

# HAYHA Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

7-29-24

5:30-8:00 pm

Lewis and Clark Public Library

## **1. Roll Call**

- a. Present- Darryl James, Joe Baumgart, Scott Fanning, Kelly Marrinan, Miranda Briggs, Melissa Lewis, Chuck Denowh, Chad Senechal, Mike Palcisko
- b. Absent-
- c. Zoom- Judy Merickel, Tara Wooten, Beau Downing, Eric Dunning, Chris Edmunds,
- d. Public- Matt MacDonald, Jessica Butler, Lance Wilson, Justin Hicks, Tiffany Brunjes, Sam Trimbach, Thad Buurkarl

## **2. General Business**

- a. revisions/corrections to previous meeting minutes
  - i. Old Business
  - ii. General Public Comment

## **3. Ice Arena Coordination:**

- a. Chuck: Motion - to pay for Damon, Scott, Brandon act as lead coach at each age group.
  - i. Second - Scott Fanning
  - ii. All in Favor

## **4. Summer Practices/Clinics**

- a. Chuck: Motion - to pay for Damon, Scott, Brandon act as lead coach at each age group.
  - i. Second - Scott Fanning
  - ii. All in Favor

## **5. Business Operations:**

- a. MAHA Update (Chad)
  - i. Important MAHA Dates: <https://www.mthockey.com/news>
  - ii. GameSheet will be required this season
    - 1. MAHA will pay for 50% of the cost for the 24/25 season
    - 2. Individual associations will be responsible for the other 50% this season and 100% of the costs in future seasons
    - 3. It will require an iPad to use - provided by local association
  - iii. Mike McIntosh was elected MAHA president

- iv. DUE SEP 10: Bid Forms, Bond Form, Camp Bid Form, State Bid Form, Team Declarations -  
<https://www.mthockey.com/page/show/849728-forms-and-downloads>
- v. MAHA heard feedback regarding keeping the same High School structure for this season of the MTHS and BSHS leagues. They also hear feedback largely in favor of having cross-divisional games during the season
- b. SafeSport Update (Chuck)
  - i. Annual form is ready to submit to MAHA.
- c. Web platform update (Chad)
- d. Registration Fees and Schedule (Board/Lance)
  - i. Ready to post registration, as soon as fees are decided.
  - ii. Add a \$100 tryout fee.
    - 1. Not in addition to the season fees.
  - iii. Make payment schedules spread through the entire season.
  - iv. Could add an automatic \$50 late fee.
    - 1. Motion: a late fee of \$25.
    - 2. Discussion: too low and it won't be effective.
    - 3. Second: Melissa Lewis
    - 4. All in favor.
  - v. There is a credit card fee if using a card. However, you can play through a bank account (ACH).
  - vi. Registration fees will include: three tournament fees.
    - 1. 6/8 and the house will still receive an invoice for tournaments.
- e. Reviewed the fees by age group and what increases would need to be made to keep the budget in the black.
  - i. Question about what we do with sponsorship money.
  - ii. Suggestion to hold an early registration, even at the end of the season, for number projections.
  - iii. Public comment about wanting to continue practices through March 14.
  - iv. Public comment of having tryouts in the spring to inform decisions.
  - v. 6U/8U and House games with the understanding a Bighorn game could bump
- f. Treasurer's Report (Joe)
  - i. Balance: \$75, 356.94
  - ii. Debits: \$93,985.91
  - iii. Credits: \$33,450.33
- g. Rental Equipment Program Status Update (Darryl)
  - i. Contract with Play it Again Sports (PIAS), included in the Handbook.
- h. High School Logo/ Jersey planning (Darryl/Kelly)
  - i. Tabled for next meeting
- i. Outstanding Fees (Joe)
  - i. Two families with overdue fees.
- j. BBQ Fundraising debrief (Scott)

- i. No numbers are available, understanding there was a profit. A bit disappointed in the HAYHA participation, very low in volunteers (approximately 10).
- ii. Public comment - suggestion to use it as a team building opportunity and have teams work the booth.
- k. Conflict of Interest Statement (Miranda)
  - i. Will bring it to the next meeting.

## 6. Organizational Updates:

- a. Set dates for 2024-2025 Season – Practice Schedule, blackouts, State Tourn.
  - i. Tryouts - Sept 23-26
  - ii. TSL game scheduling Sept 23-26.
  - iii. First practices will be Sept. 30.
  - iv. Black out dates - November 28, December

## 7. Practice Schedule:

- a. Reviewed and made a few minor changes. Will continue to review and make changes before approving.
- b. 19U Girls team – updates
  - i. Conversation with Butte and Great Falls about combining with them to play. How will this impact our fees? Will they come to Helena for practice or just play league games together?
    - 1. Butte has two-six possible players.
    - 2. Great Fall has six eligible players with possible younger players.
  - ii. Could roster both a 14U and 19U girls team with combining 19U with Great Falls and Butte. (may have to cross roster a few between 14 and 19U)
  - iii. Open registration for both a 14U and 19U girls team.
- c. Vote on Approval of Handbook modifications
  - i. Check the bylaws and make sure it is the most current version.
  - ii. Will return to this topic at the next meeting.
- d. Play-Up Policy Review
  - i. Discussed the policy, discussed a few changes to the policy. Eliminate the coach committee language and the determination will be made by scoring in the top 25%.
- e. Tryout Planning
  - i. Plan development
    - 1. Chuck - will create a tryout plan with coaches.
  - ii. Coordinator
    - 1. Miranda - will create a Google Sheet for score sheets.
    - 2. Jerseys - how to organize them by sizes. Who will coordinate that? Add coach input on breaking out into sizes, etc. Could use House jerseys.
    - 3. Need a lead and a co-lead.
      - a. Melissa will act as the lead coordinator for tryouts.

- b. Chuck will reach out to Christian about being co-lead.
    - iii. Volunteers
      - 1.
  - f. Board Code of Ethics
    - i. Move to the next meeting.
  - g. Outline Roles and Responsibilities for Team Managers
    - i. Brief discussion and shared draft of the role.
    - ii. More discussion at the next meeting.
    - iii. Scott will work on a document outline for the 6/8U and house and a tournament coordinator.
8. Division Updates:
- a. 6U-8U (Melissa)
    - i. Discussion of jerseys - the 6u sizes run small.
    - ii. Rental gear - due back on August 1st.
  - b. 10U-12U (Scott)
    - i. No update
  - c. 14U-HS (Kelly)
    - i. No update
  - d. House/Girls (Mike)
    - i. No update
  - e. MT Yeti (Matt)
    - i. How will we manage upcoming expenses? The Executive Committee will review the budget and Profit and Loss statements. With approval of the budget they are approved to move forward with that outlined spending.
9. Confirm next meeting date and venue, and Adjourn
- a. August 20 at 5:30.
10. Detailed Discussions for August Board Meeting
- a. Tryout Policy Review
  - b. Outline Roles and Responsibilities for Division Reps, Head Coaches, Asst. Coaches, and Volunteers
  - c. Board Code of Ethics
  - d. Team Manager draft document
11. Parking Lot for future meeting(s):
- a. Grievance Policy Review