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BAHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date of meeting: September 29, 2021

Time: 7:15pm

Essentia Health Sports Center

In attendance: Brent Potvin, Rich Pyle, Ryan Glas, Darren Goltz, Jim Brau, Chad Rasinski, Mandy Vanek, Howie Borden, and Jessica Gangl

- I. Call to Order – 7:25 by Darren Goltz
- II. Good News =/< 5 minutes
 - a. 139-150 registrations for Try Hockey for Free! (112 came night 1 and 93 the second night)
 - b. \$1500 Grant received from MN for our excellent effort for Try Hockey For Free
 - c. BAHA will be featured in MN Hockey Journal in October!
- III. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Motion made by Chad Rasinski. Second by Howie Borden. Motion carries.
- IV. Approval of Consent Agenda which includes: - Motion made by Mandy Vanek, 2nd by Ryan Glas. Motion carries.
 - a. Executive Director's report (Attached)
 - b. Hockey Director's report (Attached)
 - i. Player Development Committee and In-House sub-comm.
 - c. Treasurer's/Financial report (Attached)
 - d. Recruitment and Retention Committee report (Attached)
 - e. Alumni Committee report (Nothing to report)
 - f. SafeSport/Grievance/Discipline Committee (Attached)
 - g. Fundraising Committee report (Attached)
 - h. Volunteer Committee report (Nothing to report)
 - i. Executive Committee report (Nothing to report)
 - j. Finance Committee report (Nothing to report)
 - k. Marketing Committee report (Attached)
 - l. Events Committee report (Attached)
 - m. August meeting minutes (Attached)(no July meeting)
- V. Old Business
 - a. Long Term Strategic planning
 - i. Action Items:
 1. Jessica to call a meeting to discuss "Warrior Buddy Program"
 - b. Committee chairs and members
- VI. New Business
 - a. 990 Approval
 - i. Motion to approve the 990 made by Ryan Glas, 2nd by Mandy Vanek. Motion carries.
 - b. Dryland potential changes
 - i. Motion made to table this topic for information gathering made by Chad Rasinski, 2nd by Howie Borden. Motion carries.
 - c. Board Pre-Meeting Rotation
 - i. Motion to cancel pre-board rotations made by Mandy Vanek, 2nd by Rich Pyle. Motion carries. (members with concerns should go through appropriate escalation channels)
- VII. Comments and Announcements
 - a. Try-out schedule will be sent to members in the morning 9/30. Lots of shifting due to coordinating with other association for scrimmages.

VIII. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Howie Borden, 2nd by Mandy Vanek at 9:19pm. Motion carries.

Next Board meeting October 27th, 2021, 7:15pm

Committee & Staff Updates – September 2021

SafeSport/Grievance/Discipline Committee

Submitted by Mandy Vanek

SSGD is working on annual required training for all members.

Events Committee

Submitted by Laci Schindler

Met 9/16

Tailgating Events for High School first home games:

Girls Game: Tuesday November 16th Against Moorehead
Start time 5:15 (JV)

Boys Game: Tuesday November 30th Against Buffalo
Start time 5:15 (JV)

What's planned: Food(chili, potatoes, water, coffee?, hot chocolate?)

Music

Games

Face Painting

Glow rings/ towels

Start time 5:30

We have confirmed the Hubbard Broadcasting Trailer will be there per Bill Satre

Jim is looking into ordering "rally towels" and we will have glow bracelets/necklaces also.

Marketing Committee

Submitted by Jessica Gangl

1. Created an FAQ to distribute at THFF, set up photo back drop – big hit! Took lots of pictures at THFF and encouraged families to share their pics. (#brainerdhockey)
2. Working on New Parent Packets – will include FAQs, How To Info, BAHA sticker etc for use at LTS/rookie practices.
3. Team Gear is ready and will be added to site soon. Working on an exclusive coach baseball style hat as a “thank you” to our coaches.
4. BAHA Newsletters will start 10/1 and go out every other month. This is intended to be “fun” material – coach interviews, board bios, fun facts, event recaps etc.
5. Seeking a crafty parent to keep our glass display case up to date (volunteer hours granted)



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Alumni Committee

Submitted by Glenn Hagberg

Nothing new to report.

Recruitment and Retention Committee

Submitted by Rich Pyle

Recruiting and Retention Meeting

8/11/821 5:30pm

Attendance:

Samantha Hugulet

Eric Barnum

Jim Brau

Richie Pyle

Scott O'Shea

Jessica Gangl

Try Hockey for Free-

Try hockey for Free is Tuesday and Wednesday this week from 5:30-6:30pm. We went through all the equipment and did an inventory. The R&R Committee will be meeting this evening to set everything up to ensure the process goes as smoothly as possible. We will have FAQ sheets to hand out to the parents and answer any questions they may have. Brent and Howie have set up the proper coaches and skaters on the ice to help these little skaters out. We will be trying to provide a backdrop for some of the skaters to get pictures with some of the coaches, skaters, or even their parents. We are also trying to come up with a welcoming packet for the parents and families after they register their kid for the hockey season.

*I am asking and begging that we ALL try to be there Tuesday and Wednesday for the Try Hockey for Free event as this is one of our biggest events and it would be nice to have the whole board present.

Surveys-

Will be working on a survey for 1st year parents only.

