

MCAHA–Retreat

June 2, 2023 5:00 pm

Meeting called to order: 5:05pm

Present: Doug Schrock, Steven Martian, Shaun Seedhouse, Charlie Olinger, Melissa Kittelmann

Absent: None

Ice time and schedule:

1. Ice inventory options Fri/Sat

- a. Feedback from Refs is they are on board.
- b. Megan is working on the schedule for Youth practices and may possibly have some earlier times on Mon & Wed to add another ice time
- c. Calendar: gain 2 Fridays and 9 Saturdays for the winter season. Sat average time is around 7pm, Fri average time is after 8pm. Dates/times depend on Youth game schedules.
- d. Fri/Sat nights are an option for all levels
Possibly do a trial for 1 year to gather data for the following season

2. Jeff Janca & Elite ideas: Friday nights, charging, advertising options

- a. Discussion was held in regard to if the players were going to come and have better attendance on a designated Fri/Sat night. This ice time depends on availability at the rink and could possibly not be consistent every week. Continued discussion will be held.
- b. Discussion was held in regard to giving the BAML the Elite Division to manage, almost as a separate user group, This might make consistent ice time more workable. We discussed that this would take away the scheduling ability for this group and would the BAML make it a priority over the rest of the groups? Again, continued discussion will be held. Brainstorming on ways to improve the experience for the Elite group will continue.

Fees:

1. Team League Fee vs. Individual Fees

- a. Does the team captain pay and collect from players depending on #s? Who issues a refund? We are not able to structure team fees to have fees paid and this is too much for one captain to pay and be responsible for. Decision made was to keep fees paid at the player level.

1. Open Registration: increase fees by timestamp

- a. Create an escalating signup fee to encourage early sign ups for season planning purposes. . Fee schedule will be as follows:

- b. First phase of registration, the cost per player will be equivalent for the season to break even. Second time frame will be an additional 10% of the first phase. Third phase (open ended late registration) will be an additional 25% of second phase fee regardless of how far into the season the player signs up.)
- c. Players who sign up after the regular deadline will be placed on a team at the board's discretion, based on the overall league need.
- d. Players need to be rated before the season starts or they will be rated at the highest level of the division they want to join (for example: a player expecting to play Rec will be assigned a C rating). Adjustments will be made at the end of the season with the rerating process.

Attendance issues/concerns:

1. Sub list (have a list or register only for sub list)
 - a. Not needed to have a sub list with late registration
 - b. Everyone registered is already on a "sub" list to fill in during games
 - c. Give Elite a Sub list and notify all captains that players are able to sub.
2. Restructure teams if players move or get injured
 - a. Open registration allows for players to be added that are not assigned to another team. These names will be pulled from players not already assigned (on a waiting list).
 - b. Timeframe to ask for a refund? Refunds are allowed up to the last day of the season you are playing in. This can be done by emailing any board member.
3. Late game times from survey: Were their times all late or is that when the player was able to come, missing all other games at earlier times?
 - a. Charlie checked and found that all teams had equal # of games in all of the time slots. With possibly adding Fri/Sat nights for all divisions, there may be less days/time between games and not the feeling that games are being played all at the late time.
4. Update team sub verbiage with 10 skaters and a goalie. The ratings rule still applies. Goalie rating still counts towards team rating.

Referees:

1. Feedback from JD (Charlie reporting)
 - a. Scorekeeper needs to add names with subs and mark players attending, not just marking all players present. It was messing with stats. A sub number can be assigned 111,222,333,444 instead of a jersey number and will be marked as a sub. Stats will not count towards the individual player's regular team stats. We will work with Tom Miller to make this a clear and easy adjustment for the scorekeepers

Misc:

1. **BAHL Board has expressed interest in taking over the Adult League and/or being more involved**
 - a. They expressed these ideas because they would like to explore more options to increase rink income.
 - b. They will continue to take the Spring tournaments and are welcome to explore any Fall tournaments they would like to run
 - c. Does the Rink take the Elite League?:refer to above comments
2. **Captains not voting on themselves in proper ratings**
 - a. We discussed the Membership votes on rating/re-ratings
3. **Subcommittees made up of people interested**
 - a. When something is of need for a sub committee...We can offer/select from people that filled out they are interested from the annual survey
4. **Fall & Winter player's guide: Top ranked players limited on goals**
 - a. This topic will need further discussion. It will be placed on the July Agenda
5. **Other changes to Season Playing Guides**
 - a. Stop time at the last 2 minutes at the end of Periods of 1 & 2.
6. **Use of excess funds (profit) from this tax year**
 - a. Funds are to be placed in special subaccount within the rink financials and we will make the donation before June 30, 2023. There is \$9000.00 that will be donated back to the rink for improvements. Megan will update us on projects and financial costs before pulling from this money.
7. **Options that we are giving to the Rink for improvements.**
 - a. Redo the players benches and scorekeepers area/water bottle area
 - b. Update men's and women's players bathrooms
 - c. Update, paint all locker rooms, fix doors
 - d. Fix doors on player benches
 - e. We look for a liaison that will do the projects, working with Rink management and staff
8. **Players must be registered with the MCAHA to be covered at tournaments for liability/injury coverage if they are registering as a "Billings" team. A submission was filed, however the player is not a MCAHA member and we will not cover him.**

Next meeting is July 12 @ 5pm

Meeting adjourned: 9:03p

Minutes submitted by Melissa Kittelmann, Sec/Treas.