

August 2026 Butte Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 5th, 2026

Call to Order

Rachel D'Amico
Rory Burleson
Andy D'Amico
Kurry Hoffman
Jeff Dennehy
Jason Brown
Josh Harned
Zach Woods
Mark Brodie
Kim Burnett
Jaki McCarthy
Mike Lasher
Bill LaVelle
Jim Barone
Ryan Riordan
Kim Burnett
Jake Charon
Oly Peterson
Mark Ewanic

Start – 6:31PM

Meeting Minutes- Zach motions to approve both June and July. Jaki seconds and all approves. **Approved**

Open positions- Zach motions to approve Jason Brown for MAHA Representative and Rory Burleson for Rink and Maintenance- Mike seconds. **Approved**

Unfinished Business

1. Irrigation System - No update
2. To-Do List- Reviewed
3. Sprinkler System- Completed
4. Zamboni-
 - a. Battery- Batteries are in. Get the batteries installed
5. Building Update
 - a. Painting slow due to restrictions on available Community Service Volunteers. Bathrooms have been completed.
6. Dryland Room Update- Flooring is in.
7. Registration Update- Currently in process.
8. Start-up schedule-Getting the Zamboni, center ice logo, working on a disconnect and a licensed electrician.

New Business

1. Free Air Cooling Unit/Cooling Tower- No update.
2. Neon 3 v 3 Tournament
 - a. Set date-evaluate dates for tournament
3. Contracts-Working on finalizing schedule, non-profit and registration. Moving forward with contract.
Women's and Men's Tech Contract- are working completing the final contract. Irish contract- working on completing contract.

4. Volunteer Policy- motions to approve seconds all approve- Approved

Fund Raising and Other Events

1. Gun and meat raffle – Will work on getting them printed.
2. Golf Raffle- Should be close to selling out on golf ticket.
3. Corn Hole Tournament- September 12th- update. Use the depot.
4. Sponsorships/Donations- working on getting donations

President's Report – Jeff Dennehy

1. Update from other state orgs- nothing to report.
2. Working with vendors for additional materials for building, rooms and supplies for all rink needs- reached out to businesses for the upcoming season to run smoothly.
3. Solar Project has been postponed but may be available next year.
4. Seeking new board positions, THANK YOU from all to Kate Woods and BreAnna Evans for all efforts!!
 - a. MAHA Rep-Jason Brown
 - b. Age Group Rep-Open
 - c. Community at Large Rep/Adult League-one person from league to attend.
 - d. Possibly look into younger age groups or outside the organization, suggestions- reach out to Jeff if anyone comes to mind.
5. Need to transition Bank responsibilities (will work to complete by EOW)-Completed

President-Elect's Report – Mike Lasher

1. Ice Plant Status
 - a. Ammonia evacuated, system pressure tested (passed), remaining ammonia injected into system
 - b. Replaced isolation valves, and flange gaskets. Noticeable decrease in ammonia leakage.
 - c. Inspected Compressor #1 top end and oil, no issues, will inspect Compressor #2 on startup campaign
 - d. Cooling tower/condenser cleaned, spray nozzles refurbished and system flushed. Cooling tower fan to be replaced this coming weekend. Louvers on order, replace when available
 - e. Replacing drive belts, motor control unit, time delay switches and ammonia. New engine room lighting and heat available.
 - f. Startup campaign contingent upon facility disconnects, rink prep and Zamboni availability
2. Ice Rink Status
 - a. Painting is going well
 - b. Replacing plastic (boards, kickers, entrances) where needed and parts available.
 - c. Sump painted, new thermocouple, and drain fitting ready to be installed.
3. Banner/Logo - Kim Burnett update if not covered above
4. Farmers Market schedule -
 - a. Hosts: Jeff and Zach - Aug 15, Jaki Sept 26 <Montana Tech has players that would be willing to help.
 - b. Montana Tech Women's has players that would be willing to help.
5. Any Hockey Posters remaining- I have posted all that we had available but find a few new location opportunities.
6. Location for compressors- look at moving compressors to rink for hot standby

Treasurer's Report – Josh Harned

1. Current status of BAHA account(s) – did not reconcile.
 - a. Total Available Funds
 - b. Accounts Payable (bills to pay) and Receivable
 - c. M/S/P to pay bills – Reach out to Jaie about his start up invoice. Bill motions, Rory seconds all approved.

Rink/Building Manager – Jason Brown/Rory Burleson

1. Fire Suppression System Repaired, will alert Fire Department.
2. Main Facility Disconnect requires replacement, disconnect is available but a licensed electrician is needed and facility power will have to be interrupted

3. Security code revision-list of names to code.
4. Jason mentioned that the assistant of the Butte Irish would like to do skills camp.

MAHA Representative – Katelyn Woods

1. Not Present

Age Group Representative Director – Vacant

1. Vacant

Registrar – Jaki McCarthy

1. Registrars meeting- reminder for 6-8 u clinic. Coaches- clinics are all virtual.
2. Safe sport and USA hockey numbers need to have this done before getting on the ice. No changes to the roster after December 31 st.
3. Level 4 or 5 will need to have continue education.

Referee-in-Chief – Mark Ewanic

1. Work on Learn to Skate- Toni ran it last year. Reach out to her to see if she is available. September 7-9 and 14-16.
2. Look at doing something at the rink for Mick Ringsak.

ADM-Coaching Director-Zach Woods

1. Tournaments are open.

High Performance- Bill LaVelle

1. Wanted to let everyone know that the Butte Irish have sent 40 players on to higher play.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 2rd at 6:30 p.m.