

IFYHA Agenda

July 27, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Idaho Falls Fire Department

343 E Street

Attendance: Board members: John Rifelj, Michelle Crane, Cheri Arnold, Emily Allred, Lucy Jepson, Carmen Peters, Bill Combo, Ross Tocheri, Duane Nelson, Laura Bruley, Tallene Smith, Kylie Robinson, Ashley Sonntang, Eric Johnson. Visiting: Jessica Baird & Dodge Ommanney

Old Business:

June Minutes approval:

Laura Burley requests to move Peewee home tournament dates due to it conflicting with the State tournament. Additional available dates will be looked at- a lot of conflicts and we probably will not be using the MAC until January for tournaments.

MOTION: Kylie Motions to approve minutes/ Tallene seconded. APPROVED

New Business:

1. P&P Committee: Outdated, haven't been updated in 3 years. Bill Combo volunteers to be committee chair. Kylie, Cheri, Emily volunteered to assist Bill with reviewing P&Ps. Suggestion to add position descriptions, big task so pushed into a separate committee.

a. Carmen will set up a committee to establish SOPs. Possible committee members: Michelle Crane, Holly Molino, Andrea Dopp, and Steph Hay.

2. Bylaw Committee: Chair: Duane, Committee members: Ross, Mitch Craven, Mike Lehto, and Tallene. The bylaws have to be distributed to parents for voting. Updating already in process by Duane. Plan to have bylaws updated and ready to be distributed at time of registration.

3. Registration Fees for 2022-23 Season

Don't have a fixed number yet because we don't have a final schedule. Waiting on MAC center ice availability. IF wants us to commit to our schedule asap. Currently predicted to be the same as years past until we can move into the MAC center.

John suggests an increase of registration fees by \$50. We have not raised rates for 3 years but our operating costs have gone up during that time. Officials are asking for a raise this year.

Contract with the city does not change this year: \$150 for ice, \$175 for tournament ice/time but Mac center ice does cost more. Discussion about opinions of raising fees. Justification for fee raise due to MAC ice cost, more ice time available for all divisions (predicting 10 to 15 more practices available per division once we are using MAC ice), and increased referee fees. Discussion about fees for multiple kids and current amount of associations balances. Current proposal to insulate the building and split that with the Spud Kings and city so we need to prepare for that cost. Association needs to maintain an emergency fund for building repairs, possible zam issues, etc.

MOTION: Duane motions we raise fees \$50 and P&P committee looks at writing a policy for possible family discounts/ Carmen seconds. APPROVED to raise fees from \$350 to \$400 for the 22-23 season.

3. Amber Mahoney - accounting

John addressed the issue of a missing \$1,000 check. John takes full responsibility for this, the check was forgotten/misplaced and not cashed. It is now 6 months old. He will reach out to the manager of Premier technology to explain what happened and ask for a reissuance of the check at a 50% discount and will reach out to the Mahoney's

Concerns expressed as to why financials are not discussed at board meetings and why the treasurer Tim Smith does not attend the meetings. Requests made for the treasurer to be in attendance at the board meetings.

5. PDC's- Ross said hosting 2 last year the association lost money. Suggests we only have 1. Duane has talked to Rocky Mountain Hockey Camp about the possibility of coming in late spring to host a camp. They host a camp in Salmon in January and maybe work with them. Bill suggests doing it in October might discourage people because they have just paid fees. John suggests adding fees an additional \$50 and just offering the camp to everyone as included with our fees. Ross has been in contact with JC 93 and Steve Strunk, the camps we had last year, about returning. Possibility of paying for the camp at time of registration so we know how many people are committed.

ASSIGNMENT: Ross contacting JC 93 and other PDC's seeing if he is committed to coming for each group and putting on a goalie specific camp. He will report back to John with the options and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. Carmen Peters

- a. Partnering with Spud Kings: What is the board's feedback regarding partnering with them? Look beyond the name and look at the benefits. House programs in areas that have split their programs have been negatively impacted. Will not happen this year but needs to be an ongoing conversation about the pros and cons and active discussions with the Spud Kings.

- b. Fundraiser: Possible fundraiser for all of IFYHA. Fundraising for PDCs, scholarship, increased parking lot installation and rink improvements. Suggests doing a Fire and Ice Gala with raffles. If there is alcohol involved the association cannot host it but another entity can sponsor it for IFYHA. Possibility of Eric and Amanda Hudson with MAC offering to host it. Advertising on the boards only a portion of the funds come back to us.
ASSIGNMENT: Carmen will establish a Fundraiser Committee to plan, contact businesses, and coordinate with MAC to sponsor/host the event.
- c. Alternate location for travel tryouts: No issues with having travel tryouts at a rink with ice before our season starts. Up to the divisions to set that up. MUST verify current USA hockey registration for all players trying out.

6. President/Vice President Voting

Jessica Baird- Introduces herself and presents her vision for the association.

Carmen asks that the actual results be distributed. Agreed to do this. John, Duane, and Lettie admin for the ballot.

Duane presented his vision for the association and problems he would like to address within the association.

7. Other Business:

Duane new business: Proposed that the VP position description include working with the treasurer. SOP committee will take this into consideration. Wants to commit to a board meeting every month. Mutual agreement that this should be happening.

Insulation proposal: IFYHA, MAC, and City of IF asked to split the cost to insulate the rink with 2 inches of spray foam around the entire building and the garage doors. City has committed to put ice in on September 1 starting next season. Our portion is estimated to be \$10,000. John wants to try and negotiate it for \$7,000 and ask for the figure skating club to contribute \$3,000.

MOTION: Carmen motions for \$10,000 max for IFYHA to contribute but negotiate lower/ Lucy seconded. APPROVED.

City asked if we can donate expired helmets for the mutton bustin competition at the rodeo. Board is fine with that.

Concession contract with the city is the same.

The city is willing to distribute 5 keys for the ice rink. They are providing a keypad code for 5 people that will track who is entering the building. 5 should be enough, one for each division.

MOTION: Kylie motioned to adjourn/Ashley seconded. APPROVED.