

Butte Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Call to Order

Dan Blando
Cory Whitmore
Jess Ball
Taryn Yelenich
Zach Woods
Brittnay Hintz
Laurie McGree
Kristi Wilson
Dave Tuesday
Luke Davis
Jaki McCarthy
Bill LaVelle
Mark Ewanic

Guests: Andy D'Amico, Pete Kamman

Start – 6:30 PM

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes – Luke makes a motion to approve last month's minutes, Cory 2nd – **PASSED**

Unfinished Business

1. Pancake Breakfast – need volunteers 3/12 and 3/26.
2. Planet Hockey – August 23-26 – Luke will get them to sign the waivers and pay 25% non-refundable fee for ice.

New Business

1. Girls cross practicing – any extra practices outside of girls' practice will be billed at \$5/practice. Some of the older girls have been wanting more ice time and picking up practices with HS and Bantams. They cannot practice with the HS team the week prior to State. ADM says the older girls should be getting 4-5 practices per week.
2. Angie Harrison is working with Sysco for ordering. She can get all supplies there at a better cost. The only problem is that they need payment within 7 days. Dave says he will pay the invoice for Sysco as soon as he gets it. Angie thinks she may be able to get a payment plan worked out.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Tuesday

1. Current status of BAHA account(s) – Dave handed out the balance sheet which also included the Cobra financials.
 - a. Total Available Funds – Net Income: \$62,196
 - b. Accounts Payable (bills to pay) and Receivable – Dave included a list of all bills to be paid, board reviewed.
 - i. M/S/P to pay bills – Taryn makes a motion to pay the bills, Jaki 2nd – **PASSED**
 - ii. Outstanding invoices – Board reviewed outstanding invoices.
 - iii. Cory asks if anyone has spoken with Spectrum about rent increase. Dave says right now we come out about \$250 ahead. Someone will talk to Todd at Spectrum.
 - iv. Adult hockey income is down; talk with Dale to make sure each player is paying.

Committee Reports

1. Grant Writing Update – No update
2. MAHA has technology grants – could use to update our internet and systems to get LiveBarn up and running.

Fund Raising and Other Events

1. Meat & Gun Raffle Update – Top sellers for gun: Batterman, Davis, Harned. Top sellers for meat: Batterman, Fulton, Davis. Once all tickets are sold and turned in, we will have an incentive drawing.
 - a. We need to have someone selling raffle tickets at a table during the Cobra games.

Appointed Director's Reports

Rink Manager – Bill LaVelle

1. Ammonia issues have been addressed. They had a meeting with the fire department and BSB officials and they gave a list of things to be done. Bill says this is all taken care of.
2. Cobras Update – 3 new players came in this week; lost one player. New coach has a wonderful presence at the rink and he's been very helpful.
3. Zach and Toni are planning a fundraising banquet.
 - a. Cory asks about fundraising for new bleachers – they were \$80K two years ago, they're probably up to \$100K now.

Building Coordinator – Cory Whitmore

1. Possibly address the wall/ticket booth in lobby. It is not a weight bearing wall and would open up that space.
2. Kids are getting into the dryland room by just pushing on the door; Cory will fix this.

Age Group Representative Director – Kristi Wilson

1. Reps are working on state tournaments.
2. She asks about the MAHA bond, and we should be charging the teams who come play in our rink for State. She will reach out to Kate (the MAHA tourney director) to find out what to charge the girls' teams coming in for state.

MAHA Representative – Dan Blando

1. Working on helping the coaches with player waivers.
2. Pete Kamman, MAHA Executive Director, is visiting our meeting. He has 18 years in MT hockey, and this is his first year as the ED. His philosophies are centered around growth and improving the youth hockey experience.
 - a. Goes through some things that MAHA is working on this year; Hobie Baker character award, scholarships for seniors (due next week), Damon Heck award, Ray Tilman award. Also talks about a new coaching program in the works.
 - b. 12U girls program possible for next year, half ice, with one preseason and one postseason tournament plus a camp.
 - c. Regional camps are in May; one in Missoula, one on the east side of the state TBD. Development camp is in April.
 - d. Stresses the importance of Live Scoring games.
 - e. Brings up the arrest of the MT hockey coach. USA Hockey and MAHA will release an official statement soon. Since it is an ongoing investigation, they need to be following exactly what the attorneys are telling them. He will share the information with each association as he gets it.
 - f. Pete intends to be a resource and a liaison for all groups. He plans to attend at least 1 board meeting per year and a few games at each rink.

Volunteer Coordinator – Cheyenne Holbrook – ABSENT

1. HS and Cobras helped a bunch at the Squirt tournament.
2. Luke asks about those families that bought out at the beginning of the year and didn't help out at all during the home tournament. Those families will be billed for those hours not worked, per the volunteer policy.

Safe Sport Coordinator – Jess Ball

1. No update

Registrar – Jaki McCarthy

1. Would like to clarify that Ryan was the person who called the fire department about the ammonia leak in the rink. He was doing his job and did not intend to step on anyone's toes. He was concerned for the safety of the children, as it was an unsafe environment for them to be in. He and Jaki would be happy to help with the evacuation plan.

Ice Coordinator – Luke Davis

1. Working on Planet Hockey camp 8/23-26.
2. Has people interested in renting ice for the early morning slot.

3. Mites tournament the last weekend in March.
4. Ability Montana was at the rink. Mark tried it, said it was no joke. They will be back on the 22nd. They said they might leave a couple of sleds at our rink for anyone that might need to use them.

Coaching Director – Travis Barry – ABSENT

1. No update

Referee-in-Chief – Mark Ewanic

1. Needs to know a schedule for Girls' State so he can secure refs for the weekend.

Girls Program Representative – Laurie McGree

1. Girl's state schedule has not been approved yet. MAHA is mad at her for having an MSU game and a Cobra game the same weekend. Tourney will need to start on Thursday afternoon.
2. She needs more information from MAHA on the bond forms.
3. Possibly separate 14U and 19U next year.
4. Need 3 refs for 19U games.

Adult Program Representative – Dale Kingrey – ABSENT

1. No update

Tournament Director – Stephanie Stodden – ABSENT

1. No update

ADM Coordinator – Dennis Janecke – ABSENT

1. No update

Community at Large Representative – Mike Lasher

1. No update

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at Hops at 6:30.