

Butte Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 18th, 2024

Call to Order

Breanna Evans
Marissa Dahl
Cherie Estenson
Jennifer Mam
Travis Berry
Kristi Wilson
Alicia Bogert
Zac Woods
Rachel D'Amico
Bill Lavelle
Mark Malko
Jeff Dennehy
Josh Coulombe
Ryder Coulombe
Jaki McCarthy
Ryan Schleusner
Dan Johnson
Johan Beekes
Hunter Varney

Start – 6:33 PM

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes- Bill motions and Alicia 2nds- **passed**

Approval for new Coaching and ADM Director- Alicia motions Rachel 2nd-**passed**

Unfinished Business

- 1. Irish Contract** - Rachel questioned the years of the contract. This is a two year contract both Zach and Bill stated. Rachel questioned if there was an additional charge for both the Irish and MT Tech to store their equipment in the locker rooms. Only Peewee and under pay for storage because they do not have their own locker room. Bantams and above do not pay. Rachel asked if this fee was included in the contract and it was. Alicia asked if the Irish go over on practice time that they continue billing at the \$100.00 and Bill agreed. Or if the Irish come in own their own, they will pay. Alicia motions and Travis 2nd-**passed**
- 2. Outside Sprinklers System**- Jeff is still working with SJ Perry to get together and talk.
- 3. Policy update or plan to update**- Zach had been slowly working on the policies. He would like the board members input. He would like to have policies ready before the big organization meeting at the beginning of the season.
- 4. Where are we with To-do's list-**
 - 1. Fire Suppression system**- Jason has be in contact with the Fire Suppression guy. He will be at the rink mid to late August/early September and with the sprinklers they will test only 4 sprinklers. If they pass, then nothing else will need to be done.
 - 2. Compressors**- Bill has been dealing with waiting for suppliers since last year. We are still on the list but the supply chain is still broke. Bill just became involved recently with the compressors. Bill has spent

the last two days looking at compressors options to ensure we have ice when we are supposed to be. Bill has found 4 different compressors. All are running take out compressors. Any one of them is going to be at least \$8000.00. Rebuild the compressors, Bill spoke to Jaie and with what we have with parts and labor the cost will be \$16000 per compressor. Which typically is the cost for a rebuild over the past 10 years. Bill thinks it is in the best interest to act know he can get a minimum of 1 but thinks it is the best recommendation to get two. We have one running currently. We need one replacement and one spare. If we do that, it will be \$16000.00 + freight and can have ice. We still have to get them in. Kristi asked how many compressors we own. We own 4 only one is running. We have to stick to the same compressors because that is the way the plant was built. Every other year they have to have maintenance done on them. Jeff asked if they are available now. Bill said yes, they are a hot commodity. We just need to make a decision on if we want to get them. Bill is guessing \$1000-\$2000.00 in freight. Alicia asked if there is any other expenses with these. Not that Bill can see. Bill thinks this will set us up for a successful year and the next couple of years so we can get maintenance items in and puts us in a good position. Bill mentioned you cannot get a new one. There should be \$7500.00 for the compressor from the grant that can specifically be used for compressors. Travis motioned for buying the compressors and Jaki 2nd-**passed**

3. **Removing wood from benches in the back-** no update
 4. **Locker Room Remodel update-** no update.....starting next week.
 5. **Sub Committee-** Need to work on this
 6. **Glass in the garage- no update**
 7. **3 v3 Fall tournament-** Neon Classic Fall Hockey Tournament would be for both adults and kids. September 20th is the date for the 3 v3. Rachel suggested to get flyers out before next meeting. Name will be decided in the future.
5. **MT Tech Contract-** Rachel questioned the amount in the contract. It is to establish an amount and then after Jan 1 they pay the rest of the outstanding bill monthly. Who will maintain the water fountain? BAHA will maintain once installed. Does MT Tech need approval to do renovation? Any renovations need to go through the Rink Manager. – Bill motioned Kristi 2nd-**passed**

