

Butte Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) Minutes

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Call to Order

Cody Stevenson
Cheyenne Wolcott
Taryn Yelenich
Laurie McGree
Brittnay Hintz
Alicia Bogert
Cory Whitmore
Camie Kendall
Stephanie Stodden
Bill LaVelle
Mark Ewanic
Dennis Janecke
Kristi Wilson
Ray McMillan

Start – 7:00 PM

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

Bill makes a motion to approve last meeting minutes, Cheyenne 2nd - **PASSED**

Unfinished Business

1. SportsEngine and Registration Update – 48 total registrations
 - a. Date set for in-person registration – September 13 and 14. Schedule a follow up registration if needed. This will hopefully give time to allow school flyers to be handed out. We also need to get flyers to preschools/daycares; Mite and Termite registrations are low. We need volunteers for these dates, especially those with computers to help walk people through the registration process.
 - i. Bill brings up the fact that communication is still a problem, as people are just not seeing or hearing about things at the rink. Social media buries posts, and emails through SportsEngine aren't reaching everyone.
 - ii. We need to get an email for jersey orders out, as they need to be ordered ASAP to be done in time for games.
 - iii. October 4th is the tentative start date for practice; Alicia is setting up the schedule to look very similar to last season.
 - iv. Bantam and High School players are hesitant to register until they find out who will be coaching. Parents are concerned because there have been problems with coaches in the past and want to be sure there is someone reliable for the kids. Like any other sport, kids or parents do not dictate who their coaches will be; a coach for each team will be decided before the season starts.
 - b. Scary Skate – Eva Berger has volunteered to organize this; Friday, October 29.
 - c. 3 on 3 update – 24 teams have registered. The Mites and Termites will have a scrimmage on Friday from 5:00-6:00.
 - d. Hull Hockey update – About 8 kids have registered, he would like about 8 more. This will be held on Labor Day weekend, September 3-5. Kristi has been posting the flyer all over social media.
 - e. Team Montana (14U and 12U) will do tryouts at the rink on September 18.
 - f. Try Hockey for Free dates are November 6 and March 5. Alicia will register our rink.
2. Venmo - Bill will finish setting up, needed a phone number not connected to another Venmo account. Cory will use his business phone number for this.
3. Johan will continue dryland program through September, not sure what will happen after that.

New Business

1. Board appointment approvals
 - a. Katrina Kruzich – Registrar
 - b. Travis Barry – Coaching Director
 - c. Camie Kendall and Stephanie Stodden – Tournament Directors
Bill makes a motion to approve the new board member appointments, Taryn 2nd - **PASSED**
2. Players practicing with other teams because of conflicts with other activities – This has usually never been an issue (last year, COVID restrictions made it difficult); ultimately will be decided by both coaches.
3. Player age group movement requests – received letters from the following player parents:
 - a. Carley Ryan from Squirt to Peewee
 - b. Ryker Coulombe from Termite to Mite
 - c. Jake Janecke from Squirt to PeeWee
All the affected coaches agree that these players move to requested age groups. - **PASSED**
4. Ray has a new printing machine at the shop and would like to make himself available to do all the tournament shirts. He shows us all his product and explains that he wants to work with all age groups to provide high-quality apparel for each tournament. Ray will order in all the product at the shop and make money for the club and pro shop. Age reps should contact him a few weeks before a home tournament. He is able to order in mostly anything we should want for apparel.
5. Jim Miller will store some school supplies in one of the rooms for winter.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Tuesday - ABSENT

1. Current status of BAHA account(s) – Dave had an accident and will be out for a while.
 - a. Total Available Funds
 - b. Accounts Payable (bills to pay) and Receivable
 - i. Taryn makes a motion to pay bills, Bill 2nd - **PASSED**
 - ii. Receipts within the last month.
2. Invoices
 - a. Outstanding invoices

Committee Reports

1. Grant Writing Update – Matt/Mike - ABSENT
 - a. COVID grants – still being looked into for things BAHA qualifies for.
2. Hockey Boards from the Civic Center/Lease Agreement Update – being worked on by Bill and Matt V.
 - a. Sprinkler System update – Wagners to do sprinklers

Fund Raising and Other Events

1. Meat & Gun Raffle Update – Western Meat Block is in for meat tickets, still waiting for 3 Bears to answer about guns.
 - a. Stephanie will get the tickets printed.
 - b. The club needs to stop giving so many tickets at once. People should only get one book at a time.
 - c. Talked about having a scholarship requirement to set up a table to sell raffle tickets for a day.
2. Garage sale – Jess Ball suggested a garage sale fundraiser, this could be done next spring.
3. Gear swap – Do this the same dates as In-Person registration, September 13 and 14.

Appointed Director's Reports

Age Group Representative Director – Kristi Wilson

1. Each age group will nominate their age reps September 1st-6th, vote 7th-9th, and announce new age reps on the 10th. We need to move this process back to the spring banquet for next season.

Building Coordinator – Cory Whitmore

1. Exterior lights – Cory will look into getting these functioning.
2. Still has siding to use somewhere at the rink.

Rink Manager – Bill LaVelle

1. Ice is in, compressors are running well.
2. Assignments
 - a. Concessions Operation – Cody Stevenson – everything is ready to go for concessions.
 - b. Rental Gear Coordinator – Kyle Hintz – Matt E. will contact MAHA to see about the “Grow the Game” grant. Need more funds for gear. Adult program is growing, and there is not enough for the new players.
3. Cobras – Still need a few more billet families.
 - a. If people are interested in getting servers’ license for alcohol sales at Cobra games, it would be good. Cory mentioned there is an online class for this.

MAHA Representative – Matt Enrooth - ABSENT

1. Summitt is October 1-3.

Volunteer Coordinator – Cheyenne Wolcott

1. She has organized 7 cleaning and painting parties so far; there has been little help.

Safe Sport Coordinator – Kira Strande - ABSENT

1. No Update

Ice Coordinator – Alicia Bogert

1. Alicia needs all the age reps to send her their schedules when they know them. We need to know which age groups are available to volunteer for things at the rink throughout the season.
2. Will work on changing codes to the doors, as too many people have them. Coaches, Reps, and Board Members should each have their own codes; not to be shared.

Registrar – Katrina Kruzich - ABSENT

1. No Update

Coaching Director – Travis Barry - ABSENT

1. No Update

Referee-in-Chief – Mark Ewanic

1. Level 2 and 3 Referee Clinic at the rink September 25 from 9:00-12:00.
2. Level 1 Referee Clinic September 26 from 9:00-3:00.
3. Montana lost 25% of referees last year.

Girls Program Representative – Laurie McGree

1. Congratulations to Laurie on receiving her Level 5 Coaching Certification!
 - a. She will share the information she learned with all the coaches at BAHA. She learned a lot!
2. The girls’ program will have 19U and 14U teams this season, as girls have aged out. She needs more girls for each team.
 - a. Girls Try Hockey for Free will be at the rink on September 19 from 2:00-3:00.

Tournament Director – Camie Kendall and Stephanie Stodden

1. They will work together this season at this position.

ADM Coordinator – Dennis Janecke

1. Still trying to get a shooting area at the rink.
2. Wants to pass out an ADM evaluation to players/parents on expectations and goals for practices.
3. Practices should be closed to parents, except at the Termite and Mite age levels. There is no reason to have parents there, it doesn’t happen in any other sport.

Community at Large Representative – Mike Lasher

1. No Update

Next Meeting – Thursday, September 23 at 7:00 at Hops.

Meeting ends at 9:30 p.m.