

Billings Amateur Hockey League

April 2021 Regular Board Member Minutes

Thursday April 15, 2021 6:00 PM

Call to Order: 1806

Board Members present: Mark Loeding, Carl Rose, Margaret Stiles, D Tillery, Jason Heimer, Melissa Kittleman, Megan Davis, Mark Goldy, Derek Hammermeister

Board Members absent: None

Rink Guests: Eddie LaPera, Alex McCready

Liaison absent: Shaun Seedhouse

Membership Guests: none

1. Individual, Guest, Member Comment: None
2. MCAHA Update
 - a. Grant Writing update
 - Treacy Foundation responded favorably to our Letter of Intent but is asking us to raise more money for the project before it will be considered. We will need to attempt to raise an additional \$20-\$30k and they will resubmit
 - FIB did accept our proposal; they replied this week with a decline. Their focus this year is homelessness and hunger issues. We will keep this one on our radar for next year.
 - They are in the process of submitting to The Washington foundation. There are steps to go through to apply. We "passed" the eligibility quiz, so Nicole was able to set up an account on their website and will now be in the application/proposal process. Their grant process is all online through their website.
 - Nicole sent our LOI/short proposal to Jenny Craft, who is the Exec Director for a few Scott foundations here in our area. She will present to the different Scott foundations to see if any of them are interested. Nicole emphasized how programs that BAHL provides help serve underprivileged youth services. We have not heard back. Receiving \$10-15k seems reasonable for one of these family foundations.
 - Nicole recommends a \$10k minimum fundraising campaign for BAHL. If we could show \$20k raised towards the project, it will look much better to the foundations we are approaching. Nicole is willing to help set up fundraising options.
3. Figure Skating Update: Alex is working with Eddie to help structure some aspects in LTS. She would like things to be more fluid as kids move between LTS and LTP/BAHL. Next year she plans on doing 4 LTS sessions and is working on the schedule. Figure skating wrapping up the year with Competitions

4. President's Report

- a. New Board Members: Megan Davis and Mark Goldy welcomed to the board. Both were appointed to the board to fill two-year vacancies of previous members remaining terms. Jason Heimer was appointed to a one-year term to fill a previous members remaining term. Per BAHL By-laws, Mark and Megan they will still be eligible to serve two consecutive three-year terms after their appointed term. Jason will be able to serve a consecutive 3-year term.
- b. Annual Meeting: Annual Meeting is April 20, 2021 @ 6pm at Lake Hills Golf Course. There will be no changes made to the current By-Laws.
- c. Board Elections/Open Board Positions: There are 4 open board positions. Eddie has sent the applications of the interested members to the board via email for review. The applicants are as follows: Des Detling, Brenna Yarina, Kristi Laib, Derek Waddoups, Amanda Thurston, Kristin Piccioni.

5. Treasurer Update

- a. Financial Update: Janine is working on the financials. Priority is on the end of the year items and preparing for the annual meeting.
- b. Amended date for Fiscal Year: Confirmed with January 2021 minutes that Fiscal will end March 31, 2021. See January 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes 4A for more details.

6. Facility/Maintenance Update & Employee Management

- a. Employee Update:
 - Connie Murphy will take over as the BAHL bookkeeper. This is a part time paid position
 - Eddie is working on the plan for summer employees.
- b. Program Update Team Formulation and any necessary tryout process are in the planning stages and will be announced in the next couple months
- c. Mechanical/Facility Update: Ice plant running great. Ice hasn't gone over 20 degrees. Tire wash on the Zamboni burnt out and new parts were ordered today 4/15/21.
- d. Parking Lot Lights: Electrician said to go with the least expensive lights quoted. Recommended going from 5 lights to 6 lights in the parking lot. Motion from Jason: Purchase electrician recommended exterior lights and increase number of lights. D seconds. All in favor, none oppose. Motion passes.
- e. Big Sky State Games: Girls Hockey April 16th-18th.
- f. LiveBarn Update: Up and running. We've received positive feedback. Discount code is available for members to use for subscription discount. Promo Code: d2a0-4q93 gives members 10% off a monthly subscription. Angle and placement height of camera is questionable. LiveBarn is willing to work with the rink on better placement if needed. Clubs/User groups can ask to have it turned off during their events.
- g. MAHA Updates: No MAHA Board Meeting in April
- h. CIA Insurance Update: Eddie met with Payne West insurance agent and gave a tour of our building. Janine is filling out the application which will be submitted for policy quotes.
- i. Sign update: Acknowledgment of Vote to approve CIA exterior sign and purchase and install parking lot lights: Motion: Melissa, Second: Jason Approve: Melissa, Jason, Margaret, D, Carl Abstain: Derek Oppose: none Motion passes

- j. Sungrown Hockey: WSHL Junior Tier III team submitted a proposal to rent ice as a user group and launch their program in Billings. After reviewing their proposal, the board declined to move forward.
 - k. Roof and Siding Project Update: 5% of total payment was withheld from amount owed Apex until completion of roofing and siding project. There are some damaged panels that need to be replaced. Mark motions to pay the remaining 5% in good faith that the work will be completed as promised. Jason seconds motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
 - l. Coaches Committee Update: see 6(b)
7. Marketing/Fundraising Updates:
- Golf Tournament date TBD. Have contacted Pryor Creek and Lake Hills for scheduling options
 - Big Sky Corn Hole Associations renting space for 3 fundraising events throughout the summer

Motion to Close by Derek

Seconded by D

All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Next Meeting May 13, 2021 @ 6pm

Meeting adjourned @ 1951

Minutes submitted by Margaret Stiles, BAHL Board Secretary