New Business

1. **Concessions** – Alicia met with Ciana yesterday and gathered information from Angie to keep it secure. Alicia showed her how to run comparisons and what she ordered. Brittany was able to get the list that the organization used last year. Rachel mentioned as she tried last year, the concession stand is a place to congregate. We need a different area where people can congregate and let the concession stand be a concession stand. We need to make move the scoresheet and other non-concession stand items to a different area.
2. **Harrington Pepsi or Mile High Beverage** – Past ten years spent over \$50,000 between golden west and Pepsi. Check with Mile High Beverage see what they can do for us. There is no money being made off of the vending machines.
3. **Move vending machines to back by Adults and Tech/Irish locker rooms-** remove the vending machines from the rink. There is no money being made off of the vending machines. Plan is to remove the vending machine from the rink.
4. **Bantam Team numbers-**there is roughly 10 kids at bantam age+ 3 kids that can cross roster. Peewee numbers are at 20 kids. Zac spoke to Jeff about moving a couple of kids up to bantam. We have 12 peewee 2nd year. Potentially having a 2nd year peewee evaluation to move skaters up to fulfill bantams. Also have a conversation with the kids and parents. Potentially, to include goalie and 4 skaters. There may be a 2nd year Peewee evaluation this season. After registration is complete then regroup on this subject and evaluate the number and a plan.
5. **Player Movement-** We have one player that would like to move up. Wait for policy and actual registration to see numbers. -tabled September meeting.
6. **Pro Shop for Sale** – contact Ray.

7. **Fliers to School District**-Jaki will work on getting on fliers to public schools. Ryan will go to schools and talk about try hockey for free.

Fund Raising and Other Events

1. Zach would like to get tickets printed for the Gun/Meat Raffle so we can get some dates set up for tables at 3 Bears and The Meat Block. Cyndra suggests we go back to 1000 tickets each being that we haven't sold over those since upping the tickets to 1200. Cyndra also suggests we take away the \$5 for \$100 on the meat raffle. It's a balancing nightmare on her end. Tickets will be due November 1st. -Remove 5 for \$100.
2. Dates for raffle tables- See what venues had dates at 3 Bears, Meat Block and Murdochs.
3. Breakaway Bash Gala is set for September 27th. The Butte Depot has donated their venue for the night.

Treasurer's Report – Alicia Bogerts

1. Current status of BAHA account(s) -
 - a. Total Available Funds
 - b. Accounts Payable (bills to pay) and Receivable
 - i. M/S/P to pay bills -Kristi motioned and Jeff 2nd-**passed**
 - ii. Outstanding invoices

Rink/Building Manager – Jason Brown

1. Locker Rooms- Jason would like to get some volunteers to help in August with the locker room remodel. He is putting together a task list.
2. Rink Cleaning Dates- July 29th, 30th, and 31st.6-8 p.m.
3. Fire suppression system – Jason has be in contact with the Fire Suppression guy. He will be at the rink mid to late August/early September and with the sprinklers they will test only 4 sprinklers. If they pass, then nothing else will need to be done.
4. Center Ice Logo- Bill was going to check on the logo.

MAHA Representative – Jeff Dennehy

1. MAHA meeting- changing the scoring system to gamesheet. Everywhere across the state. Replacing sports engine live score. Still talk about splitting the state.
2. Montana High School All-Stars- Helena or Great Falls may be hosting it. Sign up anyone in high school and have a show case for high school kids.

Representative Director – Kristi Wilson

1. Had a rep meeting and had lots of questions. Going good so far.
2. Last season's volunteer hours. We can't block people from registering. How should we handle people that didn't meet requirements? They can register but won't be rostered until it is paid.
3. Adult Hockey League- where adult hockey is going. They haven't worked on anything. Sarah has ice rental rate at \$200 an hour. Ref fees \$100 or \$50 for two. \$30 for score keeper and \$50 for Zam. \$3230 per team and it's open for 6-8 teams. This is estimate.

Registrar – Jaki McCarthy

1. We have 17 kids registered at this point.

Coaching and ADM Director – Travis Barry

1. No update

Referee-in-Chief – Mark Ewanic **ABSENT**

1. Officials must start their registration by October 31, 2024. They must complete their registration by December 31.

2. Sounds like all clinics will be virtual.
3. Zach Woods has demonstrated exemplary reffing abilities such that he will be given administrative rights.
4. I will put together a little something to be posted/shared regarding recruitment of new refs and retaining old refs. Probably send it to Alicia and Kristi.
5. I am borrowing tables from the rink for the Butte 100 this Saturday. If anyone is interested in helping, Julie and I could use help at Aid Station 10 on top of Pipestone Pass. We are there 8AM to 8PM and could really use help setting up and/or from about 11AM to 3PM. If you don't want to help Julie please call and tell her you self because I can't do that to her.

Thanks

Mark

Community at Large Representative – Bill and Sidni Markovich

1. Update- Zach let us know Grant money should be coming in any day for compressors.

High Performance Program Coordinator – Bill LaVelle

1. No update

Next Meeting- August 15th, 2024

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.