

Butte Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Call to Order

Cory Whitmore
Jaki McCarthy
Laurie McGree
Cheyenne Holbrook-Wolcott
Brittnay Hintz
Taryn Yelenich
Zach Woods
Dale Kingrey
Luke Davis
Bill LaVelle
Kristi Wilson
Dan Blando
Mark Ewanic
Dave Tuesday
Mike Lasher

Guests: Mark Brodeur, Andy D'Amico

Start – 6:00 PM

Brittnay starts the meeting by thanking everyone on the board for their hard work keeping things running. She also says that if there is any more disrespectful language or actions at a board meeting, those people will be asked to leave.

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes – Cory motions to approve the last meetings minutes, Dan 2nd – **PASSED**

Unfinished Business

1. Roller Derby presentation – Kacie and Brenda show up to ask some questions and present their ideas for rink rental for roller derby in the summer. They have insurance and it covers the facility they are in. They are currently renting a space for practices, but it is not large enough for bouts. Mark explains the situation on our painted rink, so they would be responsible for re-painting if there are any damages. They are looking into purchasing a “Sport Court” to use, which would also protect the floor. They say that they would maintain everything while they are in there. The rink would only be available for them to use May-July.
 - A. Bill explains to the board that last time the roller derby was in our facility they did not follow their proposed plan or give anything back to BAHA. If they plan to use it, they will be responsible for repainting the floor or installing a subfloor. Paint will cost roughly \$3,500. Bill makes a motion to veto the roller derby using our facility, Cheyenne 2nd – **PASSED**
 - b. Someone asks about possibly using it for roller hockey in the summer. It takes a lot of time and volunteers to run roller hockey during the summer, and most of our volunteers need a break come summertime.
2. Lock Boxes – Dave requests that the lock boxes are put in a more secure location, like the concessions. There is too much money in them at times, and they can easily be accessed. We could install a ‘drop box’ into concessions through the wall possibly. Cory and Alicia will try to find a solution for this.

New Business

1. Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser – March 12 and 26 at the Elks from 9-11:30. BAHA will get 50% of the proceeds. We will need volunteers to help serve and clean.
2. Planet Hockey – Dates they originally asked for are when we don't have ice. Luke will try to find alternative dates to see if we can have them.
 - a. Mark says that future camps should put a non-refundable deposit down, and they should be the ones to advertise for it, not BAHA.

- b. Ask Travis about hosting a camp. Cobras would be willing to help.
3. Concessions- Angie Harrison will take over.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Tuesday

1. Current status of BAHA account(s) – Net \$53,000; last year was \$92,000.
 - a. We are down on advertising income, we should be emailing businesses in January to re-up their advertisements. We are up on raffles, sold about 1,000 of each; about 200 left of each to sell. Mark mentions that we should put some of this money aside to pay for next year's raffles; Dave says that we should focus on paying for this year's first. Concessions are doing well. We got \$1600 from Northwestern Energy for volunteer donations and \$2500 from Pioneer Technical.
 - b. Accounts Payable (bills to pay) and Receivable
 - i. M/S/P to pay bills – All bills to be paid are read aloud – Zach motions to pay the bills, Cheyenne 2nd – **PASSED**
 - ii. Outstanding invoices – NA Prep and the Wolves still owe for ice time. May not see money from NA Prep, he is currently under investigation from a SafeSport complaint.
 - iii. LaVelle Invoice - \$42,760.88 was owed to Bill. If we pay \$2,00 a month, rink will be out of money in 11 months. Bill had to take a week off work and pay for parts. Oil prices are up too, and we will need a barrel of oil probably every 3 months. We have paid bill \$18,000 so far. We need to set a budget for ice plant maintenance each year.
 - Zach makes a motion to pay Bill what we owe him in parts now, \$11,260, and then pay what we can monthly to satisfy the invoice; Cheyenne 2nd – **PASSED**

Committee Reports

1. Grant Writing Update – Grant money is out there, we just need to find it.
 - a. SARTA fundraising update – Bill says that the labor donation and cash donation for this grant should be satisfied. We are still waiting on the design from the engineers to keep the ball rolling. We would like to exceed the amount though. We should get \$45,000 from SARTA.
 - b. Markovich grant – Mike Lasher is working on this for their next review.
 - c. Cory mentions possibly doing a golf tournament as a fundraiser. Markee Richards is on the Realtor board and has some good ideas for fundraising.
 - d. Andy asks that there are a lot of questions from potential sponsors about where their money goes. Bill says that it will go into our general maintenance fund unless they specify elsewhere.

Fund Raising and Other Events

1. Meat & Gun Raffle Update – Some tickets still available to sell. Contact Cyndra if you can sell any. Drawings have started!

Appointed Director's Reports

Rink Manager – Bill LaVelle

1. Update – Everything is running decently. Need to get more distilled water for the Zam.
2. Cobras Update – New coach, Mark Brodeur, is here to introduce himself. He is excited about the team and has put the kids to work cleaning up around the rink. He is on board with making the team presence more positive and they are willing to help. By having the Cobras involved in things, it grows excitement for our club, and brings in money for BAHA.
 - a. Again, it is asked about who 'owns' the Cobras, as the BAHA board has not seen any paperwork or financials. Bill explains that the Cobras need one responsible person to be in charge, not a business or board. He has taken on that role and signed the note each year for \$75,000. He says that the Cobras are now self-sufficient; they broke even last year.

Building Coordinator – Cory Whitmore

1. Needs to get a quote on the window.
2. Tech kids will be back this week to work on some projects.
3. Need to decide paint colors for exterior. He has gotten paint donated.

4. We need a new lock and codes for the concessions; too many people have the code. He will work on getting this done.

Age Group Representative Director – Kristi Wilson

1. Invoices for tournaments are not getting paid before the tournaments.
2. Need better communication between reps and coaches.
3. Mark asks about younger kids starting mid-season and suggests that they need to do a 'learn to skate' program before just getting on the ice with kids who have been skating all season.

MAHA Representative – Dan Blando

1. No update

Volunteer Coordinator – Cheyenne Holbrook

1. Will work with Kristi to make some improvements on the volunteer form and rink waiver.
2. Needs to find a way to incentivize the Northwestern employees to volunteer around the rink. Northwestern will pay the rink for volunteers from their organization.

Safe Sport Coordinator – Jess Ball – ABSENT

1. No update

Registrar – Jaki McCarthy

1. All the rosters are good. Can still make some rosters for tournaments, but the MAHA rosters are set.
2. There are a couple new younger skaters that she still needs to register.

Ice Coordinator – Luke Davis

1. Will coordinate with Planet Hockey to try to find camp dates that will work.
2. He will start requiring non-refundable deposits for rink rentals. He will also make them sign the rental agreement waiver.

Coaching Director – Travis Barry – ABSENT

1. No update

Referee-in-Chief – Mark Ewanic

1. We held a Helena 'home game' for the high school. They shorted us on the ref fees.

Girls Program Representative – Laurie McGree

1. Girls State is in Butte 3/2-3/6. We will need to start on Thursday; there are 11 teams.

Adult Program Representative – Dale Kingrey

1. Will start planning for the St. Pat's adult tournament 3/17-3/19.

Tournament Director – Stephanie Stodden – ABSENT

1. No update

ADM Coordinator – Dennis Janecke – ABSENT

1. No update

Community at Large Representative – Mike Lasher

1. No update

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 6:30 at Hops.

Meeting ends at 8:45pm.