

BCYHA Board Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2026

7:00 pm

Called to Order: 7:06 pm

Present: Nichole Brown, Ben Knepper, Lisa Armstrong, Justin Everson, Shawna Ireland, Mark Bell, Jody Neff, Tony Malsom

Absent: Jennifer Lehto, Nate Manecke

Minutes: The minutes from the prior month were reviewed. An adjustment was noted to the coach gift amount, updating it from \$50 to \$100 per coach. Tony made a motion to approve the amended minutes, and Ben seconded the motion.

Financial Report:

- Can-Am total deposits totaled \$74,414.59 (the odd number is due to Venmo). Total profits were \$40,124.59!! Great job team!
 - \$1,090 was paid to Cumberland for their portion of ticket sales.
- Wreath recap: total profit was \$7,925.41. We discussed and decided that we will not purchase wreaths next year to sell at local businesses. We will continue to order a limited number of extra wreaths to sell via Facebook.
- Fund drive totals for the year equal \$34,583. Jody has collected all payments due, except for two outstanding payments. She'll follow up on those.
 - Total pledges are \$275,038, with \$215,583 collected to date.
- We have a large balance in our general fund account. We discussed moving \$50,000 into the CD. Ben will contact the bank to confirm whether this is possible and what the interest rate would be.
- One correction to the financials: a Can-Am expense was mistakenly listed as a revenue. Jody will make the correction.

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

Old Business:

Rink Projects, repairs:

- Add trophy case & speakers in mezzanine
 - Mark is going to reach out to Tod Bates again about the trophy cases.
 - The speakers have been put in the mezzanine and the sound system in the booth has been updated.
 - Thank you to Chris Kroeze for his help with the new sound system.

- Replace light switches with motion sensors
 - Still in process. It most likely won't be completed this season, but Tony said he would take care of this coming summer.
- Outdoor rink area
 - Tony had it plowed, but then the weather turned bad. We'll still work on getting it done.
- New locker room
 - No update
- Tony suggested putting a privacy film on the windows and doors to help to block the sun. If the black curtains get opened in the lobby, the sun streaming through can blind players on the ice. Everyone agreed that putting a designed privacy screen on the entry doors and lobby windows is a great idea. Tony will work on pricing.

Grants

- No update

New Business:

Discounted food options for middle school choir on 2/2

- The middle school choir will be singing the National Anthem on 2/2 during the Icemen game. The teacher asked if we could provide a reduced-price meal for each student.
- The board agrees that we can do this. Lisa will determine a price for the dinner plate.

Logo use

- A parent asked if she could use the logo on clothing. This was discussed, and everyone agreed that the logo should not be used for personal purposes. The logo is available at Blackmarx. If she has a specific item, she would like the logo applied to, she can take the clothing to Blackmarx for application.
 - Logos should not be used for personal or unofficial purposes because they may become distorted, altered, or displayed inconsistently. This can misrepresent the organization, weaken brand recognition, and reduce the overall professionalism and integrity of the logo.

Registration refund request

- We had a peewee player quit midseason, and the parents requested a refund.

- The board discussed the request and agreed that the family should have brought their concerns to the board at the time, as the board would have liked the opportunity to explore options to help the player remain in the association. No refund will be issued.

ATM/Square

- A non-board member suggested discontinuing card payments through Square and instead using cash withdrawals from the ATM.
- We discussed adding a 3% fee to all card transactions rather than charging a minimum order fee. However, this option is not available with the free Square software we currently use.
- After thorough discussion, it was decided that we will continue to accept card payments and will maintain the \$1 fee for orders under \$10.

Fundraiser for injured youth hockey player

- A former member of our youth hockey association was recently injured while playing hockey. Her brother is a player on the Icemen team. Mark suggested organizing a fundraiser with all proceeds going to the family.
- After discussion, it was decided that both a chuck-a-puck and a 50/50 raffle will be held at an upcoming Icemen game. Mark will coordinate the details with the Icemen coach and will also inform the youth player's parents.

Possible rink improvements - added for future discussion

- Parking: We do need to figure out additional parking. Cars were parked all the way to the nursing home during the jamboree held here last weekend.
- Replace stand heater timers: These have been left on over the weekend because one timer doesn't work. Tony will work on getting both replaced.
- Cooling tower area: Can we extend the roof to cover the cooling tower?
- Cutting the blacktop away from the building and adding rock to increase drainage.

Zamboni Tires

- The zamboni tires need to be replaced. Justin got a quote for \$1,512. Everyone agrees that this needs to be done. Justin will reach out to get this fix scheduled.

Possible rink rental (7/18/26 Alejandra; Christian Sports Alliance)

- We have another summer rental request - Alejandra 7/18/26 - Jody will reach out to her.
- The Christian Sports Alliance is seeking to rent space during the summer to install a sport court for use by their teams. We will gather additional details

and may invite them to present at the next board meeting. They do carry their own insurance.

Release requests; WAHA policies on co-ops

- We need a “check box” add to our registration form to signify what school district each player attends, so that we can get the WAHA releases taken care of prior to the season start.
- Per WAHA rules, each team can only have 2 “released” players on the roster.
- Mark discussed an old WAHA policy regarding co-ops and having released players on the same roster. This policy is no longer in effect and does not affect our association.
- We received a request from a parent from a different association that would like to play here next season.
- Bob Normand reached out to Mark on behalf of WAHA to let him know that they would like us to bump up to division 3 instead of division 4 next season. Mark will get more details and we’ll discuss at a future meeting.

Schedule/tournament update

- Mark is looking for feedback on hosting a Pee wee B or a Squirt B tournament after the state tournament this season. Both those teams are having a tough season and won’t make the state tournament. We’d charge teams only enough to pay the fee we would have to pay for WAHA. This will be up to the coaches and parents.
 - Mark will reach out to Bob Normand to ask for the ok. Then reach out to the coaches.

Committee Reports

- Crossbar -
 - From Nette - Notes about the Crossbar system. It would handle consolidating work hours, team communication, registrations, and other items for the association on one platform.
 - This would be set up to be used next season 2026-27.
- We currently pay \$595 per year for SportsEngine. The new program would be \$695.
- Tony makes a motion to approve switching to Crossbar for next season. Ben seconds the motion.

Fundraising Updates

- Kwik Trip Cards

- No update
- Fundraising committee
 - No update
- Side-by-side raffle
 - Everyone agrees that we do a Can-Am, or something similar, for next season.
 - Everyone agrees that getting the tickets into bars is the best way to sell tickets.
 - We discussed many options for sales and possible rewards.
- Aluminum Cans
 - No update
- Wreaths
 - No update

Next meeting: will be on January 28th at 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:09 pm- Justin made a motion to adjourn, Shawna seconds the motion.