

Butte Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Call to Order

Start – 7:00 PM

Mark Ewanic

Camie Kendall

Eva Berger

Mike Lasher

Alicia Bogert

Zanae Bates

Matt Enrooth

Dave Tuesday

Ryan Nielsen

Taryn Yelenich

Kristi Wilson

Kira Strande

Brittnay Hintz

Matt Vincent

Verification of Appointed Board Members

New board members appointed: Kira Strande, SafeSport Coordinator; Kyle Hintz, Gear Room Coordinator. Zanae motions to approve new board members, Taryn 2nd - **PASSED**

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

Alicia motions to approve, Eva 2nd – **PASSED**

Unfinished Business

1. Sports Engine Update
 - a. Let Brittnay or Cristin know any updates or information to be added to website.
 - b. Need a list of people wanting to be refunded. For this season, as long as they haven't skated more that 5 practices, look to keep the fees from SportsEngine required to

process and then return payments. For the future, they will be required to pay an admin fee. - **TABLED**

2. COVID Plan
 - a. Rink will need gloves and masks; we got hand sanitizer.
 - b. Need to look into updating volunteer policy for “immune compromised” people so they can fulfill credits safely. Kristi will put this in to new Volunteer policy so they can address the board with concerns or alternative plans.
 - c. Brittnay has email in to Health Departments to ask about dry land, concessions, public skate, and out of state team requirements. Also asked about more spectators, and they did reply with a no for now; only 2 spectators per dressed player will be allowed with a maximum of 80 people. She will continue to plug along with this.
 - d. Matt adds that MAHA is open for ‘business as usual’, but we will need to follow each city’s own COVID guidelines for travel to their rinks. He will check on out of state travel and MAHA waivers in case of bringing cases of COVID back. Many cities have already canceled tournaments for the year.
 - e. Brittnay will keep bugging the Health Department for updates. Practice began this week, and many kinks still need to be worked out. Age Reps need to be diligent in making sure guidelines are being followed.
3. Live Barn update. This was passed at a previous board meeting. Alicia will look into what to do to get this installed. (Bill emailed to say that this may not be possible because now we have HockeyTV.)

New Business

1. Ray McMillan wants to cut a hole in the wall of the pro shop for a skate drop. He will sanitize the skates before sharpening, so will take 24 hours. Board agrees that a hole in the wall is not the best idea, and looking for alternative proposals about this. Brittnay will talk to Ray about his available hours, and maybe post these to the website. - **TABLED**
2. Cobra Update
 - a. Mark has been talking with Bill about the Cobras. Bill expects the Cobras to have a good year and be financially stable. This will be the last year to make things work with the Cobras, and an exit plan will be put in place.
3. Volunteer Policy
 - a. Kristi outlined all the updates to the Volunteer Policy. Brittnay mentions that 75 credits is too daunting, and scaring people away from the club. The board decides for this year to change the credit requirements to 25 credits for new families, 50 credits for returning families. Taryn motions to approve new volunteer policy, Zanae 2nd – **PASSED**
 - b. Kristi will send the new policy and COVID plan to the reps to send to parents, and they will sign something to acknowledge that they have seen this and understand it.
 - c. Zanae says to invoice all families with outstanding balances, as they should be required to pay this, regardless of if they’re playing this year. Then the club will have this information if people decide to register in the future. Matt will help Kristi amend policy to allow for things to be sent to collections.
 - d. Families with outstanding volunteer credits from last season are still being notified and arrangements are being made for invoicing. Still have a list of families to sort out and verify.
 - e. Player families proposing to create payment plan, etc.:
 - i. Jensen – will pay outstanding volunteer credits at the rate of \$10/credit.

- ii. Hislop – Will pay \$120/month for 5 months to pay off her balance of \$600. Due on the 1st of the month. Will pay first payment prior to skating.
- iii. Garrett – Must pay \$295 from outstanding tournament fees before registering skaters. We will invoice for volunteer credits. If she decides to register her kids, the board will revisit a payment plan and/or cleaning schedule. Camie seemed to think they were not registering this year.

Zanae motions to approve the proposed payment plans, Brittnay 2nd - **PASSED**

4. Skate Up/Down requests:

- a. Kylie Jaksha – will goalie for Bantam and play with girls. Will pay Bantam fee + \$75 to cross roster with girls.
- b. Jaxon Kruzich – will goalie for Bantam and skate with Peewee. Will pay Bantam fee +\$75 to cross roster with Peewee.
- c. Mason Johnson – move from Squirt to Peewee.

Brittnay makes motion to approve requests to move, Alicia 2nd – **PASSED**

- d. Rigley Vincent – will cross roster Bantam and Peewee. Will pay Bantam fee + \$75 to cross roster with Peewee. (added later)

Kira motions to approve Vincent request, Brittnay 2nd - **PASSED**

Age Group Director’s Report – Kristi Wilson

- 1. As mentioned earlier, lots of kinks need to be worked out. Wants the age reps to schedule ‘walk throughs’ to show them what is expected at the rink.
- 2. Problems with kids in different locker rooms. Girls will need 2 locker rooms to ensure social distancing.
- 3. Tonette was asking about the 5 credits required of kids if the family chooses to ‘buy out’. Board agrees that if they buy out, they pay whole amount. Skater must still help out at rink and contribute when necessary.
- 4. Camie asks about mite/termite ‘scrimmages.’ Cost of ice is \$150/hour, so if scrimmages are scheduled with other teams, the rink must make at least this amount. Profit would be nice too.

