

Bemidji Community Arena Corporation Board
Monthly Board Meeting

March 4, 2025 6:15 am
BCA Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Ben Wangberg, Courtney Aitken Gifford, Donny Wilcox, Leisha Gregg, Jake Reierson, Troy Strassburg, Dr. Jim Dewar

Board Members Absent: Bruce Bentfield, Brad Neis, Travis Reierson, Marcia Larson

Guests: Isaiah Bitter

Meeting called to order at 6:16 am

Regular Business:

The Meeting Minutes from the February meeting minutes were sent by email for the board to review. A motion was made by Jake to approve the minutes, second by Ben. Motion passed.

The Treasurer Report for February was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Courtney, second by Dr. Jim. Motion passed.

Rink Manager's Report was presented by Isaiah. Ice is coming out at Nymore, the process was started over the weekend. The Figure Skating show is at the end of March. Ice will be in First National through April. Discussion on the electrical issue that happened February 23.

Other Business

- The date for the April Annual Board Meeting is set for **Monday April 28, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the BCA meeting room. The regular board meeting on April 1, 2025, will be Raphael's. We will not meet in May.**
- Board positions up for renewal: Jake, Leisha and Marcia. Ben will reach out to them to see if they are willing to commit to another term.
- Beltrami Electric back payments – Motion by Ben to spread the payments over 18 months, second by Dr. Jim. Motion passed. The BCAC board will still be researching more options and reach out to the BE board and community members. Donny is getting an estimated cost and cost benefit for a generator.

- Janitor vs Cleaning Contract – Isaiah will be continuing to work on this item. He will reach out if he needs any assistance.
- Historical/Memorial/Honor Wall Committee – (ongoing agenda item) – the board would like to have a line item each year in a fund and will ask BYHA to match. Add to the budgeting agenda for 2025 – 2026.
- Items from youth hockey to keep an eye on: BYHA is looking at outdoor ice at the BCA. Discussion on the role BCA would play on any outdoor ice. Concession stand discussion – Mitch does not want Nymore, downstairs a possible pro shop, another party is interested in running the Nymore stand. We cannot allow outside vendors without permission. Mitch was leasing the space without BCA approval all season.
- The board agrees to rent a closet for storage for \$1,000/year for Bemidji Figure Skating Club. Isaiah will get it re-keyed.
- Keep an eye out for a date for an end of year Board and staff party – trying to plan for Tutu Bene by the end of the March.
- Rubberized Flooring Replacement Plans/Refreshing the rink – (ongoing agenda item)

Marketing:

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

The next regular Board Meeting will be April 1 at Raphaels. The date will be the Annual Board Meeting – will be Monday April 28, 2025 at BCA meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 am.

Respectfully submitted by Courtney Aitken Gifford