

**Billings Amateur Hockey League**  
October 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING Minutes  
Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 6:00 PM

Call to Order: 1809

Board Members present: Margaret Stiles, Megan Davis, D Tillery, Desarae Detling, Mark Goldy, Kristi Laib, Kristin Piccioni, Derek Hammermeister, Brenna Yarina

Board Members present via Teams: Mark Loeding,

Board Members absent: Jason Heimer

Rink Guests: Shaun Seedhouse

1. Individual, Guest, Member Comment: none
2. Board Liaison Update
  - a. Adult Hockey League
    - i. Winter games are scheduled to start 11/7/21. Shaun states that the scheduling process ran very smoothly compared to other years. The adult league has not noticed any break down in service from a user group point of view while CIA is without a director.
    - ii. SBBURD Update: No actionable items. Jim Tevlin is working on a case statement.
    - iii. Shaun would like to donate money to the league but have that money be restricted for use for the new rink. No board members voiced concerns but will discuss further and circle back with Shaun.
  - b. Figure Skating
    - i. Alex was not able to be at the meeting but asked Margaret to relay that she feels the condition of the ice is poor at this time. She stated that it was not a complaint per se but more to make sure the board was aware. Megan stated she would talk to Sanders about this concern.
3. Guests were excused at 6:21 and board members entered into an executive session
4. Minutes Review and Approval—emailed out
  - a. Motion by Kristin to approve July 2021, August 2021, and September Special Meeting Minutes 2021. Second: Megan All in Favor, Motion passed.
5. Acknowledgment of email vote to decrease the number of Squirt teams from 3 teams to 2 teams
6. President's Report
  - a. Moving forward
    - i. Mark states that we need to figure out as an organization how we are going to move forward regarding the position of Hockey Director. Megan Davis will continue to volunteer her time to make sure operations at the rink are running smoothly. She will report her findings to the board.
7. Vice Presidents Report
  - a. None

8. Treasurer Report

- a. Old Business
- b. New business
  - i. The board has been asked to decide who will pay for the \$100 Increase in MAHA bond per team.
  - ii. Motion by Kristin: Each individual team will pay the \$100 increase. Seconded by Megan All in favor, none opposed. Motioned passed.

9. Facility/Maintenance Update

- a. Old Business
- b. New Business
  - i. We have been having problems with the skate sharpener. There have been broken parts that are hard to replace, and we have had a lot of complaints about how the skates are sharpened or that we don't have the staff who can sharpen skates as needed. Purchasing a Sparx automatic sharpener was discussed. Benefits would include consistent skate sharpen, and all employees would be able to sharpen skates. D is going to do a cost analysis of purchasing a Sparx machine.
  - ii. Motion by Kristin: D is authorized to purchase a professional Sparx machine if the total comes in around \$2600 or less. Seconded by Brenna All in favor, none oppose. Motioned passed.
- c. There have been complaints of regarding the cleanliness of the rink. Megan is recommending that CIA hire a cleaning service to do a deep clean of the rink. The rink has used VIP Services to this in the past. Megan will also get bids from other cleaning services and will present to the board for discussion and approval.
- d. CIA passed the Health Inspection

10. Coaches Committee/Player Safety

- a. Old Business
- b. New Business
  - i. Only one squirt team had a nonparent coach. This created a disparity in the costs associated for that one team vs the 2 other teams. It was identified that parents had sticker shock related to the travel portion. The coaches committee is recommending making parents more aware of all the costs associated with the travel portion of playing hockey. Kristin suggested having a "town hall" type meeting before the season starts.
  - ii. Coaches Committee is going to set up a meeting with Al Bloomer in February to discuss issues that we have experienced this season.
  - iii. Dryland update: The items we have been looking at for our dryland program have been confirmed to be part of the expected auction on Friday 10/22/21. Derek and Goldy will attend the auction.
  - iv. The Billings Clinic has gifted the program two squat racks and 2 platforms.
  - v. Reminders to parents from board: kids should not come to practice or games if they are sick.
  - vi. Helmets are an area of focus that refs will be looking at this year. Helmets cannot be out of date or players will not be allowed to play. There needs to be two stickers. One that shows that the Helmet is HECC certified and one that shows that expiration date. If either of those stickers are missing, the helmet is considered invalid, and player cannot play.
    - 1. Per USA Hockey:

