

Butte Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) Meeting

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Call to Order

Cory Whitmore
Kristi Wilson
Taryn Yelenich
Ryan Nielsen
Ray McMillan
Alicia Bogert
Bill LaVelle
Mark Ewanic

Start – 6:00 PM

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes – Kristi motions to approve the minutes, Bill 2nd – **PASSED**

Unfinished Business

1. End of Year Banquet – Alicia and Keonni have offered to help organize.
 - a. Keep the date April 7th
 - b. Positions available this far: Vote for President Elect; appoint MAHA rep, SafeSport Coordinator, Ice Scheduler.
2. “Buy Back” Program for rental gear needs – Bill suggests doing a gear swap at the beginning of the season (during registration) and one at the end of the season. We can offer possible buy back at the discretion of the gear room coordinator.

New Business

1. Last few Cobra games free admission – Ryan will work on selling the last couple games to keep the admission free.
 - a. Possible Mite/Termite scrimmage between periods to build interest for BAHA – this is doable, up to the coaches. Let Bill know so he can get the appropriate schedule to the teams and refs.
 - b. Family package deal for Cobra game admission – family of 4+ IMMEDIATE family members (parents and children) for \$25 admission to Cobra games.

Treasurer’s Report – Dave Tuesday - ABSENT

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 – Bill makes a motion to pay bills, Alicia 2nd – **PASSED**
 - ii. Receipts within the last month.
2. Invoices
 - a. Outstanding invoices

Committee Reports

1. Grant Writing Update – Matt/Mike
 - a. SARTA board awarded BAHA \$45,000 out of the \$50,000 we had requested. (Great job Matt!) We will need to match this donation and raise \$45,000 to match their donated funds. Fundraising committee is Matt Vincent, Ryan Nielsen, Cory Whitmore, Bill LaVelle, Brittney Hintz and Toni Byrne; they will meet again on 2/16.
 - b. Let this committee handle the donation process for now. They have leads on donors and will tackle them first. If there are any leads on potential significant donors (\$1K or more) let the committee know; please do not reach out to them on your own for now. If they need help with additional fundraising, they will reach out to the board.

Fund Raising and Other Events

1. Meat & Gun Raffle Update
 - a. Currently, 950 gun tickets (\$38,010 (one ticket paid at \$50)) and 935 meat tickets (\$16,010) have been sold out of 1,000.

Appointed Director's Reports

Rink Manager – Bill LaVelle

1. Any issues with equipment at the rink have been handled (compressor seal, hose on Zam).

Building Coordinator – Cory Whitmore

1. Still trying to get people to show up to get projects completed; Tech will be there soon.

Age Group Representative Director – Kristi Wilson

1. A few past due invoices, 1 problem family. Mark suggests giving them paper copies of their invoices, since they are having a hard time finding them.

MAHA Representative – Matt Enrooth – ABSENT

1. No Update

Volunteer Coordinator – Cheyenne Wolcott – ABSENT

1. No Update

Safe Sport Coordinator – Kira Strande – ABSENT

1. No Update

Registrar – Katrina Kruzich – ABSENT

1. No Update

Ice Coordinator – Alicia Bogert

1. Our schedule is pretty full, a few birthday parties are booked.
2. Try Hockey for Free is in March, during the PeeWee State A tournament. Time TBD.
3. Need to have a broader range of people on the board, it seems like most board members are in the peewee age group. She would like to see more variety.
4. Terri Boyle reached out to her asking about using the rink for a high school graduation party with around 200 people.

Coaching Director – Travis Barry – ABSENT

1. No Update

Referee-in-Chief – Mark Ewanic

1. Has curling money to turn in.
2. Refs are covered for the peewee tournament this weekend.

Girls Program Representative – Laurie McGree – ABSENT

1. Need players, coaches, and volunteers for the 12U girls' day on March 26th.

Tournament Director – Stephanie Stodden and Camie Kendall – ABSENT

1. Cory asks why no teams are signing up for our tournaments. We need someone to get out there and "sell" our home tournaments and need a better networking system with other teams throughout the state. Mark reminds Cory that we are all volunteers trying to make everything work the best that we can. Bill says we need to have relationships with these other teams to get them to come; should be falling on age reps and coaches to make these connections for teams to come, and then go to the tournament director for scheduling and logistics.
2. MAHA should really look at changing their format to play "festival style" to crack out more games each time we have to travel. Not a whole lot of open weekends to plan tournaments. If another city takes our weekend for a tournament, we have the ability to charge less because we own our ice, thus possibly getting more teams to come.
3. Bantam A/B State is in Butte on 3/10 weekend.
4. Tournaments are scheduled through 3/27.

ADM Coordinator – Dennis Janecke – ABSENT

1. No Update

Community at Large Representative – Mike Lasher

1. Submitted 25 volunteer hours for employer payment to BAHA. Let him know when payment is received.

2. Looking for very low effort items to perform to build additional volunteer hours as will be out of pocket for a while. Each volunteer hour accounts for \$10 to BAHA.
 - a. Possibly proofread the Policy, making it clearer and more concise?
 - b. Create a sheet for each board position, listing job responsibilities?

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 6:00pm at Hops

Meeting adjourned at 6:45.