

# HAYHA Board Meeting Minutes

Apr 15, 2025

1. **Attendance** - Joe Baumgart, Chuck Denowh, Scott Fanning, Kelly Marrinan, Miranda Briggs, Melissa Lewis, Mike Palcisko, Chad Senechal. Absent - Darryl James.

- a. **Public** - Jessica Butler, Justin Hicks, Will Parr

2. **Old Business** - none

3. **New Business**

- a. Public Comment - none
  - b. March Meeting Minutes
    - i. Motion - Chuck, Second - Scott, All Approved

4. **Business Operations:**

- a. MAHA Update
    - i. Looking for updated contact information as Association elections conclude
    - ii. Will be voting on updated Bylaws in Annual Meeting (May)
  - b. Technology Update
    - i. All HAYHA iPads have been return and are confirmed in good condition
      1. They have been wiped and prepped for distribution next year
  - c. Website Updates
    - i. Three new pages based on the *Bulletin Board* discussion last month:
      1. Main Tab added called "SPORTS" (no option for name)
        - a. New Page called [Staying Active](#)
        - b. Overview of HAYHA's intent to promote diverse sporting interest and overall general physical activity
        - c. New Page called [On the Ice](#)
          - Geared toward Helena and MT on-ice but off-season opportunities (possible could evolve to "outside of HAYHA" opportunities during the season)
      - ii. Additions/Edits/Deletions possible at any time
  - o Here are areas that would enhance the website but need to be researched/written/built
    - [Helena Hockey History](#) - content needs to be created - the idea is to have a recap of Youth Hockey in Helena

- Sponsorship Opportunities - form needed (or needs to be created) - just a way for people who end up on the website to be able to contact us about sponsorships
- Next Steps / College - content needs to be created - the idea is to show options to HAYHA participants of how they can continue their hockey journeys after HAYH
- Get Involved - partially built - need to add game day opps: penalty box, locker room monitor, scorekeeper
- Practices Resources - needs to be created - will show what resources coaches have to support their efforts: Ice Hockey Systems (maybe link to IHS or form to request an account), Coach-in-Chief or Coaching Committee etc etc
- Manager's Corner - content needs to be created - this would be any resources that would help make a Team Manager successful... maybe forms, processes, tools etc
- Game Management - content needs to be created - this would be how to fill out a score sheet or use GameSheets or run the clock or what to do in the penalty box etc.
- Website Updates - Review of the "Bulletin Board". Still working on the history of hockey in Helena
  - Motion - Chuck motion to approve the edits to the HAYHA web page updates with camp information around the state and specifically in Helena.
  - Second - Joe. Approved by all

d. Communications Updates

- i. Email requesting we share information about concussions from Helena Orthopedic Clinic. The training shared has already occurred. Melissa will work back with them for another training.
- ii. Should we create an Instagram Page?
  - 1. yes
- iii. Approval for follow Up Board Election Email
  - 1. Only two submissions so far: Chad Senechal, Melissa Lewis
  - 2. Elections - will send out email and social media information to gain additional applicants.
- iv. Approval to distribute Coach Evaluations
  - 1. This was approved via email. Should be sent out via email by division reps.
- v. Player evaluation - discussion of how to use them, when to send them out.
  - 1. Motion - continue the discussion at the May meeting, send nothing out this season, create structure on the process. Second - Melissa. All in favor.

