

Beaver County Amateur Hockey Association Meeting Minutes

08/24/2021

I. Call to order

Sean Cogis called to order the regular meeting of the Beaver County Amateur Hockey Association at 6:08PM on 08/24/2021 at Brighton Township Municipal Building.

II. Roll call

Mike Leiper took roll of meeting attendance. The following board members attended:

President: Sean Cogis	Y	Midget Rep: Becca Cerilli	Y
1 st VP: Bob Wilson	Y	Bantam Rep: Becca Krynicky	Y
2 nd VP: Michel Otto	Y	PeeWee Rep: Autumn Giocondi	Y
3 rd VP: Kim Wohl	Y	Squirt Rep: Mark Narad	N
Treasurer: Tammy Symanowicz	Y	ADM Rep: Jaclyn Smithhammer	Y
Secretary: Mike Leiper	Y	House Rep:	N/A
ACE Coordinator: Dave Woods	N	Little Pens Rep: Julie Saibena	Y

Non-voting role attendees:

- TBD (Team Manager Coordinator): N
- TBD (SafeSport Coordinator): N
- Dave Symanowicz (Web Master): Y
- Demetrio Vega (Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator): N

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from 7/27/21 were presented by Mike Leiper via email prior to the meeting. Autumn Giocondi completed the 7/27/21 minutes in Mike's absence. Michel motioned to approve, and Tammy seconded. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Treasurer Report

- Tammy was able to connect with prior Badger treasurer to transfer bank account access to appropriate members. Tammy Symanowicz, Sean Cogis and Michel Otto will have check signing authority, with 2 signatures required on any check. Tammy has been working to draft a proposed budget for upcoming season. It is still a work in progress. We use PAHL's fiscal year moving forward for our organization's financial reporting. Account balances are as follows.

- \$75,328.26 Operating Fund
- \$5,971.24 Angel Fund
- \$6,684.06 Money Market
- \$8,537.24 Puck Stop Checking Account

Sean noted several potential unpaid expenses from prior season and will need to help Tammy get appropriate information for what still needs to be paid.

Julie motioned to implement \$75 ice fee increases for all skaters 10U and above for upcoming season. Autumn 2nd. Motion approved unanimously. Subsequent discussion based on request from ADM rep and parent in attendance led to decision to increase ADM by \$90 and to obtain a regularly scheduled skating instructor for ADM, leveraging that fee increase.

V. Open issues

a) Sean: U18 Challenges

There was extensive discussion about the U18 situation that has unfolded over the last several months. Multiple board members continued to express desire to come up with solution to ensure continuity of U18 team, however no clear solution was identified given the varied stated perspectives communicated by current/prospective U18 parents to various different board members. Various board members recommended that Sean invite parents to a parent meeting prior to next outdoor workout on Thursday to discuss current state of roster as well as ideas/options to move forward. Several board members offered to participate and try to help drive towards an amicable solution.

b) Sean/Dave: Head Coaches & ACE Coordinator

- Sean nominated the following names as head coaches. There are no other candidates for these positions. Before voting, several people noted the importance of returning to the practice more broadly advertising for head coaching applicants in future years. Julie 2nd. Motion approved unanimously
 - U16 Team 2: Adam Bianculli
 - Squirt: Nathan Clark
 - ADM Coordinator: Bill Chamberlain

- Sean nominated Dave Woods to continue as ACE coordinator. Bob 2nd. Motion approved unanimously.

c) Sean/Dave: Practice Schedule & Placement Games

- Sean provided an update that practices now expected to start the week of 8/30 instead of the week of 9/7. Dave Woods to work with rink officials to finalize schedule which will be communicated out to full membership.
- d) Michele: Golf Outing
- Michel will send Mike L. golf outing communication to send out to parents after ice fee communication goes out.
- e) Julie: Little Pens
- 25 kids are registered.
- f) ADM
- 26 kids are registered.
- g) Uniforms
- Michel said K&B expecting uniforms to be ready by 8/29.
- h) Photos
- B. Krynicki shared that we'll be switching photo vendors with tentative plans to starting 9/29. She'll coordinate with Dave Woods to align photo schedule with practice schedules for each team as appropriate.
- i) Sean: PAHL Updates
- PAHL requires 3 try hockey for free days with at least 2 on the following dates: 11/6/2021 and 3/5/2022. Julie will take the lead and coordinate with Dave Woods as needed for ice time and helpers.
- j) Player development
- Sean noted that he is working on a goalie coach given that last year's coach is unavailable this year due to women's USA Hockey team Olympic obligations. Sean advised Tammy to conservatively plan for \$6000 in this year's budget for goalie instruction.

VI. New business

- a) Autumn's miscellaneous items
- We discussed request to advertise open positions more broadly like Puck Stop Manager in the future. Sean to work with Puck Stop Manager to ensure that the board

receives a written proposal of how the Puck Stop will operate including roles/responsibilities and how finances will be managed including reimbursement of ice fees.

- Robyn Best asked if players would be willing to send cards to military service personnel as a potential “Badger Give Back” project. Recommend that she coordinate that ask via team managers.
- Robyn also requested that ice fees/uniform fees/mandatory fundraisers at registration. Kim confirmed that mandatory fundraiser is included in online registration information. As a board we really try to keep ice fee increases as minimal as possible from year to year. The board acknowledged need to communicate ice fees earlier in the future. Several issues contributed to challenges with doing so for the upcoming season. As a board we really try to keep ice fee increases as minimal as possible from year to year. The rink raised ice fees from \$270 to \$285 per hour. There was significant uncertainty regarding number of teams and players we would have at each level. There was also a delayed transition of information our new Treasurer needs to prepare for new season. These factors all contributing to delays in finalizing ice fees for upcoming season.

b) Standing Committees

- By Laws (B. Wilson): Autumn, Dave S. appointed to serve on this By Laws committee.
- Ways & Means (T. Symanowicz):
- Finance ():
- Long Range Planning (M. Narad):
- Nomination (M. Otto):

c) Sub-Committees

- Registration (K. Wohl):
- Development (D. Woods):
- Public Relations (B. Wilson, M. Narad, D. Symanowicz): Dave S to move forward with his proposal to create a periodic Newsletter.
- Picnic: (J. Smithhammer):
- Referees (B. Krynicki):
- Pictures (B. Krynicki):
- Tournaments ():
- Fundraising (Otto/Giocondi):

- Autumn planning a clothing item spirit sale/fundraiser. Sean reminded that all clothing/spirit sale fundraisers need to be approved by K&B due to contractual obligations.
- Tammy shared about Flip Give program. This is a free program with a one-time setup.
- Tammy said that Badgers are already setup for Amazon Smile and is researching how to activate.
- Banquet (B. Cerilli/M. Narad):

VII. Adjournment

Sean Cogis adjourned the meeting at 8:51 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Leiper