

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present

Dan Dow, Dale Thompson, Clint Bruestle, Kim Schulz (left early, then returned), Tom Forseth, Steve Johnson

Board Members Absent

Jerry Downs, Quentin Fairbanks

Called to Order

By Dan Dow at 6:00 pm.

Rink Start-up Report

Dale Thompson reported on the results of opening the rink, which occurred absent any real challenges. The process was accomplished in one week and resulted in an early opening of the facility. In the future we should plan on one week for start-up, including ice painting and cleaning of the remainder of the building. The early opening could not be fully capitalized on as ice time was already scheduled at other rinks and could not be cancelled. It would be easier to cancel the BCA schedule and buy ice at another rink, last minute, if we had some delay in start up.

Brief Timeline:

Wednesday October 21	- Start Compressors, adjust boards
Thursday	- Build initial layer of ice
Friday	- Continue building ice and spray white paint
Saturday	- early crew to lay-out, 1:00 pm volunteers arrive to clean and paint
Sunday	- paint the BYHA B and in-ice ads for Ace Hardware and build ice
Monday	- Build ice
Tuesday	- Build ice
Wednesday	- Ready for use

We had a great crew of painters and cleaners on Saturday, October 24, assembling the locker rooms with flooring and benches.

Lobby Addition Furnishings

Tom Forseth reported on the progress of the tables and chairs for the lobby. The Tables are almost complete, but a good chair is proving difficult to find at a reasonable price. The sense for this season is to find chairs to use or rent and continue to search for the perfect chair value for us.

Mechanical Systems Review

Dale Thompson reported on the complete review of all of the ventilation equipment by Peterson Sheet Metal, including calibration of the carbon monoxide detection devises and testing of the same. Belt replacement and a complete servicing of all fans, dampers, and control equipment were performed.

Rodrigo Refrigeration performed a review of the Chiller system, corrected some minor leaks and approved the system for start-up. They are in town working on the Bemidji Regional Events Center at this time.

The Zamboni was serviced by R & R Specialties to include the installation of the Advance Water System (AWS) designed to distribute water based upon the machine ground speed, which should be a huge improvement when using relatively inexperienced operators.

Donor Board Development Progress Report

Hugh Welle and Dale Thompson reported on the progress and steps for development of the Donor Board.

- 1 verify the list of names and addresses and amounts donated
- 2 send a letter to each to confirm details
- 3 send a letter to businesses to confirm details and get exact display preferences, (include LOGO's)???
- 4 develop north-woods concept with Matt and Josh Copiskey

Advertising Program Report

Clint Bruestle reported on the progress of the advertising campaign, which is off to a very good start. The core group working on this program is Clint Bruestle, (Committee Chair), Tracy Pogue, Scott Andersen, Hugh Welle, with additional sales help from John Mackenroth, Steve Montgomery, and Mike Gregg. Dale Thompson has agreed to assist in selling as well. There have been 23 package buyers, most of which are five year commitments, but some are 3 year commitments, two advertisers donated \$22,500 to help offset the initial costs of the signs, including installation thereof. The program also enveloped team sponsorship sales. The budgeted net of expenses amount needed for this program for this budget year is \$25,000, which has been achieved. There are 9 signs purchased that are unsold. The committee will install 6 of the remaining 9 signs and hope to sell those out yet this year.

This is an effort shared by BCA and BYHA Board members. This program also has long term merit for generating cash for further completion of the BCA's upper mezzanine.

BCA Closing Schedule

The rink and BYHA are committed to host the Bantam B State Tournament, March 19 – 21. Upon completion of the last game the rink will be closed.

BCA/BYHA ISD #31

A lengthy discussion relating to future use of the BCA by High School teams ensued. No formal action was taken or necessary at this time. The memo of February 1, 2009 from the BCA Board of Directors to BYHA Board of Directors and all BYHA members was discussed and is attached and made a part of these minutes. BCA/BYHA has executed and completed every commitment made on their part to ISD #31 to date, the last of which was the funding and construction of the lobby addition to the rink at a cost of about \$750,000. The BCA Board formally requested at the January 29, 2009 joint meeting, a significant financial commitment to be made by the District as the next step in the process of development of the rink for future use by High School teams. School Board members Steve Johnson and John Pogleasa along with Activity Director, Harvey Crable challenged Superintendent Hess to explore the funding possibilities to make that commitment; as such the next step is fully in the hands of ISD #31.

Other Business

Joe Bofferding, Concessions Mgr and Judy Mackenroth, BYHA Treasurer, are requesting consideration for a strong box for concession stand cash as there is far too much access to the concession stand area and corresponding risk of theft.

Meeting Adjourned

At 9:00 pm.

Date: February 1, 2009

To: All BYHA Board Members, volunteers and parents,
From: BCA Board

Subject: BCA meeting with ISD #31 regarding future use of the BCA for High School Hockey Games held on January 29, 2009 at the school district offices.

Outcome: The District has a strong desire to work toward use of the BCA for all high school hockey games, perhaps not next year or even the next two years, but eventually.

Attendees:

BCA Board	Dan Dow, President Kim Schulz, Secretary Hugh Welle, Treasurer
ISD #31 Admin.	Dr. James Hess, Superintendent Harvey Crable, Activities Director
ISD #31 Board	John Pugleasa Steve Johnson

First, before I, Hugh Welle share the details of the meeting;

The District was very complimentary of the results of the High School Boys vs. Baudette games. A great deal of credit is due to all participating youth hockey parents, past and present, for an outstanding effort in putting together this game. A job extremely well done in all aspects of the preparation, game, and clean up and a special thank you to Jerry Colley and his staff at the BCA for a great night. As a parent of a high school player I was humbled by the night, there is a new energy in Bemidji hockey and you are it and I am proud to have been a part of this.

My general assessment of the meeting would be that baby steps were made with the District. Our reassertion of the 15+ year old goals was the starting point of the discussion. The basis for the construction of the facility grows from:

- One; ICE TIME NEEDS for BYHA
- Two; ICE Schedule priority for BYHA

Both camps were very cautious about offering anything, yet it is clear they would like to work toward the above goal and we have an interest in exploring how that might happen.

They were more than just surprised by the energy and enthusiastic atmosphere created that night and believe that is worth preserving, so do we. There seems to be a willingness on their part to get involved. We made it quite clear that the first step for them is a financial commitment of significance, suggesting completion of their locker rooms and the upper mezzanine. Mr. Pugleasa, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Crable, were in total agreement with this and encouraged Dr. Hess to explore possibilities. Dr. Hess was guarded about what could be done, but referred to possible sources of money, including the potential proceeds from the sale of properties that are publicly for sale. They seemed willing to work toward something without their "ownership" of the building as a requirement. We suggested a lease arrangement that would provide a revenue stream to us. This is a quick summary of the meeting.

This is just the beginning of a long dialogue, which will be hard work and time consuming, but we can insure BYHA will keep what they have AND allow high school games to be played at the BCA. It is essential that we all approach this from the vantage point that "Our Program" is a program from age 5 through 19 and that our players are their students and their players are our players. This phase of the BCA is the spectator rink and that the next phase is an attached practice rink, BUT, there will be an interim phase until Nymore is retired.