

9/6/23 HYHA Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Amanda Hamilton (President), Kayla Stoner (Secretary), Michale Beck (Concession Manager), Kaare Englebretson (Treasurer), Shawn Preputin (Rink Manager), Jared Boyce (Board member), Chad Cole (Board member), Karl Rutledge (Board member), Andy Hanson (Board member), Steve Steinmetz (Board member), Clara Holland, Brad Holland, Chase Stoner, Laurie Emge, Mike Emge, Ryan Riley (Coach in chief), Harold Miller, Jessica Harken (Registrar), Justin Harken, JR Morse, Amber Dees, Jeff Krissek, Keith Jensen, Sarah Boyce, Wendy Tilleman, Alina McLain, Chris Herring (Rink scheduler), Jen Chase, Chad Olson, Amanda Vaughn, Seth Hamilton, Alan Karns, Angela Toldness (Safe Sport)

6:30 pm Meeting called to order

Items to add to agenda: Festival Days Parade Float

Approval of the August minutes. Chad motioned to approve, Andy 2nd.

Financials:

- Investments are rebounding from last year
- Registration money is coming in quicker with the availability of the early registration. We are up \$27,000 from this time last year.
- Kaare provided Jenna with a 5,000 check to be used for banquet expenses
- Jared motioned to pay bills, Steve 2nd.

Rink Report:

- Getting ready for ice. Lines should be good for another season.
- Flooring for the locker room has been ordered. Cost as \$7200.
- Blades for Zam have been ordered
- Advertising in the ice – Shawn didn't get a quote back yet. Unsure how much to charge for this. Kaare will look into a price point.
- Booster pump for water pressure died. The part will likely cost \$600. Shawn will get this fixed.

Concession Report:

- nothing new

Reports:

MAHA

- Zoom meeting schedule is as follows:

9/26/23 10UA 5:30pm
10UB 6:30pm
12UA 8:00pm
9/27/23 12UB 5:30pm
Big Sky HS 7:00pm
HS 8:30pm
9/28/23 14U Girls 5:30pm
19U Girls 6:30pm
14U 8:00 pm

- Tournament bids have been submitted. We submitted for everything except 12U Girls Festival.
- Team bonds are due 10/1
- Hockey Summit is 10/7-10/8 in Bozeman
- National Fall Girls Jamboree Development in Bozeman on 10/14-10/15
- Girls Fall Festival 10/28-10/29, location TBT
- Grant applications are due 10/30

Referee Report:

- Level 2 and 3's are able to be done without ice
- Level 1 can't go until the ice is in

Coaching Committee Report:

- A coaching committee was formed. Ryan stated that he and Kaare were apart of the committee but the other three were requesting to be kept confidential as they were concerned about potential backlash. Concerns were verbalized by board members as well as parents regarding the lack of transparency regarding a confidential committee. Ryan ultimately reached out to the members who ultimately agreed to be disclosed. They are Chase Hanson, Mason Sheppard and Will Debris.
- Ryan stated that he followed protocols that were used from last year as well as information he gleaned from Coach in Chiefs around the state.
- The process included an initial application. Each application was gone through in a systemic approach looking at different criteria. For the HS position, the final two applicants were contacted by the committee and were interviewed. Recommendations were then given to the board via email just prior to the meeting.
- Ryan plans to do a coaching forum just prior to the season to get all the coaches on the same page.

Recommendations are as follows:

- 8U Rial Hankinson
- 10U Eric McLain
- 12U Cody Nagel

- 14U Dexter Beck
- HS Zack Lenning

Jared motioned to approve the coaches are recommended by the committee, Steve 2nd.

Safe Sport:

- All board members need to be background checked and safe sport done
- Locker room monitors can stand outside of the room this year but will have to be in the room next year.
- If someone gets kicked out of the rink, for whatever reason, they are not allowed back in the rink. The length of the removal is based on the severity of the issue. A spectator ejection form must be completed and given to either Angela or Kari.
- Reminder that everyone is a mandatory reporter
- New this year. If an adult is transporting a minor child alone that is not their own to a game, a form must be filled out in advance.
- Amanda and Angela will attend all of the mandatory parent meetings to explain safe sport rules and things to expect throughout the season.

Registrar:

- Amanda Vaughn will be responsible for adult league registration
- Jessica is working with sports engine to register sponsored kids on sports engine.
- Multiple people have reached out to players that played last year and have not yet registered this year.
- House league registration will be left open until 12/31.

Fundraising Report:

- Jenna is requesting a ticket price increase to \$40/ticket and \$400/table. Last years price was \$35/ticket and \$350/table. Jared motioned for the price increase as proposed by Jenna, Chad 2nd.
- Donation letters have been emailed to the businesses
- Jenna would like to do more trips or events as auction items. If anyone has any ideas on this, let her know
- She is receiving donations and volunteers but always in need of more.
- Jenna would like help from the HS team with the decorations. Setting up and taking down
- Jerry will be cooking the prime rib again

New Business:

Master Rink Schedule

- The current proposal by the rink scheduler is to move the HS practice time to a start time of 9pm. This is to accommodate the work schedules of the coaching staff.
- Several HS parents voiced concerns regarding the late practice times. There are concerns of the potential negative academic and health implications from running late practice as well as for the kids that travel from out of town and being on the highway late at night. With the longer school days, that does make the after school practice times slightly more difficult. It is also becoming more difficult to find coaches that are able to make the early practice times work. Ideas were to shorten practice times for all age divisions and to move the HS back to that slot. Ideas were also to have early morning practices and also to have a possible rotating schedule where different teams take turns having late night and early morning practice.
- The Board would like more time to review the schedule, as they were not aware of the changes being made, and to make a decision based on what works for the entire association.

MAHA Commitments:

- Players have move up an age group but dual rostering is being restricted by MAHA.
- Steve would like coaching input before team decisions are made. Decisions should be made on what is best for the player and not the team.
- Age spread for the girls team right now is 9-19. There are not enough girls in the younger ages to have a 14U team. We will have to go with a 19U team.
- 14U. There are 16 kids registered. There is a proposal to move two of those kids up to the HS JV team. Recommendation to have 1B 14U team.
- 12U. Looking like 2 teams – 1A and 1B team
- 10U. Either 2-3 teams. 1A and 1-2B teams. Would need to move up kids from 8U to make this work.
- HS – 23 kids registered. Possibility of a few more playing if there is a JV team. Likely 1A and 1B team
- Decision was made to postpone any decision on declarations until 9/7/23 to allow time to talk to coaches.

Justin Scott Camp:

- Scheduled for October 10/13-10/15. A registration link will need to be made on the website. Kayla will get this done.

Festival Parade Float:

- Andy and Coley Hanson will be responsible for the float this year. Any candy donations can be dropped off at Creative Yogurt. Any that would like to walk in the float is welcome too.

Chad motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:09pm, Jared 2nd.

