

Bemidji Community Arena Corporation Board

Monthly Board Meeting

October 7, 2025 6:15 am

BCA Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Ben Wangberg, Courtney Aitken-Gifford, Donny Wilcox, Troy Strassburg, Jake Reierson, Travis Reierson, Dr. Jim Dewar, Chris St. Peter, Marcia Larson

Board Members Absent: Leisha Gregg, Bruce Bentfield

Guests: Dillon Eichstadt

Meeting called to order at 6:18 am

Regular Business:

The September meeting minutes were sent by email to the board members for review. A motion to approve meeting minutes by Dr. Jim, second by Troy. Motion passed.

The Treasurer Report for September was presented by Jake. Board discussion. Thank you to Isaiah, Brandon and crew for keeping the ice time booked. We did have unexpected costs with the June storm damage along with some things in the rink aging, having the revenue was very helpful. Motion by Dr. Jim to approve the report, seconded by Travis. Motion passed.

The Rink Manager's Report was sent by Isaiah over email to the board to review. Board discussed. The staff are working hard to get the rinks ready for the upcoming season. Still need to hire 2 more staff, 2 have been hired and doing well. The Zamboni garage door on the FNB side broke. The board approved electronically to replace the door. That is moving forward.

Other Business

- Project Committee Updates – doing the de-humidification project will bring in more revenue by extending the season for ice in FNB rink, the generator will bring down our electric expenses each month so doing these 2 projects first would help the bottom line and we could have extra funds to do the roof and flooring projects. The committee will meet a few more times once the bids are in and we need to work on the financing.

- Rubberized Flooring - Donny made fixes to the areas that needed to be fixed now. This will stay on the long-term project list.
- De-humidification - Bids will be going out soon.
- Generator - Moving forward with a new generator and say no thank you to the used one.
- Roof - repairs from the storm will be done.
- Historical/Memorial/Honor Wall Committee - (ongoing agenda item) Dr. Jim is working on Boys High School updated jerseys for the season. Close to finalizing a charity foundation. Looking for input on next project. Please reach out to Dr. Jim.
- Dillon discussed the BYHA outdoor rink project. BYHA would like to look at Nymore as the location for an outdoor rink. The target audience would be Mite and Termites, and this is the rink where they practice. Board discussed options and were open to the idea. There are many moving parts that still need to be decided.

Marketing:

Update - Please ask 2 businesses to be sponsors in the arena. Leisha will reach out with any renewals she may need assistance with contacts.

The next regular Board Meeting will be November 4, 2025, at the BCA Meeting Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 am.

Respectfully submitted by Courtney Aitken Gifford