

## BAHL Board Meeting

December 12, 2011 held at Centennial Ice Arena, called to order at 6:30 pm.

Board members present: JJ Carmody, Pat Picicci, Claudia Glantz, Eric Barnhart, Layne Martin, George Bentzel and Jim Lilly

Board members absent: Jeff Wilson, Rob Gagnon, Glen Korf

League Director: Chandra Picicci

Adult Hockey League: Justin Davis

Bulls Owner: Doug Strong

Peewee Coach: Greg Smith

Doug Strong: Preliminary stages of proposed high school league (non MAHA) that would play under junior team (18-24 game schedule), with all local players with 15-20 players per team. Must take local players first but could go outside of area *only* if numbers were low. High School team would travel with junior team and play prior to the junior games. Estimate cost would be \$4-5K because parents would not have to travel – junior teams would bus. BAHL could still have a high school rec program like the former high school program (Skyview, West, and Senior) once numbers justify expansion to that structure. Doug requested feedback and concerns from board. Every AWWHL junior team is contacting their local association to obtain feedback.

November minutes were motioned to be approved by George Bentzel, seconded by Jim Lilly. Motion carried.

### League Director's Report:

110 registrations received to date: 19 mites, 10 squirt house, 22 squirt travel, 22 peewees, 23 U16 house including bantam age players, and 19 high school. More registrations are coming.

Learn to play: 22 plus skaters. Learn to skate: 50 skaters Girls: 13 skaters so far

Cumulative total is \$611 for 50/50 sold at Bulls games to date.

Dept 56 Christmas houses donated by Keith and Kaye Keierleber: Profit of \$1424 after Ebay fees and other expenses, including 25% commission (\$1899 before commission). Jan Hefner invested approximately 100 hours to sell and ship. Jan generously agreed to donate a lot of her time and trade for drop in for her sons until they graduate from high school.

9-10,000 flyers for District 2 elementary schools went out today, goal is for the flyer to go home with students prior to Christmas break.

Metra wants their ice edger back so it will be returned next week. We will get it back approximately January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Private rentals are up. We are in the process of reviewing and reconciling travel team expenses.

Learn to Skate Christmas or Holiday show will now be a talent show. Still working on the details.

MAHA – teams withdrawing will forfeit \$400 bond. New MAHA model proposal for next season should encourage not discourage participation.

Coaches: 26 registered, all passed screening. Module training must be completed by December 31. At this time, 7 coaches have completed, 19 coaches need to complete their modules.

Andrew's report: unsupervised children are causing puck marks and other damage such as restrooms. Obtain signs such as "No Stick Hockey" and "Not Responsible for Injury and Damage..." signs. Doug Strong stated Bulls' camera tripod was broken by another league's youth player.

A member requested the bylaws be posted on the website.

January 4<sup>th</sup> is the next planned equipment distribution.

Adult hockey: Justin Davis has offered volunteers to help with some cleaning and maintenance etc. If alcohol abuse or trash is a problem, the adult league wants to know so they can correct the issue.

Treasurers Report:

JJ Carmody updated balance sheet and profit and loss with board. \$100K in checking and savings, at the beginning of our fiscal year, we had \$180K. Our financial situation has improved but youth hockey or league fees (down 28 players and less travel team/ home game ice) are considerably less. Income is \$56K less than last year. Expenses (mostly maintenance and repairs) are up \$70K over last year.

Governance Committee Report:

Number of board positions discussed, possibly add or setting aside board positions or at least advisors from major user groups or revenue contributors, such as Bulls, adult and figure skating. Those associations would elect or appoint. We will table this discussion for a future meeting.

Strategic Planning Committee Report:

Eric Barnhart said committee met December 6<sup>th</sup>. Strategic planner, Ray Svenson Consulting (Roberts, MT) met with the committee. Ray Svenson has worked with a number of groups in Red Lodge/Carbon County including Boys and Girls Club, Carbon County Historical Society etc. Need feedback from membership – questionnaire or other form of contact? Youth hockey is only 15% of revenue. Growth of adult hockey and girls' hockey program need to be highlighted. Next meeting is December 19<sup>th</sup>. Eric will be leaving in March for another position/promotion in Portland. Two major concerns are facility and membership numbers. Where do we need to be in 3-5 years? Strategic planner cost would be 8-10 hours (\$100/hour) for two 4 or 5 hour sessions in December and January for the planner to develop a plan. The cost could be \$200-250/hour (quote from another planner) so we are being given a reduced rate. Justin Davis said he will ask the adult hockey league at their upcoming meeting if they will contribute to the planner expense. Pat Picicci motioned to spend the \$1000 with the provision that other user groups and/or other parties may contribute to the cause and therefore reduce the BAML contribution. JJ Carmody seconded. Motion carried.

Coaches Committee Report:

One parent/coach written complaint was addressed. Another coach and players issue was not addressed by the committee because no complaint has been submitted to coach/discipline committee. Two players were suspended by coach for 2 and 3 practices, respectively. Coach and age group director should be the first and second points of contact when an issue occurs, which is how this issue was handled.

Marketing Committee Report: Glen Korf was absent.

Old Business:

Scholarships previously requested: Adult hockey has allotted \$500 for house player(s) this season to help with scholarships which has been awarded. Travel player requesting scholarship was awarded a reduced fee of \$150 by president and league director.

Parking lot plowing maintenance: Jeff Wilson found plowing vendor. It cost \$70 to plow parking lot this last storm. Our contract states they will plow our parking lot when it has over 3 inches accumulation.

Next board meeting will be January 9th.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm by Pat Picicci, seconded by Layne Martin, and motion carried.