularly for strategic planning. There will also be special board meetings called to discuss topics such as program structure, registration etc. This breaks up the meeting that has been historically very long. Mark reports that we are already ahead of the game with planning due to the executive committee meetings, regular board meetings. Mark anticipates staying on tract with the above plan.

2. Treasurer Update

- a. Financial Update: Eddie reviewed Financials. New fiscal year starts July 1, 2021. BAML received a second PPP loan in the amount of \$20,907 which will be used for payroll expenses.

3. Facility/Maintenance Update & Employee Management (30 min)

a. Employee Update:

- i. Adam and Drew are working during the summer. Stormy and Matt will be back in August.
- ii. Janine still needs to turnover bookkeeping to Conni. Mark would like to see that done in the near future, or we should plan on a new plan for bookkeeping.

b. Mechanical/Facility Update:

- i. *Cooling Tower Bids:* Eddie explained the history of the our current cooling tower. Eddie also explained the difference between the two bids from Cimco and Jaie's Refrigeration. Des pointed out that the two towers in the bids were very different. Cimco unit is smaller and will fit our current area. The other unit is bigger and would require modifications to where we would keep the unit. When getting the bids, Eddie told Cimco like eventually we would like to have year round ice and would like to purchase a tower that supports that. Cimco was confident the tower they quoted us could support year round ice. Jaie's unit seemed to be more fit for a climate like AZ and not Montana. Jaie's tower would also require us to eventually replace our compressors with bigger ones to reach 100% capacity of the condenser. Cimco's bid was turn key including shipping and a crane (but exludes electrical). Jaie's bid does not include shipping, crane, or electrical. Jaie's bid is also approximately \$50k more than Cimco. Eddie feels the tower in the Cimco bid is user friendly and more suitable for our rink.

Motion by Kristin: Proceed with purchase of Cimco Tower

Seconded by Megan

All In Favor, none opposed. Motion passed

- ii. *Sign Update:* Sign is scheduled for install around May 28th. Dru Rietz-Weems of Signature Signs, LLC is donating his time to install.
- c. Parking Lot Lights: New parking lots lights were ordered on 5/11/21. Lights have an optional hood to help point light down instead of at neighbors.
- d. Roof/Siding Completion Update: Roof/Siding Project has been completed. Apex Steel did a great job. They stayed on budget and completed work per the contract.
- e. Program Update: Eddie is working on the program structure for next year. Kristin said that we need to start communicating about the 15% discount ASAP.

- f. Subcommittee Update: SUPRA subcommittee was discussed. Pros and cons of having a city owned rink and being just a user group were discussed. Eddie is the point of contact for the committee.
 - g. Ice Technician-*tabled until June Meeting*
 - h. Branding- *tabled until June Meeting*
 - i. Handbook for Upcoming Season- *tabled until June Meeting*
4. Coaches Committee Update (10 minutes)
- a. Program Update: see 5(e)
5. Fundraising Updates (10 min)
- a. Golf Tournament: 7/9/21 @ Lakehills. Flyers will be made.
 - b. Co-Chair for Fundraising: Megan would like to put together a fundraising committee or have a co-chair to maximize fund raising efforts.

Motion to end meeting by Des

Seconded by Jason

All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Next Meeting, Tuesday June 8, 2021 @ 6pm at Craft B&B

Meeting adjourned @ 2005

Minutes submitted by Margaret Stiles, BAHL Board Secretary