

Butte Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Call to Order

Start – 7:00 PM

Ryan Nielsen

Zanae Bates

Eva Berger

Kristi Wilson

Cheyenne Wolcott

Tonette Hollingsworth

Cory Whitmore

Clay Seccomb

Camie Kendall

Katrina Kruzich

Mark Ewanic

Dave Tuesday

Ray McMillan

Brittnay Hintz

Matt Enrooth

Kira Strande

Alicia Bogert

Matt Vincent

Taryn Yelenich

Bill LaVelle

Mike Lasher

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

Zanae motions to approve, Matt V. 2nd – **PASSED**

Unfinished Business

1. Sports Engine Update – no update.
2. COVID Plan
 - a. Games have been canceled through 11/25. We will take it week to week for the schedule after this to follow health department guidelines.
 - b. No more than 25 people in the rink at this time.
 - c. Mite/termite practices have been split – squirts gave up Wednesday practice to allow this change. Mites – Monday 6-7, Wednesday 4:45-5:45. Termites – Sunday 2:15-3:15, Wednesday 6-7.
 - d. Ray has been fogging the high touch areas at the rink weekly.
3. Hockey TV – Cameras are here, waiting for installation. Butte Auto Group has sponsored this for the rink, they will need W-9.

New Business

1. Cobra Update
 - a. Cobras have moved their games to Helena for the time being.
2. Skaters practicing with other age groups –
 - a. Camie had asked the board about Tanner possibly practicing one day a week with the squirt team. Brittnay and Zanae say this is not a good idea, as we are not supposed to allow this with the current COVID restrictions. Katrina says that there are other kids practicing with other groups as well. Zanae mentions that we can readdress kids skating with other groups after COVID calms down. All kids must stay in their own age groups at this time, kids CANNOT practice with other teams. Ryan says we will have another vote on this issue when COVID numbers decline. - **TABLED**
3. Ball Fundraiser – Zanae reported that they were in a car accident and she wants BAHA to help alleviate some of their financial burden during this time.
 - a. Cash donations to the family can be put in the registrar's box at the rink.
 - b. Brittnay motions to waive the Ball family registration fees for the remainder of the year as well as their volunteer obligations. Katrina 2nds – **PASSED**
4. Zam Drivers needed for all age groups. Anyone willing to be trained on the Zam, please ask an age rep and they can get trainings squared away. Kristi and the Reps are making a list of those trained and willing to help.

Age Group Director's Report – Kristi Wilson

1. Masks continue to be a problem to enforce. No mask, no entry to building. She will post signs throughout the rink and in each locker room reminding people to follow mask rules.
2. Zam – Kristi spoke with Bill about the problems scheduling people for Zam. Cobra group is a problem not cleaning their ice. Those who usually Zam for them have been sick or quarantined.
3. Wants to have lighting and benches put by each door for players to get ready and to wait for rides. Zanae thinks benches are not a good idea, as they would get ruined in the weather. Brittnay suggests possible use of dryland room for players waiting for rides. Reps need to ensure players are being picked up promptly. Zanae also suggests that coaches should be staying until all kids leave the rink. - **TABLED**

4. Tonette voices concerns about Cobra players not wearing masks consistently inside the rink, and they are also using the showers. Brittney said she has also spoken to some of them and to Bill about the masks. Kristi suggests that the Cobras need to have consequences for not following the rules. Bill said the Cobras are allowed to use the showers, per their COVID plan. Kristi motions to give the Cobras and BAHA teams a warning first, and then suspend the team from the ice for a week for non-compliance. Discussions ensued, Ryan stated to send an email out reminding all players and anyone entering the rink to follow rules with wearing masks, or they will get a week suspension. If we are still having issues, board can revisit this and have a vote on consequences by email. - **TABLED**

Treasurer's Report – Dave Tuesday

1. Current status of BAHA accounts:
 - a. Total available funds – Dave sent out balance sheet – Net \$8,055. Said we are ok now, but if we have to refund (even prorated), we will have to dip into reserve funds. Kristi says we need to be thinking of this, because it is a possibility. Ryan said hopefully we can try to keep some registration fees as a “donation” to the club.
 - b. Accounts Payable (bills to pay) and Receivable
 - i. M/S/P to pay bills
 1. Alicia motions to pay bills, Cheyenne 2nd – **PASSED**
 - ii. Receipts within the last month
2. Invoices
 - a. Age reps have been working hard to collect all past due invoices. Got a lot collected, still a work in progress.

Committee Reports

1. Grant Writing Update
 - a. Matt V. reported that the marketing grant is obsolete, we can readdress this when things get back to normal.
 - b. He will see about possible emergency grant money for the compressor issues we've been having.
2. Hockey Boards from Civic Center
 - a. Matt V. talked with JP Gallagher about possibly putting the hockey boards into the existing building lease.

Fundraising and Other Events

1. Meat and Gun Raffle – Stephanie Hassler would like all tickets and money turned in by December 4. Can continue to sell after this date, but majority of them turned in 12/4.
2. Unsold gun from last season – no update.
3. Cory reported on the brewery fundraiser, BAHA made a couple hundred dollars on the raffle and 90 pints for this fundraiser. Made approximately \$290.

