

# HAYHA Board Meeting

1-21-25

5:30-8:00 pm

St. Peter's Conference Room

1. **Roll Call** - Darryl James, Kelly Marrinan, Miranda Briggs, Scott Fanning, Chad Senechal, Chuck Denowh , Mike Palcisko, Melissa Lewis
  - a. Absent - Joe Baumgart,
  - b. Public - Darlene Moyer, Amy Diechtler, Justin Hicks
2. **General Business**
  - a. revisions/corrections to previous meeting minutes
    - i. Approved and posted to the webpage.
  - b. Old Business
    - i. none
  - c. General Public Comment
3. **Ice Arena Coordination**
  - a. Clarification of ice cut policy and Steed Ice Contract
    - i. Contract with Steed does state we need a two hour block booked to get an ice cut between second and third period.
    - ii. MAHA has not responded with clarification of a need for an ice cut at 12U. Ice cuts are required between second and third period at 14U, BSHS and MTHS.
  - b. Plans for 2nd sheet of ice
    - i. Summary of meeting -
      1. Looking at building a new rink and full second sheet of ice in Helena and hoping to start that in 2029 and procure land by 2026
        - a. No longer considering half-sheet
        - b. Jed is willing to have another meeting once land is secured with additional details on timing and the facility.
      2. Jed has identified challenges if a second rink is built too early where neither can survive (even if it isn't him that builds the second rink)
      3. The goal for the current rink is to increase ice rentals during the summer months

- a. Jed encouraged HAYHA (and other programs) to offer camps and tournaments during the summer to create a culture of ice usage in the summer and ultimately support the need for a second sheet
- 4. Other activities from the current rink:
  - a. April 1 (target) 600 Lola Garage will be used as an off-ice training facility
    - i. \$150/hr and comes with a trainer
    - ii. can be part of HAYHA offering (dry-land practice)
    - iii. holds about 15 kids
- 5. Fall 2025 Junior Bighorns will be in a new locker room which will allow HAYHA the use of all 6 locker rooms
- 6. Plan is to continue to offer College hockey in Helena
  - a. 2 home games from MSU/UM each in HLN
  - b. Montana Cup
  - c. Will continue to attempt to have the least impact to HAYHA (Halloween etc)
- 7. Fundraising
  - a. Jed & Chuck discussed fundraising would be best put to use by offering discounts (or free) on-ice programs (tournaments, camps, practices etc) rather than fundraising to build a building
- ii. Continued discussion of a second sheet
  - 1. Assign a committee - Chad, Darryl, Mike
- iii. Booking summer ice
  - 1. Steed has a few camps and things scheduled for the summer.
  - 2. Ice will be taken out in May.
  - 3. Work on a plan to book summer ice.
    - a. Assign a committee - Miranda, Joe, Kelly
    - b. Miranda will create a Google poll of what people would be interested in.
      - i. Tournaments, drop-in, "rec" league, clinics
- iv. Fundraising/Adult Tournament
  - 1. Assign a committee - Chuck, Scott, Melissa
  - 2. Potential fundraising to support people attending events at the arena in the summer.

#### **4. Business Operations:**

- a. MAHA Update (Chad)

- i. Discussion of tiered teams with policy updates. Chad will send the updated policies.
  - ii. The Goalie Development position is still open.
  - iii. Cross Bar can track volunteer hours. Chad has information about how to do that.
  - iv. Cross Bar with training sessions for how to use the app and web page.
  - v. Equipment - order is ready to go, waiting on some information for goalie gear. Email coming with additional information.
- b. SafeSport Update (Chuck)
  - i. Two incident reports with meetings on Thursday for a hearing and discussion.
  - ii. The Discipline Committee met on January 6 to review a locker room incident involving House 2 players. A hearing has been scheduled for January 23. The committee will meet on January 23 to review incident reports filed against a House 1 player and House 1 parents for an on ice incident at a scrimmage, followed by an off ice confrontation by the parents.
- c. Treasurer's Report (Darryl for Joe)
  - i. Profits and Loss statement shared and reviewed.

## **5. Organizational Updates:**

- a. Volunteer Hours - before the state tournament the opt out option needs to be paid and anyone who has not completed the volunteer hours should be billed.
- b. High School-MAHA Allegations
  - i. MTHS - roster question, MAHA responded into an email stating it has always been in the policy, but it is not in the current policy. HAYHA will continue to ask questions, consider submitting an appeal to the region and hold discussion with an attorney. (first game of season in Great Falls)
  - ii. MTHS - Match penalty was assessed. Helena sent a letter requesting a review of the officials and actions and request to strike from the players record. MAHA has not responded.

## **6. Division Updates:**

- a. 6U-8U (Melissa)
  - i. Jamboree is coming up. Baskets have been requested from age divisions. Treasure State Showdown.
    - 1. Jan 31- Feb 2

2. Did a fundraiser at the windbag.
    3. Need parents to volunteer to run the tournament.
  - b. 10U-12U (Scott)
    - i. 10U - all three teams are doing well. A White - TSL season is over. A Gray has one festival remaining. The B team has one remaining festival.
    - ii. 12U - A team is undefeated, and not challenged in most TSL games. The B team is doing well, they have lost a few games, sitting in 4th place.
  - c. 14U-HS (Kelly)
    - i. 14U - A in 2nd. B in 3rd.
      1. 14B has played all TSL games, they are working to add a few friendly games.
    - ii. H.S. - MTHS is in 1st. BSHS is in 7th.
  - d. House/Girls (Mike)
    - i. Need baskets from each division for this tournament.
    - ii. House 1 will not use the scrimmage time this weekend. 19U girls will use it for practice.
    - iii. February 13 and 20 - morning practice is available, 5:45 am. 14U, HS, and 12U will look at using these times.
    - iv. House 1 - compensating families for the first session, recommended \$100, \$4,100 total. Suggest a credit for the next season instead of a refund, so it won't impact cash flow.
      1. Motion - Mike: give all house 1 players a \$100 credit due to challenging practice time.
        - a. Second - Chad
        - b. All in Favor
        - c. Chad and Mike will work with Lance to get players the credit, Mike will not notify parents until we know how this will work in Cross Bar.
  - e. MT Yeti (Matt)
    - i. No Report
7. **Executive Session** – Discussion only, no action items:
- a. Board decorum
  - b. Adherence to Policies
8. **Next Meeting** - February 18
9. **Future Agenda:**

- a. 2025-2026 season planning
- b. 2025-2026 practice schedule
- c. Out of town player policy
- d. Yeti