e. Equipment Request Updates

- i. Approval for 6U/8U Goalie Equipment Purchase of \$1,500. Same as last month. Proposal attached.
- ii. Can additional items w/in these categories be purchased if the total is under \$1500? Miscellaneous
  - 1. Motion - approve purchase of equipment sent via email from Chad. Second - Mike. All in favor.
- f. Propose the creation of a "Compensated Coaches Committee"
  - i. Bill Shropshire offered at the March meeting to pay stipends to non parent coaches through a donation from the Shropshire family.
    - 1. Create a committee to create guidelines around this. Committee would come to the board with the guidelines in a document for approval.
      - a. Chad, Mike and Joe will be on the committee with Bill.
- g. Safe Sport - nothing to report
- h. Treasurer Report:
  - i. HighSchool
    - 1. Balance: \$3,840. Varsity \$1,391 and JV \$2,520.
      - a. Varsity would like to purchase practice jerseys.
    - 2. Discussion - no rules around what this can be spent on, how to spend it, etc. Recommend a committee formed to manage fundraising money (senior night, team dinners, etc.). Put something in writing to support creating a committee to manage the fundraising money. Will need to continue the conversation and consider utilizing the board fundraising structure. Need clarity around spending and who is responsible. Jessica Butler will create a list of how the funds were spent. Joe will research the account, 501(c)(3), etc. and report back to the board in May.
  - ii. HAYHA
    - 1. Balance \$122,087.37
    - 2. Debits \$22,448.15
    - 3. Credits \$17,192.17
    - 4. Profit and Loss Statement shared with the board. Would like to see this at every meeting and work to break it out by age groups.
    - 5. Ice Arena credit for ice that was part of the contract and not used, approximately \$3,000. Joe will make a recommendation for how to be reimbursed to Chad and Darryl and they will approve via email.
    - 6. Would like to look at non-parent coaches being paid out of the HAYHA budget rather than separate fundraising.
- i. Referee-in-Chief
  - i. Request to get referees a monetary donation to support attending a referee clinic in Missoula.
    - 1. Need to budget for these at the top of the season.

- 2. Request Rob, HAYHA Ref-in-Chief, create a budget outlining the expenses. Chuck will work with Rob to gather and create a budget for referees.
- ii. Payment to Amber Guge for stipend as scheduler. Rob recommended \$700. Chuck motion to approve \$700 stipend. Mike - Second. All approved, motion passes.
  - 1. Joe made the payment to Amber.
- j. MAHA offer to provide parent session
  - i. Start advertising and sharing the information about the sessions right before tryouts.
  - ii. From Grace:
    - 1. I have been thinking about what would work well for a parent training session and I think the "Player Development" section of the Level 1 curriculum would fit well. The section starts with asking the parents what they remember about their own youth sports experience. We then move into asking what makes a great youth sports experience now for their kids? I'll lead the discussion into the idea of creating a "player-centered" environment - and we can dig into more of what that means and how coaches and parents can support that. There is some information and discussion around developmentally appropriate vs age appropriate. And at the end if we have time, there is a section on goaltending - specifically retention and game time guidelines. We can accommodate up to 60 people on the call at once. We will use breakout rooms and it is an interactive training. Parents should plan to be in a quiet space - no driving (unsafe!) or being at the rink. Let me know what you think - we can also follow up as the season gets closer so that we can cater it more to your needs.
    - iii. Motion, Miranda- move forward with Grace offering parent training sessions before tryouts as outlined in the email from Grace, the board will gather details. Second- Scott. All in favor, motion passes.
- k. Out of Area Player Policy
  - i. Chuck sent an email with two options. He briefly reviewed the two options.
    - 1. Discussion - defining out of area is included. Discussion of the timeline for identifying as an out of area player. Discussion of the differences in the two drafted policies. Fine tune the language in the shorter document and add an application. Notify membership of the addition and offer opportunity for feedback. Vote on this in the June meeting.

## 5. Yeti Update:

- a. Registration is open and there are a few registrations. Expecting increase after the Wolves tryouts this weekend.

- i. Need to approve financials for the 2025-2026 season. Will to submit a line item detailed budget of expenses for 2025-2026. They have an immediate need to purchase jerseys, and will send information to Chuck and Joe.
  - 1. Motion/Joe: to purchase 80 tryout jerseys for \$2,300 (12U and 14U). Tryout jerseys the players will keep them after tryouts. The game jerseys from last season were collected for this season. Second- Mike. All in favor, motion passes.
  - 2. Request to approve 3 hours of ice time for 14U tryouts. Motion to approve \$855 for 14U tryout fees. Motion - Chuck. Second - Scott. All in favor, motion passes.
- ii. Discussion of needing to add information to our by-laws about the Yeti program. How are the coaches paid, are they employees or contractors? Will to come to the May meeting with a draft of this information.

**6. No division updates.**

**7. Next Meeting - May 20, 2025 at Golden Eagle Construction**

8:00 p.m. Confirm next meeting date and venue, and Adjourn

**NEXT AGENDA** - parent code of conduct (unauthorized areas), Hockey Director/Coach in Chief, Raffle, Timeline (year at a glance), tryout separation for high school, auto record meeting minutes