Appointed Directors' Reports

Building Coordinator – Cory Whitmore

1. Building Committee Update
 - a. Cory sent information on getting new bleachers. Big price tag. He will talk with corporations wanting to possibly donate for ADA compliant bleachers.
 - b. Highland's College students still working on projects around the rink. They will return after winter break to complete more.
 - c. BFS will donate 100 sheets of particle board for locker type cubbies for locker rooms.
 - d. He has enough copper metal to do the main hallway down to pro shop. BFS will donate trim and other parts for this. He will get other materials to do the Zam hallway.
 - e. Says he can get materials for outside benches if board decides to do this.
 - f. Ryan and the board thank Cory for all his hard work making our rink look great.

Rink Manager – Bill LaVelle

1. Bill talks about volunteer situation, very few people are signing up to do the work. Need a better method of communication.
 - a. Katrina says people are not using sign up genius. She has minimal help, it's always the same couple people. Many volunteer responsibilities falling on the reps.
 - b. Cory suggest prorating hours monthly or people pay monthly. Suggests 12.5 hours each month or be billed for uncompleted hours. Cory makes a motion to invoice families based on the prorated credits lined out in the volunteer policy if the credits aren't fulfilled by December 31st. Katrina 2nds - **PASSED**
 - c. Mite/Termite parents aren't allowed in rink...possibly open up door monitor positions for them to volunteer.
 - d. Kira stresses for parents to write a letter to the board if they are having struggles fulfilling volunteer requirements. If families are finding it hard to find things to do, they need to ask.
2. Compressors are running for now, but still causing problems. Door to Zam fell off rollers, but fixed now. Problems continue to come up. Have to deal with things as they come up.
3. Assignments
 - a. Concessions Operation – Had concessions for a couple Cobra games, brought in a couple hundred dollars.
 - i. New ice machine is installed.
 - b. Rental Gear Coordinator – Brittney submitted "Grow Your Game" grants with MAHA to buy gear, but hasn't heard. Zanae says she needs to turn in all her receipts and then MAHA will send a check to Dave. They did buy helmets and skates, but still need more helmets.
4. Ice and Space Rental Management – Alicia has the schedule updated on the website.

MAHA State Representative – Matt Enrooth

1. MAHA meeting earlier this week, talks of possible shut down of Treasure State League. They will revisit this in two weeks if games continue to get canceled.
2. Bozeman is contemplating pulling out of TSL. They have enough kids to keep their organization local to try to curb COVID spread.
3. MAHA is trying to figure out how missed games will affect ranking and positions.
4. Need to keep our COVID policies updated, everyone is different. Work with Health Department. Butte and Missoula have very strict regulations, try calling other rinks for available ice time to play games.

5. Zanae says many places now canceling more games since the governor's directive (MAHA meeting was before this). A few are going to try to play. They will base our rankings on games played. Had 10 games scheduled to play this weekend, only 3 will try to play.

Volunteer Program Administrator – Cheyenne Wolcott

1. Most of the volunteer problems previously discussed in this meeting.
2. Northwestern Energy will donate \$100 per employee volunteering at our rink.

SafeSport Coordinator – Kira Strande

1. Currently getting list finalized to be turned into MAHA. Due December 31. About 75% done.

Ice Scheduler – Alicia Bogert

1. Has cancelled all games through the 25th, she will take the schedule week to week, or as restrictions lift for the time being. Matt V. is on the list to get updates from Butte Silver-Bow about restrictions and will fill us in.
2. Adult drop-in scheduled for Friday to bring some money in.
3. Birthday party scheduled for Saturday.

Registrar – Zanae Bates

1. Registrations/rosters going well. Has not turned in Mite/Termite rosters yet, but no hurry on those.
2. JJ contacted again to register as a team from Butte. Zanae talked to Todd Porter and Mike McIntosh from MAHA and both said ok, there was miscommunications on JJ's intentions, and BAHA will not be fined. Ryan wants something in writing from MAHA saying this is ok and BAHA won't be fined. It will bring in money to BAHA, but he will need to follow all of BAHA's rules. Executive Board will meet with JJ to discuss his needs and plans. Matt V. motions to allow JJ to register a tournament team under BAHA, Zanae 2nd – **PASSED**
3. Ray has white jerseys and wants to know if BAHA wants to buy them.

Coaches Director – Chris Shadow - ABSENT

1. No update

Referee in Chief – Mark Ewanic

1. Added to the JJ conversation. This has been done in the past with other teams. He doesn't think a contract is necessary. A meeting with him might be nice to discuss what he wants as far as ice rental/zam. He thinks JJ just needs to be linked with a city for rosters.
2. Referees are continuing to move forward, just waiting for games.
3. Virtual seminar for refs at the end of the month. Contact Mark for more information.
4. Mark sent Dave the new ref fees, so age reps just need to tell Dave what games are happening so refs can get paid.

Tournament Director – Katrina Kruzich

1. No tournaments scheduled, but can possibly have U14 girls only tournament at the end of season.

ADM Coordinator – Dennis Janecke - ABSENT

1. No update

Community at Large Representative – Mike Lasher

1. No update

Actions to be taken

Executive Board – Schedule meeting with JJ.

Kristi Wilson – Post mask signs and send email warning about non-compliance.

Next Meeting

Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 7:00 via Zoom

Ryan closes the meeting at 9:00.