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BAHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Date of meeting: October 11, 2023

Time: 5:30PM

Essentia Health Sports Center

In attendance: Grant VanWyngereen, Steve Leary, Chris Wallace, Amanda Ciesinski, Justin Jerve, Joe Winegar, Andrew Murray, Alicia Prahm

- I. Call to Order – 5:37PM by Grant
- II. Good News =/< 5 minutes
 - a. Try out weekend went well.
 - b. Positive feedback from membership regarding communication.
 - c. Try Hockey for Free had 120+ kids on the ice!
- III. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Motion to approve by Amanda, 2nd by Andrew. Motion carries.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. BOD group picture: tabled secondary to missing Board member.
 - b. Ratify electronic approval of travel team rosters and minutes from 9/27/23: The only coach change was that Pat Pelzer has agreed to coach Squirt B2 team. Steve makes a motion to approve these items, and Chris 2nd the motion. Motion carries.
 - c. Conversion to O365: guest Josh Christman @ 8:00 – 8:45 PM
 - d. Hockey Operations Coordinator search and interviews: The Board has received 7 candidate resumes. The next step is for the interview committee to meet with 2-3 of the candidates. The plan is to approve the candidate before the next Board meeting. That will be done electronically.
 - e. Bylaws changes: Bylaws are being reviewed. Necessary changes will be made given that Executive Director position no longer exists at this time. No action item required at this meeting.
 - f. Volunteer policy and “no shows” for concessions shifts: Plan is for DIBS schedule to be posted in the concessions area, and the volunteers to sign off that they worked their shift. Alicia will follow up with Volunteer Committee and inquire on how they wish to track the completion of DIBS shifts.
 - g. MM/8U/Mite/6U Coordinator: Tabled as one Board member needed to lead the Coaches Meeting.
 - h. Locker Room policy: Communication to our members has been completed. Call for volunteers to do SafeSport, etc. Currently, locker room monitors are NOT part of the DIBS. We are working with the registrar to post the volunteers on the brainerdhockey.com website. This spreadsheet of registered volunteers will be maintained on the website. Once the team managers are established, there will be a team manager meeting on 10/24/23, and details will be discussed to implement the locker room policy.
 - i. BAHA handbook: New Move Up Policy and new Leveled Discipline Policy. Changes to the handbook by BAHA Board VP are in process.



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- j. Practice times and DIBs out one month in advance: This expectation has been communicated to Pete, and he will continue to work on this. DIBS are being posted 1 month in advance.
 - k. Brainerd Blueline Boosters, proposal for consolidation: Challenges exist with consolidation, while keeping funds separate between the 2 groups. Plan to discuss further with BBLB members at the next meeting, October 25.
 - l. Concessions updates/ to do: tabled due to missing Board member
- V. New Business
- a. Communication with Arena Foundation regarding scheduling of Board Room and Celly Room: Grant will follow up with the arena for clarification on scheduling these rooms moving forward.
 - b. Fundraising Committee: Motion to approve Rich Jones for Fundraising Committee made by Steve and 2nd by Joe. Motion carries.
 - c. Agenda and conversation points for Planning Meeting: Proposal to move Strategic Planning meeting to January '24. All Board members agree this will be better timing for this meeting.
 - d. Rookies: Communication re: the Rookie program planned via email and New Parent Meeting. Amanda has taken the lead on this and has answered many new parent emails already.
 - e. Lease and general discussion with the Arena Foundation Board: Request for representation from the Arena Board to attend our next meeting. Grant will follow up.
 - f. Charitable gambling: Based on the overwhelming success of charitable gambling in other hockey associations, some of the Board members plan to investigate this further. Notable barriers include the amount of oversight required, frequent on-the-ground work at all sites, and limited open sites available. We will be looking to our interested membership to assist in investigating possible sites as the next step. Given the amount of work involved, the sites must be lucrative to sustain the initiative.
- VI. Comments and Announcement
Kick Off Party is Sunday October 15!!!
- VII. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Steve, 2nd by Chris. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM

Next Board meeting 10/25/2023 at 5:30PM