

HYHA 09.12.2021 Minutes

7:01 p.m. meeting called to order

Board members present: Brett, Chad, Hans, Steve

Other Members: Amanda Hamilton (President), Kayla Stoner (Secretary), Shawn Preputin (Rink Manager), Kaare (Treasurer), Eric McLean, Dominique Preputin, Barry (MAHA Rep), Chase Hanson, Jena Holt, Dale Herd, Coley Hanson, Kasey Shettel

Motion to approve August, 2021 minutes, motioned by Brett, Hans 2nd

Financials: Registration money is flowing in. So far about \$25,000. Paid for the fire suppression system in full.

Hans will move to pay the bills, Chad 2nd.

Rink Report: MSUN Fight Night went well.

Shawn's contact #1 states that he will supervise public skate and enforce skate and #4 give weekly deposits for public skate. He has never done this, and it will be eliminated from his contract. In reference to return deposits after a rental, Shawn would like the Board to decide on this rather than him. Brett offered a board member to come up with him and do a walk through. This item is not specifically stated in his contract.

Shawn ordered supplied for putting in the ice. Ice will be put in by at least October 8th for the Camp. Shawn would like to have practice for a week before the camp. Potential turn on for the compressors for the 21st, and lines on the 25th. Shawn would like to get the floors cleaned and sealed the week before the ice goes in.

There a couple of new signs that will need to be put up. There are some that need to be changed. Shawn got new plastic sheeting to put over the signs.

Shawn ordered some new flooring for a section that needs to be replaced. Each roll covers 400 square feet.

Concession Report: Michale not present

MAHA Report: Last meeting was more of an information session. Talks about varsity vs A. Discussed ideas of HS hockey, separating A and B, or A and B together, or having a 16 U and having high school its own entity. They decided to keep it the same as it was last year. We have until September 19th to get in declarations and bids. Talks about having a girl's weekend. There are a lot of new people on the Board as well as a new Director. Summit hotel fees are

pretty expensive, may need to consider different hotel arrangements. Scheduling will start on Friday night and will last through Saturday. It is an in-person only meeting.

Coaching Reports: Chase Hanson (HS coach). #3 Treasure State league (A), Big sky (b), or option to dual roster. Chase would like to see us join the Treasure State League. He believes it will be the best competitive. There are 7 kids that are on AA teams, 8 kids were invited to the District Development Camp in Grand Forks. He feels we have good competition to compete. He is looking at traveling down to Wyoming. The borders to Canada are looking to remain closed due to COVID. So far, the Big Sky league will have 4 teams and A team will most likely have 8, so there will be opportunities for competitive games. The one con about going into A is there will be less skating, mostly due to attitude and effort. He feels that after looking at his players, most of the team will benefit with playing at level A.

Jeffery Ralph is onboard as well as Bridger Staples to coach the Bantams. Shawn Preputin is also willing to help coach. Dominique does have concerns that Bridger may not be the best option as a coach due his behavior issues in the past. Blake is also interested in coaching.

Safe Sport Report: Nothing new

Registration: About 130 have registered so far. Only about ½ of the kids are registered for HS. HS 16 with potential of 18. Bantams there are 12 registered, possible of 15. Peewees there are 17 registered, possibility of 21. Squirts there are 22 registered with potential of 2 more. Girls there are only 5 registered. We will need to figure out the girls numbers more definitively and whether or not we will no a 19U team by the 19th.

Fundraising Report: People are willing to collect donations when we are ready. Jenna plans to send the Banquet letter out the end of September. She does have 50/50 tickets printed and ready. Banquet tickets are ready. Jenna needs a place to store the banquet items. She did use a church last year at no cost, she would like to do that again. She would like to send the business and parent letter to everyone, hoping to get more contacts involved.

Construction of locker rooms: The sheeting is done. We do have the exterior tin. This leaves no money left that we allotted. The question is do we finish it now or wait. The remainder cost will be 50-60K in materials. At minimum it will need to be insulated, electrical, and rubber flooring done before we are able to use it. This will cost roughly \$15,000. Brett motioned to spend put \$15,000 into the budget to work on the locker room, Chad 2nd.

Referee Report: Chris still working on getting new refs. He has 3 different ideas. #1 Saturday or Sunday evening, learn to ref and learn the process. #2 Recruiting on the college campus, posting flyers. #3 Reimbursement program if they work a certain amount of games, such as adult hockey. He is open to additional ideas.

Old Business:

Volunteer Hours –

Teams A, B and MAHA team commitments - Chad and Steve are agreeable to Chase's recommendation of going into A for HS. Brett feels the A league is more appealing due to the number of teams and kids that are on Montana teams. He and Hans are both agreeable to Chase's recommendation as well.

Bantam – all in favor of the B league.

Peewees – Tough decision with 17-21 kids. It is too many for one team but makes two teams difficult. Having two teams would be possible if we move some kids up from the Squirt A team.

Squirts – Playing half ice this year. We are projecting 24 kids, which would give us 8 per team. Talks of cross rostering. Scheduling of games would be challenging. If scheduling conflict does occur, kid will have to favor their age appropriate team. Will have try outs for the Squirt A team and there would be potential that some of those kids could double roster and play on the Peewee team. Plans are to have 1 A team and 2 B teams.

Fight Night – Went well. Nothing to add

Pete Kamman Camp – 19 are registered so far. Dominique will be done this weekend. We will need someone to sit at the door to help check off kids and register kids. Both Amanda and Coley will help with this. Coley did question about younger kids playing. It is ultimately up to us but Dominique can talk to Pete about it. Brett would like to open it up to 8, as long as Pete is okay with it.

New Business:

Girls Hockey – 12U and 10U, open ended right now and will wait to see who is interested.

Update Bylaws and Handbook – Bylaws have been changed and were signed.

Tournament dates U10 U8 – Brett will apply for State tournament for all the teams. Chad would like to do a U6-U8 tournament November 12-14. Squirt tournament on December 3-5.

Big Sky Stars – New Montana State Traveling team. U14, U16, U18. November 5-7. All three teams would like some player development times here. 3 hours Friday, 6 hours Saturday and 6 hours Sunday. Brett will look at the schedule and will build in time.

2021-2022 weekly schedule – Brett sent out last year's schedule. With the U6-U8 talks about making the Thursday being just U8 and Friday being just U6, to give kids more attention given the large number of kids. Amanda has noticed an issue with having girls' practice on Sunday due to most of the girls being cross rostered and being gone. She should like to be able to split the ice time with the goalies on Wednesday. Girl practice time at 5:45-6:15 and then goalies would come in for 30 minutes. The goalies would overlap into the Pee wee practice. U6 practice at 5:45-6:30 on Fridays and open skate will be 6:30-7:45.

Jersey's – Dominique has the list together and will get this submitted. Pro shop rent will stay the same. Amanda has gotten some scholarship requests and there is money left over from last year. Parent concerns regarding the kids that are goalies and the need for 2 sets of jerseys or if they should just size up their jersey.

Montana Hockey Summit (Oct 1-3) – Chase and Eric plan to their age groups. We will need someone there for each team.

Team Managers - nothing

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 13th at 6:30 pm at Ice Dome

Meeting adjourned by Brett, 2nd by Steve at 9:45 p.m.