

MCAHA

Executive Board Meeting

August 4, 2022 5:00 pm

Meeting called to order: 5:00 pm

Present: Doug Schrock, Steven Martian, Michael Howdeshell, Shaun Seedhouse, Melissa Kittelmann

Absent: None

Guests: Justin Davis

Referee update:

1. Liaison Report: Shaun communicated with the Ref Board dates and times for the Fall League. Laura will get us the new Board members. Discussion held about the number of refs that are currently in our organization and discussion about looking into a ref classes to be held here in Billings. Justin will visit with Laura about scheduling a class with the help from Megan at the B AHL.

Administrative:

1. Billings Sportsplex & Sports Complex update (Shaun): Update given in regard to meetings held for the possible future of more ice complexes. This will be an ongoing update as meetings are held and information is available
2. USA Hockey vs Independent group: A discussion was held in regard to continuing to utilize USA Hockey as our organization's group. We will be staying with USA Hockey as it is used throughout the state and by the referees. This will be a continued conversation as needed.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Minutes review/approval: July Minutes reviewed and approved
2. Financial update given and reports reviewed
3. Tax update was given. All taxes are up to date and Seth will begin the process of preparing our filings for the 21-22 year.

Hockey Operations:

1. Fall League Draft Party: Date set for Aug 31 @ 6:30 pm at the High Horse Saloon. The season will begin after Sept 6. The jerseys are in and ready. We are looking for a few more goalies.
2. Greenhorn League details were reviewed and discussed. Registration to open soon
3. Winter League Registration will be open from Sept 16- Oct 31. Fees are as follows: \$300 for skater, \$100 for goalie. We are offering a payment again with the final payment to be received in the February 2023 payment. Players will not be permitted to participate at this time if their account is delinquent. They may resume participation when their account is paid in full.
4. Rate Skate schedule was discussed. New to the league skaters and skaters referred by Captains are allowed to attend the rate skates. Dates are scheduled for Aug 19 & 25 with the times of the Adult Drop Ins posted on the rink website.

5. Player guide: Use of stickers to identify level of players was discussed and will be tabled until the Sept. meeting
6. Playoff format/ratings were discussed. With the teams registering following the guidelines at the beginning of the season, there is no concerns about unauthorized players playing during playoffs.
7. End year Champ prizes were discussed as a fun reward for the winners of each league. This discussion will continue.
8. 35 & older league was discussed and will continue to be an open conversation as our league grows. We discussed an alternative league and room for expansion. This will be tabled until the preparations begin for the 23-24 season.

Old Business:

1. Continue with off season priority list:
 - a. Bylaws are set for the 22-23 season
 - b. Player Handbook is set for the 22-23 season
 - c. Player Ratings-ideas/discussion was held and be tabled until the end of the season and preparations begin for the 23-24 season.

Next meeting will be held Sept. 7 @ 5pm Meeting adjourned: 6:35 PM

Minutes submitted by Melissas Kittelmann, Sec/Treas