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BAHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date of meeting: September 1, 2021

Time: 7:15pm

Essentia Health Sports Center

In attendance: Brent Potvin, Rich Pyle, Ryan Glas, Darren Goltz, Jim Brau, Chad Rasinski, Mandy Vanek, Howie Borden, and Jessica Gangl

- I. Call to Order – 7:21pm by Darren Goltz
- II. Good News =/< 5 minutes
 - a. Howie had his baby! Baby Howard James IV! CONGRATULATIONS!
 - b. Golf Tournament raised over \$20k!
- III. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Motion to approve to approve by Chad Rasinski, 2nd by Mandy Vanek. Motion carries.
- IV. Approval of Consent Agenda which includes: Motion to approve made by Howie Borden, with a second by Chad Rasinski. Motion carries.
 - a. Executive Director's report (Attached)
 - b. Hockey Director's report (Attached)
 - i. Player Development Committee and In-House sub-comm.
 - c. Treasurer's/Financial report (Attached)
 - d. Recruitment and Retention Committee report (Attached)
 - e. Alumni Committee report (Attached)
 - f. SafeSport/Grievance/Discipline Committee (Nothing to report)
 - g. Fundraising Committee report (Attached)
 - h. Volunteer Committee report (Nothing to report)
 - i. Executive Committee report (Nothing to report)
 - j. Finance Committee report (Nothing to report)
 - k. Marketing Committee report (Attached)
 - l. Events Committee report (Attached)
 - m. June meeting minutes (Attached)
- V. Old Business
 - a. Long Term Strategic planning – Darren/Jim
 - i. Updates provided on each goal
 - b. Committee chairs and members – Darren
 - i. SSGD Committee – New member: Tom Pearson
 - ii. Fundraising Committee – New Member: Martha Jendro
 - iii. R & R Committee – New Members: Eric Barnum, Marnie Silvernail, and Brooke Weinhandl
 - iv. Volunteer Committee – New members: Lisa Anderson (chair) and Lisa Roberts
 - v. Alumni Committee – New members: Glenn Hagberg and Bryan Henrich
 - vi. Motion made to approve all new committee members listed above by Rich Pyle, with a 2nd by Brent Potvin. Motion carries.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Update on community events and HS
 - i. Policy being created by HS coaches/AD about move up guidelines from Bantam/15u to HS teams
 - b. Hole sponsorship for high school golf tourney

- i. \$250 sponsorship – motion made to approve made by Chad Rasinski, 2nd by Mandy Vanek. Motion carries. Howie Borden abstained from voting.
 - c. SafeSport/Background/Coaching changes etc.
 - i. Volunteers/Coaches/Committee Members must have a background every two years, Safe Sport annually.
 - ii. Coaching certification has changed – please see updated guidelines
 - d. Equity & Inclusion
 - i. Discussed updated USA and MN Hockey guidelines.
 - e. Equipment room funding
 - i. Some floorplan movement will be occurring at the rink which results in BAHA’s equipment room being turned into a locker room.
 - ii. Motion made to approve up to \$10k in spending to build a new equipment room for BAHA made by Howie Borden, 2nd by Ryan Glas. Motion carries.
 - f. Move-up policy review
 - i. PDC reserves the right to invite any mite/8u player to try out for the top level for the squirt/10u program. Motion to add to amended move-up policy made by Mandy Vanek, with a 2nd by Rich Pyle. Motion carries. Jessica Gangl abstained from voting.
 - g. 21/22 season coach selection timelines
 - i. Motion made for board to pre-approve coach recommendation as provided by the PDC including timeline and process. Motion made by Howie Borden with a second by Chad Rasinski. Motion carries.
 - h. Discipline and registration protocol
 - i. Add to BAHA handbook: Any members who have outstanding disciplinary action, may not register for regular season. Motion to approve made by Mandy Vanek, 2nd by Howie Borden. Motion carries.
 - ii. Motion to prohibit children of Katie Haakonson from participating in the 2021/22 try-out process unless prior disciplinary action is completed by Sept 15th, 2021 at 11:59pm made by Howie Borden and 2nd by Rich Pyle. Motion carries.
 - i. Member waiver
- VII. Closed Session
 - a. Member behaviour discussion
- VIII. Comments and Announcements
- IX. Closed Session – Darren
 - a. Motion to add \$5000 to administrative/staff compensation line item in the budget made by Howie Borden. 2nd by Rich Pyle. Motion carries.
- X. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Jessica Gangl, 2nd by Howie Borden. Motion carries.

