

4/12/23

Attendance: Angela Toldness, Kayla Stoner, Dominique Preputin, Andy Hanson, Steve Steinmetz, Ryan Riley, Kari Riley, Michale Beck, Rick Harmon, Shawn Preputin, Hans Hanson, Michael Emge, Sandy Herring, Nate Courtnage, Danielle Courtnage, Amanda Hamilton, Karl Rutledge (via phone), Kaare Englebretson, Meredith Thomas, Chris Herring, Chad Cole, Cody McLain, Jenna Holt, Sarah Boyce

6:34 pm meeting called to order

Congratulations to our reelected Board Member, Steve Steinmetz and newly elected member, Andy Hanson.

Items to add to agenda: Projection survey to new business

Approval of 3/8/23 minutes. Chad motioned, Steve 2nd.

Rick Harmon from Walleyes here to talk about cleaning of the rink and getting it ready for the banquet. He and Amanda sent out an email to the association regarding cleaning that needs to be done around the rink. There is still plenty of cleaning be done. Rick is asking for any and all help. He does not want to see the Walleye's Banquet having to be moved to another location if we can not get it cleaned. Dominique mentioned the 3 free floor cleanings we get from Montana Restoration a year. We have not redeemed any of these. Rick would like to see one to be used after the Banquet.

Financials

- Cash is slightly up from last year, largely due to the two State tournaments that we hosted.
- Investments have rebounded slightly
- Power bill is up 20% from where it has been
- Sign renewals: Kaare is preparing invoices to be mailed out on the signs that need to be renewed. He has received the proof from Timber Creek and will work on getting that printed. Bullhook and Lewis Heating and Air signs are done. Altana will replace BPCU. We will need to replace the Scharfe Kato sign and will start charging them as they have started to charge us for accounting services. Spuds Grub Hut and Helmbrecht signs can come down.
- Updating signers to checking account: Need to remove Brett Patrick, Hans Hanson and Dominique Preputin. Will need to add Karl Rutledge, Andy Hanson, Amanda Hamilton and Jared Boyce
 - Chad motioned to pay the bills and to add the above signers and remove the above signers.
 - Steve 2nd on both

Rink Report

- There was a very poor turnout this year for the removal of the ice. Unsure how to address this going forward. Ideas to have a sign up board in the rink, assigning volunteers and having the adult hockey program be responsible for this task.
- Everything in the rink is shut down and should be good for the summer
- Will have some landscaping that needs to get done this summer
- Boards will need to be cleaned. It sounds like the cost should remain the same at \$1000
- WiFi does stay on all year long
- Rentals: 9/9/23 Karson Donovan wedding. Contract has been mailed and they will return that along with the deposit. DeBriese wedding in June. Contract and deposit have been received. Tyson Thriverge

from MSUN did reach out regarding the Lights Out at the Dome. Looking to hold his at the end of August.

Concessions

-There are a few unpaid concession accounts. Michale is working on collecting those.

Reports

MAHA

Topics covered at the 3/20 meeting:

- Review of state tournaments
- Pool play in the future
- Pete Kammon plays on visiting all the associations
- Discipline issues
- Development camp – 200 registered
- Approved Royals and Rules
- Increasing Diversity – Natives in MT
- Open Positions
- Annual Meeting ideas
- Geography – self declaration of A/B
- Off season ideas – grants, scholarships
- Town Hall meetings this summer

Referee

-nothing new

Coaching committee report

- 1 Bantam coach as resigned
- 4 coaches from Havre are going to the development camp, 3 of which are goalie coaches
- Ryan wants to make sure email list to the coaches is accurate
- Ryan does plan to do some coaching seminars this summer
- Ryan will work on getting a formal coaching committee together
- He does plan to change the current paper player evaluations to the Player Tracker App that is used in USA Hockey. This app allows coaches to add information throughout the season that will follow the player throughout his/her career

Safe Sport

-Angela received one complaint but it is no longer in her hands and is being handled by MAHA

Registrar

-nothing new

Fundraising

-Jenna has not heard back from the Eagles. Looking for a different venue. Not sure if the Chuckwagon will be big enough to accommodate tables, auction items and games. Has looked at the St Judes gym. She is not sure the cost. The issue there is it is not available on 10/28. Would have to hold the banquet on 10/21 if we chose there. She does have commitments from Jerry to cook the prime rib and supervise the kitchen, Vics to provide the drinks and Murphys would be willing to be with the sides. Jenna will check with the Chamber to make sure no other big events are happening the weekend of 10/21

Old Business

Justin Scott – still need to figure out if we want to add another session

Quickbooks POS system – Expiring in October. Need to decide on a different option.

New Business

Elections of Executive members

-Amanda Hamilton reelected as President, Cody McLain reelected as VP, Kaare Englebretson reelected as Treasurer and Kayla Stoner reelected as Secretary. All positions were unopposed.

End of Year Survey

-Changes made to question 3. Question 4 will be scratched. We will clarify what the house league is so people can answer question 12. Question 13 will be clarified to describe different options for team sizing.

-Amanda will make these changes and get the survey sent out.

Steve motioned to approve the survey with the above changes, Chad 2nd.

Projections survey

-Brief survey with the goal to get a better idea of projected numbers for next season

-Kayla will get this sent out tomorrow to the association via email and will provide the results at the next board meeting

Chad motioned, Andy 2nd.

Registration for 2023-2024 Season

-Would like to move forward with opening the registration up in June. This will allow for longer payments schedules. Parents will now have the option to make 7 payments as opposed to 4.

-After the current post dated volunteer transactions run on 6/1, Kayla will work on getting the new registration forms up and available the beginning of June. Will also need to decide on fees for the next season

High School Team

- Shawn and Jared called a parent meeting shortly after the state tournament to discuss the projected numbers for the HS team next year. Projected number is 25 (23 skaters and two goalies). Only 18 skaters and 2 goalies can be rostered.
- The idea was proposed to hold try outs and divide the team into a varsity and JV team. Clarification was provided on the JV team. 5 kids would need to be cross rostered between the two.
- Possibility of recruiting more Lewistown kids if we have a B team. Havre kids will need to be prioritized first, as we have done in the past.
- Concerns were voiced regarding the small sizes of the teams, scheduling conflicts with cross rostering, parent willingness to cross roster, goalie issues including potential forfeitures of games and fines as a result.
- The discussion will be placed on hold for now until we have an official number of kids.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm. Chad motioned, Andy 2nd.