

Butte Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Call to Order

Start – 7:00 PM

Ray McMillan

Josh Harned

Bill LaVelle

Dennis Janecke

Tonette Hollingsworth

Taryn Yelenich

Ryan Nielsen

Brittnay Hintz

Cristin Nielsen

Alicia Bogert

Mark Ewanic

Eva Berger

Cory Whitmore

Mike Lasher

Cheyenne Wolcott

Cody Stevenson

Chris Shadow

Matt Enrooth

Randy Hagerman

Zanae Bates

Kristi Wilson

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

Matt E. motions to approve, Bill 2nd – **PASSED**

Unfinished Business

1. Sports Engine Update and COVID plan
 - a. Brittnay went over the COVID guidelines that she has to get approved by the Health Department and MAHA. She will have these proofread and then send to health department and board on Monday. - **TABLED**
 - b. Cristin asked about how we are doing registration, and if we will refund for a shortened season. BAHA will refund on a prorated fee scale. There will be a non-refundable \$150 Administration Fee, and any additional funds will be returned on a prorated basis, month to month. – Tonette motions to approve, Bill 2nd - **PASSED**
 - c. Matt E. stated that MAHA wants to get kids on the ice, even if it's only local kids for now to keep our rink afloat. We need to set rules and make sure they are being followed. Matt gave information to Ryan on how to properly clean gear, etc. – **TABLED**
 - d. Ryan stressed the importance of up to date contact information, so we can notify people of any positive cases. Bill says that all of this information will be up to date in SportsEngine, and the age reps will be able to access this. Any positive cases, and we will notify through SportsEngine. The entire team will have to quarantine, as well as any siblings or contacts on other teams. - **TABLED**
 - e. MAHA has cancelled the in-person summit. It will be held via Zoom on September 26.
 - f. We still need a list of volunteer credits from last season.
2. Fogging the entire rink will be too expensive. We will rely on volunteers to get all the cleaning done after each event at the rink. Matt and Ryan say there may be grant money to help with cleaning costs.
 - a. Zanae suggests keeping locker rooms closed and locked and kids coming dressed. Bill thinks that each team will have a designated locker room, and squirt age and above should be responsible for cleaning their areas, with supervision from a locker room monitor. Maybe alternate hallways for each team coming in to prevent contact. Mites and termites need to come to practice dressed, with the exception of skates, helmets, and gloves. Only 2 locker room monitors per team will be allowed, per MAHA. - **TABLED**
 - b. Alicia mentions that we will need to keep an attendance log for contact tracing. Bill stressed the importance of coaches, reps, and managers having constant communication. - **TABLED**
 - c. Brittnay spoke with people from Helena and Bozeman, and all people who enter their rinks must be wearing masks. Once past a certain point, players and coaches do not need a mask. We can have about 250 people in the facility at a time.
 - d. Zanae asks Alicia about maybe staggering practice time with more time in between each practice to allow proper cleaning and less contact. - **TABLED**
 - e. Adult league players will need to sign a contract and register skaters in SportsEngine, for contact tracing. They will also need to have a sign in sheet for attendance. - **TABLED**
 - f. Parents will be responsible for temperature checks and making sure there are no sick kids in the facility. Mites and termites should come dressed, and be there no more than 10 minutes before and after practice. They can only have one parent per younger player in the rink at a time, and no extra siblings. Squirt age and above will have 30 minutes before and after practice, and no parents will be allowed in. - **TABLED**
 - g. There will be arrows placed for traffic flow in the rink. Players should use the Zam door to enter and exit the rink. - **TABLED**

New Business

1. Cobra Update
 - a. Tentatively starting home games October 2nd and 3rd, not finalized yet.
 - b. Bill wants Cobra players to report on September 11th, hoping to be on the ice by September 14th.
 - c. Ty Smith has been named new Cobra coach.
 - d. Dave Tuesday is doing the financials for the Cobras, their account is NOT joint with BAHA.
 - e. Cobras need help with billets and fundraising.
 - f. Cobra player fees are \$6500 for new players, \$6000 for returning players, and also \$350 per month for billet families.
2. Volunteer Credits
 - a. Volunteer credits will be prorated on a monthly basis in case of a shortened season.
 - b. Team managers and age reps should have the ability to check on volunteer credits completed to sign off for the Volunteer Coordinator.
 - c. Still waiting on volunteer credits from last season.
3. Front door kicker broken and needs replaced – Alicia fixed the door, will look at the kicker plate.
4. Ray showed us a sanitizer/fogging machine that Leo McCarthy will let us use. It takes about 10 minutes to fog and sanitize. He will be using this in his shop. Alicia says that bleach and Lysol should be sufficient.