Next Board meeting September 29th, 2021, 7:15pm

Pre-board rotation is from September through March.

BAHA Committee & Staff Updates – August 2021

SSGD Committee Update
Submitted by Mandy Vanek

Working to finalize committee members and seeking board approval.



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Marketing Committee Update

Submitted by Jessica Gangl

The marketing committee is working on getting the first newsletter out. Team gear samples have arrived. Committee suggests we use the same item/design for 2-3 seasons to get more bang for the buck for our families. (cost saving measure) Continue to post and share information/events on social media platforms. Jessica and Jim worked to get the annual wrap out in the paper- which went out in late August.

Committee Chairs, Board and Staff: Please let the marketing committee know what needs your committees/programs need help with. We can use radio, print, social media etc.

Fundraising Committee Update

Submitted by Chad Rasinski

Fundraising committee update:

Set dates for pizza and raffle

Compiling prize list

Prize list and flyer to be complete by sept 12 for printing and distribution on tryout weekend.

Submitting forms for lawful gaming

Recruiting for 1-2 more committee members.

Events Committee Update

Submitted by Laci Schindler

The Crow Wing County Fair seemed to be pretty successful!

We are meeting next on 9/16, we plan to discuss HS Hockey Tailgating events.

Alumni Committee Update

Submitted by Glenn Hagberg

We recently completed phase 4 of our Alumni Recognition project at the rink which was putting up pictures of all alumni that are currently playing. Did you know that Brainerd has 15 active players active in junior hockey, collegiate, or professional levels?

NAME	TEAM - LEAGUE
Josh Archibald	Edmonton Oilers - NHL
Mitch McLain	Milwaukee Admirals - AHL
Cole Smith	Nashville Predators - NHL

Mitch Andres	Boston College - NCAA Hockey East
Abby Pohlkamp	College of St Scholastica - NCAA III MIAC
Grace Schulte	Gustavus - NCAA III MIAC
Cheyenne Abear	Bemidji State University - NCAA WCHA
Olivia King	University of Minnesota - NCAA WCHA
Gavin Andres	St John's University - NCAA III MIAC
Wyatt Andres	New England College - NCAA III NEHC
Sophie Robinson	Dartmouth University - NCAA ECAC
Gabbie Smith	Bemidji State University - NCAA WCHA
Christian "Bubba" Kadolph	Minot Minotauros - NAHL Junior Hockey
Taylor Larson	Bemidji State University - NCAA WCHA
Emma Booth	UW Superior - NCAA III WIAC

The photos are on display in the upstairs lobby. Be sure to stop by and take a look! Congratulations to these alumni on their continued success and hard work that has gotten them to this level!

Volunteer Committee Update

Submitted by Lisa Anderson

Recruitment and Retention Committee Update

Submitted by Rich Pyle

Recruiting and Retention Meeting

8/11/821 5:30pm

Attendance:

Eric Barnum

Jim Brau

Richie Pyle

Yard Signs-

-Samantha Hugulet is in charge of tracking the yard signs and completing the yard sign handout. We hope to have a solid date of when that will happen soon.

-We need to make sure that we have a solid hold on tracking the lawn signs when they get returned.

-Right now, we have about 60 signs that can be handed out. We should be getting the new signs we had made soon. We should try to get these signs out around September 1st timeframe if possible.

-Brooke has got the ok from the schools to receive yard signs so we need to disperse of them soon.

*Who would like to hand out the yard signs to the school?

Try Hockey for Free-

-Eric Barnum and Scott O'Shea will be in charge of setup and running the equipment fitting line like last year. We plan to go there on September 27th to clean, set up tables, set up equipment, etc so we will need everyone's hands on deck that day.



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- THFF dates are September 28th and 29th from 5:30pm-6:30pm. We will need everyone to be early those days as we will need to prepare equipment and finish the finishing touches before we open the doors.
- We will be opening some shifts like we did last year to ensure that we have enough help in the equipment fitting lines along with anything else we need them to do. Remember when we are there we should be trying engage with the parents and answer any questions they may have about the program.
- We are looking at running a radio ad or two through KFAN just to get the word out there more.
- After the THFF event we will need a couple people to help Eric and Scott making sure that the equipment gets cleaned properly and back in the storage. If a few people stick around the quicker it will go.
- After the THFF event we will also be needing to get a call list together for the people who don't sign up just to reach out and ask why. If we divvy this up between us as a group we shouldn't have any problem getting it done.

