

Butte Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) Agenda

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Call to Order

Kristi Wilson
Dan Blando
Jess Ball
Jaki McCarthy
Taryn Yelenich
Sara Jaksha
Zach Woods
Bill LaVelle
Laurie McGree
Cheyenne Holbrook-Wolcott
Cory Whitmore
Travis Barry
Dale Kingrey
Mark Ewanic
Camie Kendall
Mike Lasher

Guests: Cody Stevenson, Garrett St. Aubin, James Richards and Markee Richards

Start – 7:00 PM

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

Unfinished Business

1. Registration Update – 87 players are currently registered.
 - a. Several returning players have not registered yet.
 - b. Practice schedule – practice schedule is completed and will be posted soon.
2. Player Movement Requests – Travis met with parents tonight and will have his recommendations soon.

New Business

1. Scary Skate – 10/28 for tentative date. Need someone to take over to run this.
2. Fountain pop vs bottled pop in concessions – **TABLED**
 - a. Cheyenne says that the BAHA account has been blocked with Pepsi due to an outstanding invoice with Golden West. Sara says this bill has been paid. Sara will call to confirm they've received payment, as we would like to continue to do business with Pepsi.
 - b. We have approached Pepsi for assistance in purchasing new bleachers.
3. Try Hockey for Free – National Dates 11/5 and 2/25.
 - a. Alicia will be registering our rink for the national dates.
 - b. We will hold our own "Try Hockey" event on 9/24. Girls are doing 10:00-12:00, all genders 11:30-1:30.

Treasurer's Report –

1. Current status of BAHA account(s)
 - a. Total Available Funds – GMB is showing \$56,136. Of that, \$24,425 is for Sarta, \$2,055 is for the Jake Siddoway fund, and \$4,050 is for the Copper City Classic 3x3, for a total of \$25,606 in the BAHA fund. First Citizens Bank has a balance of \$279.
 - b. Accounts Payable (bills to pay) and Receivable
 - i. M/S/P to pay bills – Water, Jaie Refrigeration, Cory Whitmore, Brittney Hintz, McGree Trucking, Insurance, Cell Phone, James and Markee Richards. Kristi makes a motion to pay the bills, Dan 2nd – **PASSED**

- ii. Upcoming payments – Bond to MAHA, \$5,000 to 3 Bears, Meat Block, Balloon payment to GMB in December for \$46,737. The loan for the Zamboni has been paid off.
- c. Cheyenne mentions that NW Energy rates will be increasing soon; about 35%.
- d. Sara inquires about what Ray is to be paying in rent.
- e. Paying referees in checks and making them complete W-9s – still back and forth on this. Sara will talk to Kate Woods about the W-9 process. We could possibly Venmo the refs so they will receive immediate payment. – **TABLED**
- f. Setting up a savings account at GMB for SARTA funds – Sara makes a motion to set up a savings account to separate SARTA funds, Kristi 2nd – **PASSED**
- g. Setting up a debit card to pay for online registrations for tournaments. If you are registering for a tournament online and need payment information, contact Sara. Taryn makes a motion to set up a debit card to pay for online tournaments, Sara 2nd – **PASSED**

Committee Reports

1. Grant Writing Update
 - a. Markovich Family grant application update – revisiting this in October.
 - b. SARTA fundraising update – currently have \$24,425. We can also include time and labor in this. Bill's time and labor alone covers more than half of the grant needs.

Fund Raising and Other Events

1. Cobra Game Sponsors - \$2,000 per game.
 - a. Maybe players can go to businesses to solicit donation funds. We can create a flyer with different sponsorship levels. We can compile a list of businesses to approach. It would be good for scholarship families and older age groups to participate in this.
2. Banners – current prices are \$500 for a banner and \$750 for a dasher board. Cory will make a flyer with prices for the board to review.
3. Meat & Gun Raffle Update – Cyndra has sent the proofs to be printed.
 - a. Should we increase sale requirements? Cory makes a motion to increase the minimum raffle ticket sales to \$250, Bill 2nd – **PASSED**
 - b. Incentive for raffle ticket sales? Kristi says this was a big motivator in the past. – **TABLED**
4. Cheyenne says we need to explore other avenues for fundraising throughout the year. Bingo, cornhole, etc. It is always a good idea, but nobody ever wants to put in the work to make it happen. Each age group could have an individual fundraiser. – **TABLED**
5. Bill says we need to change the attitude and environment at the rink. We need to believe in what we are selling. We will not make it another season if the negativity continues. We need to believe in each other and support each other. Stay in your lane. Laurie adds that the numbers have declined drastically in our program because of the culture. The tone of BAHA needs to change. Quit bringing negativity and hostility into the rink, our kids feed off what we are saying and how we are acting. If there is a problem don't let it fester. Go to the source and approach the problem.