*(c) All players, including goalkeepers, in all age classifications except Adults, are required to properly wear a HECC approved helmet as designed by the manufacturer and with no alterations and chin strap properly fastened (Note) HECC certification includes an expiration date on the sticker and a helmet that has an expiration date that has expired is no longer considered certified. The player may not wear a helmet that does not have a valid and current certification sticker.*

11. Marketing

- a. Old Business
- b. New Business
  - i. The rink is scheduled to host school fundraisers with a portion of the proceeds going back to the school. Megan will contact Hiland Elementary to see if they already have percentage in mind.
  - ii. Planet Hockey is scheduled to come the week of 8/15/2022. Megan is speaking with Robby Glanz to get his camp schedule. She would like to possibly incorporate his fee into our registration fees so that all kids can attend. Kristin asked for the Francisco Body Checking Camp to be considered for next year.
  - iii. Holiday parade will be on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The theme for the parade is a Cartoon Holiday. BAHL/CIA have chosen Charlie Brown as our theme. Megan has invited figure skating to participate with us. Details will be presented to the board once finalized.
  - iv. We will have to miss the fall Play Hockey for Free as there is not enough time to plan and market for it and we do not have enough gear for kids to use. We will plan to have the Play Hockey for Free in Feb.

12. Learn To Play

- a. Old Business
  - i. We were awarded an All State Grant for \$5,000. The money will be allocated to purchasing new LTP gear as our current gear is old. All of our helmets were expired, so new helmets have been purchased. Megan will develop an inventory plan for all new equipment.
- b. New Business
  - i. Going forward the plan is to co-promote both LTS and LTP at the same time.

13. Fundraising

- a. Old Business
  - i. Wreath and Coffee Fundraiser is a go. The plan is to handout the ordering forms/info in the next week.
- b. New Business
  - i. Gun Raffle is a go. D will start working on the details i.e. purchasing the guns, getting tickets printed etc.
  - ii. The gun raffle has historically paid for the membership participants to get jackets. Megan will contact LuAnn to get a jacket bid.

14. Program Growth

- a. Old Business
  - i. None
- b. New Business

- i. LTP is doing very well. There were over 40 kids for the first session. Megan expects a similar number for the second session. Mites and LTP are sharing ice time. This is not a problem at this time, but we may have to shut off registration for LTP b/c we have so many kids on the ice between LTP and Mites

15. Tournaments

- a. Old Business
- b. New Business
  - i. The hockey coed tournament for BSSG has been slotted for Sidney again. CIA will host Corn hole, Girls Hockey (4/22-24), and Curling (4/29) tournaments for BSSG. If we have success with those tournaments, BSSG will look at bring co-ed hockey back to Billings. Ice time prices need to be set and voted on to secure CIA hosting these. The previous year's rates were \$175/hr. for ice time for hockey and \$150/hr. for curling. The price difference between the two is due to less wear by curing.
  - ii. Motion by Des to keep ice time prices the same as the previous year (were \$175/hr. for ice time for hockey and \$150/hr. for curling). Seconded by Kristin. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

16. Misc.

- a. Old Business
  - i. Tabled items:
    1. Contract with Figure Skating
    2. Revising Sponsorship Program
    3. Revised Website
    4. Skills Camp
    5. Volunteer Policy
- b. New Business
  - i. Megan does not have a p-card to purchase items while volunteering in the capacity of the director. There is discussion if about the type of card that she would need and how that works in a volunteer role. It was decided to get a debit card with the name Billings Amateur Hockey League as the only name. Motion by Kristin is to get a debit card for purchases during the time we are without a director, with the name Billings Amateur Hockey League. Seconded by Des. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
  - ii. The rink was contact by a family whose son was a Billings Bull. He was a veteran and suffered from PTSD. He recently committed suicide. Megan is working on having a Veterans Appreciation Day in honor of him. Megan will update the board once details have been finalized.

**Motion** to Adjourn by Kristin

Seconded by Des

All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Tuesday November 16, 2021

Meeting adjourned @2040

Minutes submitted by Margaret Stiles, BAHL Board Secretary