Surveys-

-Sam will be in charge of the surveys this season as we want to ensure that the first-year parents feel welcomed and have their questions answered. We plan on sending those surveys out to ONLY the first-year parents just asking how the season is going, is there any questions that didn't get answered that you would like to ask, etc. We want to keep it plain and simple along with staying on point.

World Hockey Day for Girls Program-

-Marnie and Brooke will be in charge of preparing and running this event. World Hockey Day for the girls program would be a great way to get other girl hockey players to have one of their friends come skate. We want to plan it for October 16th from 10am-11am. The girls who are in the program can only come to this event is if they bring a buddy with that doesn't play hockey but may want to skate or possibly join. For this event we would have relay races, course set up and any other ideas we can come up with. We would get pizza and cookies for the girls along with playing trivia on the TV or tablet.

Next Meeting:

September 20th @ 530pm

Executive Director's Report - July/August 2021

Submitted by Jim Brau

Home Tournaments

1. Home tournament registration went live on May 28th.
2. Current registration levels are:
 - a. 15UA= 8 spots – 2 remaining
 - b. 15UB= 8 spots – Full
 - c. Bantam AA= 12 spots – 4 remaining
 - d. Bantam B1= 8 spots – 1 remaining
 - e. Bantam B2= 8 spots – Full
 - f. 12UA= 8 spots – Full
 - g. 12UB= 8 spots – Full
 - h. PWB1= 8 spots – 1 remaining
 - i. PWB2= 8 spots – Full

- j. 10UB= 12 spots – 1 remaining
- k. Squirt. A= 8 spots – Full
- l. Squirt. B1= 8 spots – Full
- m. Squirt. B2= 8 spots – Full
- n. 8U Jamboree= 8 spots – 4 remaining
- o. Mite Jamboree= 16 spots – 5 remaining

Home Tournament Coordinator

1. Still waiting for additional applicants.

PDC

1. Will be attending meeting scheduled for August 30th.

Events Committee

1. Booth at the Crow Wing County Fair was a big hit, really got the word out about our program.

BAHA Skills Development Camps

1. Camp registrations went live on Friday May 21st
2. Mini-Mite/6U/8U/Mite camp finished the end of July. Huge success with the camps.
3. Final number was 150 registered.

Shot Club

1. Program started on June 1st and will run through September 30th.
2. We currently have 40 players that have shot 146,520 pucks so far.
3. Last year we ended with 36 players shooting 195,637 pucks.

Regular Season Registration

1. Registration went live on July 31st.
2. Currently have 125 registered.
3. Last season on this date we had 128 registered.
4. Late fee deadline is September 6, 11:59pm.

Fall Hockey

1. Registration went live on August 11.
2. Have 200 registered to date.
3. Final number last year was 197.
4. Have been fitting kids for equipment rental program so they can do fall hockey.

ALEC

1. Attended the MN Hockey Association Leader Excellence Conference August 6 & 7, 2021 in St. Louis Park.
2. Fantastic conference again.
3. Attended roundtable discussions on Friday night for diversity and inclusion, new rules, referees, recruitment, and retention
4. Attended the following workshops: building your hockey operations plan, developing, and mentoring coaches, local discipline, and grievances, designing and funding hockey arenas and improvements, enhancing association communications.

Golf Tournament

1. Hosted the best golf tournament ever on July 26th,
2. We had 32 adult teams (128 golfers) and 5 junior division teams (19 golfers).
3. 2020 we had 27 adult teams with 112 total golfers.
4. We made just over \$20,000 net profit to be split evenly with the BAHF.



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Junior Gold

1. We are once again planning on having the Junior Gold division under the youth hockey umbrella.
2. Working with high school coaches and MN Hockey to make this a success.
3. I have us entered in the JGHSL league format to help ensure us 24 games (HS does 25).

BAHA Clothing Store

1. First ordering window has come and gone.
2. 2nd ordering window is open and runs until September 26th.
3. First window had well over 100 items.

Referees

1. Hosted a scrimmage for referee training on August 28th for young referees and new recruits.
2. Shane Paskey, Carter Brau, and Erik Roberts of the CLHRA were on hand to train and mentor our young officials.
3. We had 10 youth officials attend the training session.
4. Will look to do another in mid-October that will coincide with a level 1 referee seminar in the area to help recruit new refs.

Hockey Director Report and PDC Update
Submitted by Brent Potvin