Appointed Director's Reports

Rink Manager – Bill LaVelle

1. Compressors are up and running after issues with heat exchangers and tubing. He, Malkovich, and Jaie Belanger spent a lot of time at the rink getting them going. \$18,000 for parts and about 100 hours for time and labor; he presented the board with a bill for \$32,000. In the past, BAHA has budgeted about \$14-20,000 per compressor per summer to keep the compressors running. Bill says he has been taken for granted, and he is no longer footing the bill. If it is outside the normal duties of rink manager, he will be sending a bill.
2. Communication between ice scheduler has not been good.
3. People have been entering the rink and keeping the doors open. We need to be conscious about money and where money is wasted. Turn lights off and keep doors closed to save money.

Building Coordinator – Cory Whitmore

1. Lights are installed in the girls' locker room.

2. He walked the facility with the Tech teacher to show him projects for his students to complete.
3. Dryland room is locked and has a code. Only coaches and board members will have this code. Cobra kids are the only ones allowed in the dryland room without a coach present. All BAHA players must have a coach present to access this room. Tech kids will do the work to improve the dryland room, Cory will donate supplies.

Age Group Representative Director – Kristi Wilson

1. Implement and stick to a registration deadline for returning families?
 - a. Billings 8/15, Bozeman 8/21, Great Falls 9/3
 - b. Kristi proposes that we start our registration process earlier and have a hard date for returning player registrations. This would eliminate the scrambling in early September to get our team declarations to MAHA. We would never turn away late registrations, but we need our numbers sooner.
2. Community Day for various programs at our rink. Kristi has seen on social media that other rinks are doing this to promote various activities at the rink.

MAHA Representative – Dan Blando

1. Summit is October 14-16.
2. MAHA meeting is 9/21.
3. MAHA Executive Director, Pete Cannon, wants to come visit our rink and speak with some members to see where we are at and how our program is doing.
4. This year's scheduling meeting is over Zoom.
5. Unsure if there will be CEP classes at the Summit.

Volunteer Coordinator – Cheyenne Holbrook

1. Billed 3 families for incomplete volunteer hours for last season.
2. She needs to have better communication with the ice scheduler so she can get volunteer opportunities sent out.

Safe Sport Coordinator – Jess Ball

1. Needs to have everyone's SafeSport information.
2. She has a complaint form for this season so that complaints will go through the proper channels.

Registrar – Jaki McCarthy

1. She has been working on the rosters on SportsEngine and navigating the USA Hockey portal to get those rosters going.

Ice Coordinator – Luke Davis – ABSENT

1. No Update

Coaching Director – Travis Barry

1. He has coaches for every age group. Pee wee B team will have a coach if they need one.

Referee-in-Chief – Mark Ewanic

1. Referee Level 1 Clinic is 10/8, Levels 2-3 is 10/9. There are games beginning in October.

Girls Program Representative – Laurie McGree

1. Good for a 19U Girls' team, 14U is questionable right now due to numbers.
2. Possibly offer a 12U girls practice opportunity once a month on Sunday.
3. Garrett St. Aubin has stepped up to be the girls head coach this season. He will have lots of help from other coaches.

Adult Program Representative – Dale Kingrey

1. No Update

Tournament Director – Camie Kendall

1. 3x3 is the same weekend as the Summit. We need teams and volunteers to sign up or we may have to cancel again.

ADM Coordinator – Dennis Janecke – ABSENT

1. No Update

Community at Large Representative – Mike Lasher

1. No Update

Next Meeting

Sunday, October 2, 2022, at 5:00 at Hops.

Zach adjourns the meeting at 9:30pm.