

BCYHA Board Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2025

7:00 pm

Called to Order: 7:05 pm

Present: Jennifer Lehto, Nichole Brown, Ben Knepper, Lisa Armstrong, Justin Everson, Shawna Ireland, Nate Manecke, Mark Bell, Tony Malsom

Absent: Jody Neff, Justin Everson

Minutes: The minutes from the prior month were reviewed. Jennifer makes a motion to approve, Ben seconds the motion.

Financial Report:

- 2024 taxes were filed at a cost of \$600.
- Tournament fee deposits are rolling in.
- Circus rental fee of \$1,300 was deposited.
- Gilligan's event proceeds were deposited.

Jennifer makes a motion to approve the financials, and Nate seconds.

Old Business:

Rink Projects, repairs:

- Add trophy case & speakers in mezzanine
 - Mark will get a hold of Zach Schauff and ask him if he can get the speakers fixed before the season starts.
- Spring cleanup and build additional locker room
 - Tony is planning to get a dumpster next week.
 - Set cleanup for August 7th at 6:00.
- Update keycode lock and add camera
 - Keeping it on the agenda so we don't lose track of it.
- Replace light switches with motion sensors
 - Keeping it on the agenda so we don't lose track of it.
- Re-string and/or purchase nets
 - Justin has two done and they turned out really good!
- Enclose penalty boxes
 - Keeping it on the agenda so we don't lose track of it.
- Fix front entry door

- Tony will call the company to get a new closer.

Home Tournaments

- Teams signed up by level (includes our team) as of 7/30:
 - Bantam A - 3
 - Bantam B - 4
 - Peewee A - 2
 - Peewee B - 1
 - Squirt A - 2
 - Squirt B - 3
- It was suggested that we post the tournament information on the Facebook pages commonly used by schedulers to find games, to help increase visibility.

Pull Tab/Coin Machines/Vending Machine

- Travis Bown, with Mike Lindy Amusements, attended a portion of the meeting to discuss vending machines, a pull tab machine, coin machine, and coolers.
 - Pop Machine New \$4500, Refurb \$2000
 - Vending machine \$5,000 new, about \$2,500 refurb
 - If we decide not to renew our contract with Coke, we'd need to buy a new coffee and cappuccino machine as those are provided by Coke.
 - Coke has not held up their end of the contract. They are supposed to send us a \$1,000 check every year but haven't for the last 3 years.
 - Pull tabs,
 - we won't be charged until the box is sold out.
 - A box costs \$300, we'd profit \$1,200.
 - We'd probably only need about \$500 cash on hand for payouts.
 - The coin pusher game -
 - Profit would be split 60/40 with Lindy Amusements.
 - Tony makes a motion to move forward with purchasing the pull tab machine and coin pusher.
- Nate seconds the motion.

- Travis will get a quote created and sent to the board for the vending machines/coolers.

Culture Education Liaison

- Jen Goodlett did let Mark know that both her girls have decided not to play hockey this year, so she is out as a candidate for CEL.

Tryouts

- Mark reached out to the Chippewa Steel GM about assisting with tryouts but has not received a response yet.
- Number of players for each level (if everyone plays that we expect to). We hope to have two teams at each level.
 - Bantams - 24
 - Peewees - 20
 - Squirt - 20

Jerseys

- Our old supplier Red Wolf has gone out of business. They did share their artwork with us. We need to find a new supplier that can match our current jerseys.
- Nichole got a quote from Youngspeeds Sports. They came in at \$50 each. The jersey design they sent looks very accurate.
- She also reached out from Chippewa Valley Sports, but they are not confident in matching our current jerseys.

New Business:

Grants -

- Grassroots - Jennifer has completed the grant for goalie gear and will submit it.
- WAHA - Girls related grants
 - There is a grant to host an all-girls jamboree and get about \$300 from WAHA.
 - Mark suggests letting our girls know about the event that will be held in our Region, (Chippewa and VSA) and suggest they go to one of those events.
 - The other grant is more focused on creating a part time girls team...unfortunately, we don't have the numbers to apply for this grant.

Website -

- Shawna is learning how to manage our website and is continually updating it as she learns.
- She would like to update the address information so that a Google search for our association doesn't default to showing the map.
 - Everyone agreed and gave her full discretion to make updates to the website.

Away Tournaments

- Mark is meeting with Graham (Cumberland) to discuss the schedule for the upcoming season.

LiveBarn Contract

- The contract is about to expire.
- Mark did let them know that the TV isn't working.
- He will discuss upgrading the equipment when renewing the contract.

WAHA Player Release Policies

- WAHA has suggested some rules for accepting releases...we follow them already.

Committee Reports

- We need to focus on recruiting, and all agree that a hype video would help.
- We need to determine the registration dates for each school and make sure brochures are distributed.
- Mark and Shawna will meet to update the brochures.
- Tony suggests posting a sponsored post on Facebook to reach more people.

Research Energy savings (Barron expecting 11% increase)

- Tony and Mark suggested purchasing a capacitor to help reduce the monthly surge surcharge.
- Phase converters - drawing a lot of energy - we have 3 of them. Do they need to be upgraded?
- Could we bring in 120 energy instead of using converters to convert 240?
- Focus on Energy - used to discover energy-efficiency savings and rebates offered to cut energy waste and save money - is something the Barron Electric does do. Should we have an assessment done to see where we can save?

- Tony, Ben, and Mark will schedule a meeting with Barron Electric to go over our options.

Review of July 5 Fundraiser and circus

July 5th Gilligan's

- We had a great turn out even though the weather wasn't great.
- Mark suggests doing more card raffles next year.
- Tony suggests raffling a meat box.

Circus

- The circus brought in a packed house!
- No concerns with hosting again next year, if asked.
- They cleaned up well after themselves.

Fundraising Updates

- Kwik Trip Cards
 - No update
- Fundraising committee
 - No update
- Side-by-side raffle
 - We need to get the sign-ups posted sooner.
- Golf Outing
 - Tony suggests increasing the \$100 hole sponsor to \$200.
 - After a discussion, we decided to increase it to \$150.
 - Shawna will make posts on Facebook about the upcoming event which is one of our best fundraisers.
- Aluminum Cans
 - The dumpster is full.
- Wreaths
 - No update

Next meeting: will be on August 27th at 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:13 pm- Jennifer made a motion to adjourn, Ben seconds the motion.