Treasurer’s Report – Dave Tuesday

- 1. Current status of BAHA accounts:
 - a. Total available funds – Dave sent out balance sheet – Net \$11,356. Registration fees are misleading, SportsEngine adds the entire amount, regardless of partial payment plans. Chiller was re-tubed, both compressors were rebuilt; both working great, but cost \$11K+.
 - b. Included a balance sheet for the Cobras, looks promising; shows \$48,364.
 - c. Accounts Payable (bills to pay) and Receivable
 - i. M/S/P to pay bills
 - 1. Kristi motions to pay bills, Alicia 2nd – **PASSED**
 - ii. Receipts within the last month
- 2. Invoices
 - a. Invoices will be sent for those behind on tournament fees and volunteer credits.

Committee Reports

1. Grant Writing Update
 - a. Bill and Mandy are working on COVID grants for cleaning supplies.
2. County Commissioners meeting had complaints about BAHA for the condition of the grounds at the rink. JP Gallagher spoke up on our behalf that we are working together to update lease agreement and expectations.
3. Hockey Boards from Civic Center
 - a. Eileen Joyce, County Attorney, suggests a lease on the hockey boards (\$1) instead of donation. Wants to stipulate that the boards will remain in Butte Silver Bow.

Fundraising and Other Events

1. Meat and Gun Raffle – Stephanie Hassler has tickets and distributed to age reps. Contact Steph at 560-3403 if you need tickets at any time.
2. Unsold gun from last season - no update. Will possibly raffle this off at first tournament.
3. Jeff Dennehy's brother wants to donate bike to be raffled off.
4. Alicia wants to talk about events to bring in money for the rink. Birthday parties, open skate, learn to skate, all bring much needed money in. Brittney will have to check with health department. House team practice will be from 4-5 on Sundays.
5. Zanae will set up Buffalo Wild Wings fundraisers.

Building Committee

1. Building Committee Update
 - a. Metal installation in lobby will be completed in the next couple weeks. Extra metal will be put up in the hallway by the Cobra's locker room.
 - b. Talks with Cory and Bill to build cubbies in locker room. Need to guarantee our insurance for workers to donate time and labor. Dave will look into our insurance policy.
 - c. Town Pump and MRI interested in donating new bleachers. Need to look into style and price to approach them.
 - d. Water fountain spout has been turned off, bottle filler still on. Need to address the metal surrounding the fountain so it can be accessed if something goes wrong.

Appointed Directors' Reports

Rink Manager – Bill LaVelle - ABSENT

1. Assignments
 - a. Concessions Operation – Eva will donate unused product.
 - b. Rental Gear Coordinator – Hintz's went through gear room and purchased some new helmets and other equipment. Still a lot from last season that needs to be returned.
 - i. Brittney was asking about a \$75 deposit for rental gear. Kira motions to approve, Matt E. 2nd – **PASSED**
 - ii. Mite/termite jerseys have arrived and are being distributed.

- iii. Camie wants to buy helmet caps for scrimmages, look at cost.
2. Ice and Space Rental Management – Ice in, looks very nice. Alicia has the schedule updated on the website.

MAHA State Representative – Matt Enrooth

1. Matt apologized for the tournament screw ups. If we want the weekends that other towns have cancelled, we can book them.
2. Matt will find out about Dave paying MAHA for the tournaments we have.
3. Pushing for Tier 3 coaches to sign up to get Tier 4 online.

Volunteer Program Administrator – Cheyenne Wolcott - ABSENT

1. No update.

SafeSport Coordinator – Kira Strande

1. Background checks from last year are good for this year.
2. Coaches, refs, and managers can get reimbursed for background check from MAHA.
3. We will look at reimbursing volunteers on a case-by-case basis.

Ice Scheduler – Alicia Bogert

1. Is looking into installing a TV in the lobby area for schedule and important announcements for digital sign marketing. All options will cost about \$100-\$300. Will propose to the board when she has more information.
2. Will change all the codes on the doors to the rink. Too many codes out there. She will price a keypad for the door by Ray's shop.

Registrar – Zanae Bates

1. Camie has concerns about too many termite coaches. Says they are all out on the ice with their own kids. Will have to make sure they all have proper credentials for coaching; USA Hockey number, SafeSport, and CEP #. If all credentials check out, maybe create an alternating schedule for coaching.
2. 3 year-olds want to skate with Termites; Mark says no, they must do a Learn to Skate program instead. Brittnay will look into times for this, maybe Sundays with House Team. TBD.

Coaches Director – Chris Shadow - ABSENT

1. No update

Referee in Chief – Mark Ewanic

1. Ref clinic in Butte this weekend. Need refs! Pay has increased this year to hopefully entice new referees.

Tournament Director –

1. No update

ADM Coordinator – Dennis Janecke - ABSENT

1. No update

Community at Large Representative – Mike Lasher

1. Looking into various grants.

Actions to be taken

Camie Kendall – verify coach’s credentials and/or create schedule for coaches.

Alicia Bogert – Change codes on doors. Look in to LiveBarn and TV for advertisement in lobby.

Cristin Nielsen – refund appropriate people, being sure to keep money for fees from SportsEngine.

Kristi Wilson – finalize Volunteer Policy. Send this and COVID plan to reps to send to parents, and get acknowledgment from each family that they have read and understand this. Have the reps schedule ‘walk throughs’ with each family on rink expectations.

Next Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 6:30 at Hops

Kira motions to adjourn at 10:00, Brittnay 2nd – **PASSED**