

BAHL Board Meeting

September 12, 2011 held at Centennial Ice Arena, called to order at 7:11 pm.

Board members present: Jeff Wilson, Eric Barnhart, Pat Picicci, Claudia Glantz, Glen Korf, JJ Carmody, Rob Gagnon, Layne Martin, George Bentzel and Jim Lilly

Board members absent: none

League Director: Chandra Picicci

MAHA registrar: Todd Porter

August minutes were motioned to be approved by Jim Lilly, seconded by Glen Korf via email prior to this meeting. Motion approved via email votes and this board meeting.

MAHA Registrar:

Todd Porter, MAHA registrar, stated registration questions should be directed first to league director, then MAHA registrar, and finally USA Hockey. Playing down a level is not allowed. Other avenues should be considered: repeating IP, Learn to Skate, house, etc. Team must be registered at the age division of the oldest player. If one Peewee plays at the Squirt level, the team must be rostered as a Peewee team or playing up (in name only). The team still can play other Squirt teams but communication with other Squirt teams/coaches would be necessary.

Todd Porter also reminded if players do not have an USA hockey registration number that they do not have insurance.

League Director's Report:

73 registrations received to date: 8 mites, 5 squirt house, 12 squirt travel, 21 peewees, 5 U15 house, 7 bantams, and 16 high school varsity. Chandra has committed one MAHA team – High School Varsity.

Learn to play: 21 skaters started including a few girls. Chris Hartley is the head coach. Bulls' players assisted and the first session had almost a one to one coach to player ratio.

Chandra will meet with Bantam parents/players to discuss options. Great Falls also does not have enough for a Bantam team and would like us to consider combining our Bantam age players for tournaments. One practice with Varsity (Wednesday) may also be an option.

Varsity needs a goalie. Jesse Bos, a Bulls practice player from Bozeman, has agreed to play on our high school varsity team. Board agreed to scholarship his fees.

Compressor issues - \$500 salvage value (just the core or block), probably would cost too much to ship (\$3-400 possibly). Board suggested we sell as salvage locally instead.

Skills session have not been well attended so far this season, but should pick up once the LGF football season has ended.

Chandra met with Robby Glantz who runs a power skating camp would like to bring a camp to BAHL in early December. The camp will already be here for the Bulls. Generally, their fee is around \$5K.

Compressor donation of \$1000 has been pledged anonymously.

Ostby Orthodontics is offering free mouth guards to our players. They also have offered to buy a dasher board.

Confirmed sponsors to date: Little Caesars (two dashers and a team), Strong's Crane Service, Alpha Graphics, Sign Pro, Tire Rama, Wendy's, Kenco Security, Northwest Pipe, and Ostby Orthodontics.

Figure skating – no longer will have club ice. Rink will run all figure skating as open. Pass, punch cards etc will be offered.

MAHA meeting – lots of Squirt division discussion. Chandra's proposal for a jamboree format was well received but thought too late to implement for this season so tabled until the end of this season.

Travel jersey use fee – requests for refund cannot be granted because the jerseys are provided by the BAHL, not necessarily new team jerseys this season.

Open ice slots in October – will be asking Adult hockey to purchase or run adult drop-in sessions.

Coaches Committee Report:

Tryouts almost completed except for rescheduling due to compressor problems. Pat Picicci said committee will meet but no meeting scheduled yet. Difficulty in obtaining evaluators but only needed for peewee session.

Treasurers Report:

JJ Carmody reviewed balance sheet and income and expenses with board. Revenues are way down (\$45K less) and expenses are up (\$44K higher due to maintenance & repair). We have \$76K in checking. Expenses are up predominantly due to delayed maintenance and repairs. Sponsorships are down \$11K. JJ will meet with Chandra and discuss further options to improve our financial situation.

Peewee:

Rob Gagnon said Peewee families agreed unanimously to not play MAHA mainly due to time commitments (gone too much). Discussed two equal teams but agreed to select an A and a B team.

Marketing Report:

Glen Korf stated marketing committee will meet next Monday, September 19th at 7 pm at Century 21. We have already spent half of our budget on an advertising plan through Q2 (seven weeks). Four youth players (3 boys and 1 girl) along with board member, George Bentzel were featured on our spot. Gun raffle ticket sales will run through the year and end at our final fundraiser. Discount cards will be purchased for \$5 and resold for \$10 with the proceeds kept by the membership. Media (Q2 vs. Channel 8) broomball game has been proposed.

Miscellaneous:

Claudia stated she received a phone call from Jodi Milton prior to the meeting regarding the ice schedule. Jodi had stated that if the schedule can be changed, Coach Mark Loeding preferred having two 90 minute full ice sessions instead of 3 separate ice times. Jodi Milton had also requested that the 4:30 pm high school varsity practice time be moved back to 4:45 pm if at all possible since it would be difficult for her son to attend practice due to missed school. Since Chandra Picicci needed to leave the meeting early due to a family emergency, the discussion will be tabled until our league director can be present.

Billings Bulls contacted Jeff Wilson about being our exclusive hockey camp provider. The board felt this would not be in the BAHL's best interest at this time.

Jeff called Knife River to get a quote on parking lot millings - \$22K estimated for our parking lot. Possibly could get a county rate. For comparison purposes, \$100K estimated for asphalt. Due to budget constraints, this project will have to be considered at a later time.

Future meetings will begin at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm by Claudia Glantz, JJ Carmody seconded, and motion carried.