Age Group Director's Report – Kristi Wilson

1. Has been in contact with rep possibilities, and has notes for them.
2. Tonette Hollingsworth says the HS team wants to purchase new copper colored “Throwback” jerseys for this season. They will also need the green and black jerseys. Brittney motions to let the team decide, Randy 2nd – **PASSED**
3. Mark E. says any termite player under 4 years old will need coaches’ approval before registering. 3 and 4 year-olds should do the Learn to Skate program.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Tuesday - ABSENT

1. Current status of BAHA accounts:
 - a. Total available funds – Dave sent out balance sheet – Net \$-948
 - b. Accounts Payable (bills to pay) and Receivable
 - i. M/S/P to pay bills
 1. Bill motions to pay bills, Alicia 2nd – **PASSED**
 - ii. Receipts within the last month
2. Invoices
 - a. Outstanding invoices

Committee Reports

1. Grant Writing Update
 - a. Matt V. is in contact with Hilary VanVleet who is working on the marketing grant, and she has it started. He will look into any COVID relief grants as well.
2. Hockey Boards from Civic Center
 - a. Matt V. will write a proposal to Civic Center for possible donation of boards to rink. Will work on this, and September 2nd is the deadline.

Fundraising and Other Events

1. Meat and Gun Raffle
2. Unsold gun from last season
3. Rock Creek Golf Pass
 - a. Mike F. was going to sell this.
4. Selling Arena Name
 - a. Ryan still working on this, delays from COVID because business is slow.
5. Josh Harned handed out a packet with a bunch of ideas for fundraising. Let him know if the board knows any other businesses to approach.

Building Committee

1. Building Committee Update
 - a. Cory Whitmore is working on the restrooms currently. He donated all the fixtures, and the plumber's union, Northwest Pipe, and Builders First Source have donated all labor. Says he is currently about \$8000 into updates.
 - b. There will be copper metal going on walls throughout the rink lobby. Metal Works donated material, Markovich to donate labor.
 - c. Montana Tech to update the big locker room.
 - d. Will bring invoices to turn in for COVID grants.

Appointed Directors' Reports

Rink Manager – Bill LaVelle

1. Assignments
 - a. Concessions Operation – Eva will talk to Pepsi about all the expired pop. Concessions may be possible, we will need plexi-glass and gloves. Talk of possible food trucks for various events if we cannot have concessions. - **TABLED**
 - b. Rental Gear Coordinator – Randy did a gear return last night, not many returned. Will need to set another date. Randy recommends replacing the jerseys for mites/termites. Ray will look into prices for jerseys numbered 1-70 x2 – **TABLED**
 - c. Bill has received the quick change goalie gear and it is at his office.
2. Ice and Space Rental Management – shooting for ice to be in by September 14th.
3. Compressors – working on compressors to make them run more efficiently. Will look into running the hot water through the sump. Still a work in progress.

MAHA State Representative – Matt Enrooth -

1. Already went over most of MAHA COVID guidelines earlier in the meeting.
2. USA Hockey may not cover us if we aren't following COVID guidelines.
3. Summit via Zoom on September 26th, get a list of tournaments to bid on.
4. MAHA will reimburse for ref background checks. They are \$30 through USA Hockey. Stressed the concerns of abuse of officials.
5. Will look into business stabilization grants and other COVID grants.

6. Will work on Toyota for sponsorship of rink.

Volunteer Program Administrator – Cheyenne Wolcott

1. Cristin will grant her access to SportsEngine

SafeSport Coordinator – Amanda Flink – ABSENT

1. No update

Ice Scheduler – Alicia Bogert

1. She will see about a meter read to start the ice
2. Says we need to take our time to make sure lines and ice are done correctly.
3. Still needs a Cobra schedule for the year, both practice and games.
4. Needs to know times when practice absolutely wont work. Needs contact information for coaches, reps, and managers.
5. Will bid on all available tournaments at Summit.

Registrar – Zanae Bates

1. Needs jersey orders ASAP. \$170 for jersey and socks. Pay Zanae directly so she can keep track.

Coaches Director – Chris Shadow

1. Nothing to report

Referee in Chief – Mark Ewanic

1. Mark stressed the importance of needing more referees. Butte has less than 5.

Tournament Director – Katrina Kruzich – ABSENT

1. Nothing to report

ADM Coordinator – Dennis Janecke

1. Has a 5 question survey for parents to complete about their expectations for the season.
2. 14'x17' shooting area. Will work with Bill and Cory. Will get with Matt E. for COVID grant help.
3. Suggested holding tryouts for squirt age and above. Mark says our policy says we need 2 even strength teams, not an A and B.

Community at Large Representative – Mike Lasher

1. He will work with Matt V. and Matt E. for available grants.

Actions to be taken

Ryan Nielsen

Talk to Distillery about hand sanitizer

Brittnay Hintz

Talk with Health Department regarding reopening plan and what is all required to open the rink safely.

Camie Kendall

Get a list all people behind on volunteer hours.

Matt Vincent

Write a proposal for boards from Civic Center and any other grants BAHA may qualify for.

Ray McMillan

Get a price quote for mite/termite jerseys.

Next Meeting

TBD

Zanae motions to adjourn at 10:15, Randy 2nd – **PASSED**