

**Bemidji Community Arena Corporation Board**  
**Monthly Board Meeting**

June 6, 2023 6:15 am

BCA Meeting Room

**Board Members Present:** Ben Wangberg, Courtney Aitken Gifford, Jake Reiersen, Dr. Jim Dewar, Donny Wilcox, Troy Strassburg, Travis Reiersen, Marcia Larson

**Board Members Absent:** Leisha Gregg, Bruce Bentfield

**Guests:** Corey Rupp, Jake Pederson

**Meeting Began at 6:15 am**

**Regular Business:**

Meeting Minutes from the Annual Meeting were sent to the board over email for review. A motion to approve the minutes from Brad, seconded by Jake R. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report for April and May was emailed to the board for review. Jake discussed major revenue and expenses coming for the month of June. A motion to approve the report by Donny, seconded by Dr. Jim. Motion passed.

Rink Manager's Report – Jake P updated the board on rink operations. The staffing levels are good – 2 new staff were hired. Jake requested bigger first aid kits for the rinks, AED -need batteries and pads, and mulching/landscaping around the building is needed. The new nets are here, we traded 4 old nets for \$1,000 purchased by Sanford Health.

**Other Business:**

- 218 Sports – Corey Rupp presented about the sports commission. Officially a 501 c 3 company for running youth sports tournaments in Bemidji for all sports. Their mission is to increase the economic development for Bemidji through youth sports tournaments. They got a grant from the Neilson Foundation for 3 years of operations and are in the process of hiring staff.
- BYHA appointees to the BCA board – Motion to approve Troy Strassburg and Travis Reiersen as the BYHA members representatives on the BCAC by Dr. Jim Dewar, seconded by Courtney. Motion passed.
- Wellness Center Update was given by Brad. Sanford Health will not be owning and operating a facility but will still give \$10 million gift. Right now the project is being handed over to Greater Bemidji to look at the project and assess the viability.
- BYHA User Agreement – ongoing agenda item

- 2023-2024 Budget was approved at the annual meeting and was discussed with Jake's treasurer report.
- Additional cameras in the rink were discussed along with access to doors. Donny will send out the costs associated with adding a fob system.
- BHS Locker Rooms were discussed. The BCAC has no control over the locker rooms, the BCA staff is not to open the doors. The school needs to be the monitor for the activity of the high school locker rooms all year long. BCA will clean during the season.
- Life Safety -Does Jake Pederson have everything he needs for the next season? He will be following up with the company that looked at Nymore at the end of the season on the needs.
- Agenda items for next meeting - following up with cleaning person with Bruce, need a check list for the person and who is checking in with the cleaning person? Seems like Jake P should be the contact.
- Open hockey was discussed by Ben. There have been 40 signed up. It's going well and should be picking up during the summer.

**Marketing:**

Update - Please ask 2 businesses to be sponsors in the arena.

**The next Board Meeting date will be Tuesday July 11, 2023. The first Tuesday in July is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 am

Respectfully submitted by Courtney Aitken Gifford