

BCYHA Board Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2025

7:00 pm

Called to Order: 7:09 pm

Present: Jennifer Lehto, Nichole Brown, Ben Knepper, Nate Manecke, Mark Bell, Jody Neff, Tony Malsom, - Justin Everson (arrived at 7:46)

Absent: Lisa Armstrong, Shawna Ireland

Minutes: The minutes from the previous month were reviewed. Jennifer made a motion to approve them, with a correction to the spelling of "Schauf." Jody seconded the motion.

Financial Report:

- Everyone has paid their fundraising and work hours fees for last season.
- Tournament fees are coming in and going out for the upcoming season.
- Raffle license has been renewed.
- Jody will schedule the mezzanine carpets to be cleaned.

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

Old Business:

Rink Projects, repairs:

- Add trophy case & speakers in mezzanine
 - Todd Bates helped when the original trophy cases were built and has offered to come in and build a few more cases. Tony will get him a code so he can come work as he's able to.
- Spring cleanup and build additional locker room
 - We still need to replace bulbs in the rink.
 - The new locker room is currently being built.
 - The windows still need to be cleaned.
 - New work day - Sept 14th at 1pm
- Update keycode lock and add camera
 - The new keycode has been installed on the back door.
- Replace light switches with motion sensors
 - We will be getting the motion sensor lights changed before the season. Brian will do these when he's here to wire the new locker room.
- Re-string nets

- 2 done, Justin is willing to do more.
- Enclose penalty boxes
 - No update.
- Fix front entry door
 - Tony is waiting on a call back from the company to find the correct closer.

Pull Tab/Coin Machines/Vending Machine

- Lindy Amusements doesn't have any refurbished machines. We'll continue to look for options.

Culture Education Liaison

- We still need to assign a liaison.
- We can bring it up at each team/parent meeting and hope that someone will offer to take this on.

Tryouts

- Mark hasn't heard back from the Chippewa Steel, so he is going to try to reach out to the Spooner Juniors team to see if they will help with selections during tryouts.

Jerseys

- The new bantam jerseys will be ordered this week.

Grants

- The Grassroots grant has been submitted.
- Coach Saurer grant - We'll apply for a grant to run a preseason development camp.
- Mark brought up a web based "wishlist" type grant that Cumberland has used in the past, and received a grant for. We'll look into this one.

Website Updates

- Shawna not in attendance. Tabled until next meeting.

Research energy savings

- We'll look into more "Focus on Energy" type grants.
- Mark, Tony, and Ben met with Barron Electric to go over energy saving options. There really isn't much we can do to reduce our bill.

- Mark ran through the electric bill details.
- Barron applied (to the State) for an 11% increase in electricity, which might not be approved until around April.

New Business:

Live Barn fixes

- Live Barn is willing to FaceTime a member at the rink to try to trouble shoot and update our Live Barn system.
 - Tony will do this one day while he is here working.

Outdoor rink, landscaping, etc.

- The City contacted Mark about cleaning up around the rink and back by the outdoor rink. We'll work on cleaning up around the rink on the scheduled rink cleanup date.

Bantam Registration

- We discussed High School eligible second year bantams and whether or not to charge them the fees this year.
- Jody makes a motion to waive the registration fee and fundraising requirements for high school eligible second year bantams.
 - Jennifer seconds the motion.

Possible policy changes (fundraising, etc.)

- Tabled until the next meeting, but board members please read over the policies before the next meeting so we can address fundraising at the next meeting.

Schedule/tournament update

- Currently these are the number of regular season games scheduled for each level:
 - Squirts A 34, B 32
 - PeeWee A 33, B 18
 - Bantam A 29, B 26
- These are the current tournaments scheduled for each level:
 - Squirt A & B
 - Altoona January 9-11
 - Barron January 16-18
 - Marshfield January 23-25
 - PeeWee A & B
 - Barron December 12-14

- Cumberland January 8-10
- Shawano February 13-15
- Bantam
 - Barron December 5-7
 - Shawano December 12-14
 - Rice Lake January 16-18
 - Hayward January 3-4

Committee Reports

- Recruiting:
 - A computer with a slideshow and informational pamphlets was brought to Cameron and Barron Elementary for Meet the Teacher Night to promote the Learn to Skate program.
 - Try Hockey for Free was scheduled for the same day as an Icemen Camp on October 25, but we'll make it work.
 - Waha set the Try Hockey for free for Sept 13, which is before we have ice, so players can't take advantage of the free USA Hockey membership.
- Ice Committee
 - Ice in on Sept 29th. We will need help with putting ice in.

Fundraising Updates

- Kwik Trip Cards
 - Shawna was not in attendance, so tabled until the next meeting.
- Fundraising committee
 - We have about \$270,000 in pledges to date. We are pushing to reach our goal of \$300,00 by the end of the season.
- Side-by-side raffle
 - We are doing the Ridgeland Fair this weekend. We need people to work on Sunday.
- Golf Outing
 - Only 2 spots remain open on SignUp Genius.
 - The Hole sponsors are rolling in!
 - We'll bring the side-by-side and sell tickets.
 - The remaining gun board (still not filled) will be there.
 - We'll be grilling burgers and have chips for purchase.
- Aluminum Cans
 - The dumpster is full and needs to be sorted. Jody will post on Facebook.

- Wreaths
 - We do need to find someone to take this on.
 - We need to decide if we will be increasing the prices, as the prices from our supplier are increasing this year.

Next meeting: will be on September 24th at 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:53 pm- Jennifer made a motion to adjourn, Nate seconds the motion.