

Those in attendance: Dan, Mel, Cammi, Kendra, Rob, Travis, Vanessa, Shawn and Felecia.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Minutes Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT – Report approved.

BUSINESS

Coach's Update: Please see attached update from Rob. Big Sky update: Trip went well, both teams played well. The middle group played well together and won their games. Kids were happy on the ice and on the bench. The older age group played hard despite being short on players. We picked up two players: Grace and a player from Butte. Big Sky played a little more physical game than we are used to, but the kids battled hard.

2023/2024 Season

This year we saw a large amount of growth. We had more registered players than any previous year as well as more help out on the ice for practices. Issues encountered this season will require changes for future seasons. There was a lot of discussion around bylaw changes/additions to better define travel requirements, rules and conduct. These changes will be tabled until Rob is able to hold a coaches meeting. There will be several new people going through the USA hockey coaching certification to help manage the increase in player registration as well as ensure we are compliant for travel events.

Year End Thank You Dinner: The board decided to host our year end dinner for board members, coaches, helpers and their spouses at the Brewery on April 2nd at 6pm.

Gear Return/Rink Clean up: The board proposed that we hold the gear return and rink clean up at the same time to bring in more assistance for needed spring cleaning tasks. This date will be weather dependent but will likely be in Mid-April sometime and an announcement will be put out on Heja.

Board Positions: Board positions will be determined in April for the upcoming year. Board members were asked to let the board know if they will be leaving their positions. Travis voiced that he would be stepping down. Any others wanting to leave their positions should let the board know before or on the date of the April meeting. A list of possible replacements included: Julie Kirsch, Marni Krings, Sam Helmer, Alison Kellom.

NEW EQUIPMENT

New Hockey Gear Shed: Jeremy Melton will be starting on the youth shed once the weather allows. Bobby Heller may be willing to donate building materials and will be in touch with Jeremy.

Netting: On hand. The board needs to figure out a way to hang and secure them to the dividers.

Fundraising: The board and fundraising committee may be looking at some fundraising options over the summer to assist with the roof over the rink project.

Dividers: We still need to modify the dividers so that there is a way to keep them together while they are being moved, when it is windy etc. This could be looked at when the netting is figured out.

Goalie gear: Larger goalie bags are needed. Shawn has offered to look for larger goalie helmets this summer.

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MAHA: The board discussed having youth hockey join MAHA to ensure that we can continue to offer opportunities to our growing program. We would start with an affiliate membership for the first few years while all the requirements are being met. This will require an application to be submitted. A future meeting just to work on the process may be needed.

Bylaw additions: Board members were asked to think about any additions that need to be made to the by-laws.

Summer trainings: There is a Goalie Academy coach training August 9-11th. Brandon, Shawn and Vanessa will be working on the USA hockey coaching age group modules until training sessions are available this Fall.

Stop the Bleed/ First Aid Travel bag: Vanessa will contact the local Stop the Bleed trainers as well as look into the first aid bag.

Adjourn: Next meeting scheduled for April 8th at 6pm at the Civic Center.