World Hockey Day for Girls Program-

I am in communication with Marnie, Brooke and Laci from the events committee. We are planning to have the world hockey day for the girls on October 16th from 10:30am-noon and then games and food from noon-1. We encourage that any skater brings a friend who doesn't play hockey or is involved with the sport itself but won't turn ANYONE away!

Next Meeting:

TBD

Fundraising Committee

Submitted by Chad Rasinski

Fundraising committee: Received required documents that are essential in packet distribution. Securing raffle prizes has commenced.

Volunteer Committee

Submitted by Lisa Anderson

Nothing reported.

Executive Director's Report

Submitted by Jim Brau

Home Tournaments

1. Home tournament registration went live on May 28th.
2. Current registration levels are:
 - a. 15UA= 8 spots – 2 remaining
 - b. 15UB= 8 spots – Full
 - c. Bantam AA= 12 spots – 2 remaining
 - d. Bantam B1= 8 spots – Full
 - e. Bantam B2= 8 spots – Full
 - f. 12UA= 8 spots – Full
 - g. 12UB= 8 spots – Full
 - h. PWB1= 8 spots – Full
 - i. PWB2= 8 spots – Full
 - j. 10UB= 12 spots – Full
 - k. Squirt. A= 8 spots – Full
 - l. Squirt. B1= 8 spots – Full
 - m. Squirt. B2= 8 spots – Full
 - n. 8U Jamboree= 8 spots – 4 remaining
 - o. Mite Jamboree= 16 spots – 5 remaining

Home Tournament Coordinator

1. Still waiting for additional applicants.

Shot Club

1. Program started on June 1st and will run through September 30th.
2. We currently have 40 players that have shot 166,335 pucks so far.
3. Last year we ended with 36 players shooting 195,637 pucks.

Regular Season Registration

1. Registration went live on July 31st.
2. Currently have 250 registered.
3. Last season on this date we had 270 registered.
4. Will be making phone calls and sending emails to get more registered.

Fall Hockey

1. Registration went live on August 11.



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2. Have 204 registered to date.
3. Final number last year was 197.

BAHA Clothing Store

1. Second ordering window has come and gone.
2. 3rd ordering window is open and runs until October 24th.

990

1. Have been working with B. Johnson to prepare 990.
2. Final version for approval will be submitted at board meeting for approval.

Try Hockey For Free

1. Currently have 127 registered.
2. Last year we had 115 total.
3. Had to purchase more gear to ensure we had supplies on hand.

District 15

1. Will be attending District meeting on Sunday October 3rd in Wadena.
2. Will be declaring final team designations for the season.

Concession Manager

1. Have been working on training in new concession manager.
2. Plan is to open stand week of October 11th if we can secure enough inventory.

Player Development Committee/Hockey Director Update

Submitted by Brent Potvin

Will be discussed verbally at the meeting. More info to come after Thursday's PDC meeting.

15U- Opted for 1 team rather than 2 due to numbers. Our count is 17 skaters and 1 goalie. We would need another 3-4 skaters in order to make 2 teams, but we don't anticipate any more signing up.

We are also in communication with a non-parent coach about taking this team. We will know more on that this week and are still in discussion with Tate and Alex about level classification.

Bantams- 32 skaters and 3 goalies is what we are anticipating. This level becomes very challenging. We cannot do 3 teams unless we had another 4-5 players. The PDC felt moving them up from PW wasn't a solid choice and we basically take the numbers issues at this level and moves it to PW. What the PDC is recommending is 2 teams with 13 on the AA and 19 on the B1 team. Far from ideal numbers. Those with a lot of knowledge and those that are involved with this group all feel that the drop off in talent once you hit 13 is so big that it would be detrimental to development. We also know that 19 is far from ideal. Our plan in the parent meeting is to offer JG as an option if anyone wants to go that route. Howie- do you care to add anything to this? I know you had some very strong opinions as to why you felt this was our best direction. Coaching- Kyle Weiss will be added to the AA team as an assistant and Cole Ball and Jimmy Engen were appointed the coaches of the B1 team. Cole was a coach from last season.

PW- 36 skaters and 5 goalies. Opting for 3 teams of 12, AA, B1 and B2. Eli and Mason Update- we still don't know much about their situation. We are giving them a deadline of the middle of next week to figure it out as we are running out of time. We did discuss the idea of rostering 2 parent coaches with them in the event they had to miss if they are able to coach. The 2 names that we discussed were Joe Ciardelli and Drew Peterson. We will have a better plan the middle of next week to send out for approval.

12U- 21 skaters and a goalie. We will be opting for 2 teams at this level, an A and B level.

10U- currently at 12 skaters and a goalie which will put us at 1 team, and we are opting for a B level.

Squirts- 46 skaters and 5 goalies. We are anticipating 3 more to sign up. Given the circumstances with 3 players and the unfortunate situations with 3 players only being able to attend 50% of team functions, the PDC is recommending that we get to 50-52 skaters. Before we pull up any Mites, we are giving it until Wednesday to see if we get any others from THFF. Ill give you all an update on Wednesday with what happens here.

Level reps- In an effort to create a new culture around the rink, the PDC has decided to eliminate the level rep positions. We would rather have people come to the PDC to voice their concerns or issues than to a level rep. We feel that the PDC is better suited to handle these than the level reps. So basically, the order of operation will be player talking to coach first and if there is no resolution or the issue persists, that individual should bring it to the attention of Jim or myself who will turn to the PDC for recommendation. Having both Howie and Tom on the PDC will also help guide us in the event we feel one should be handled by the disciplinary committee.