

Bemidji Community Arena Corporation Board
Monthly Board Meeting

October 8, 2024 6:15 am

BCA Meeting Room

Minutes

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

Board Members Absent: Brad Neis, Bruce Bentfield

Guests: none

Meeting called to order at 6:16 am

Regular Business:

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

Treasurer Report for September was sent by email from Jake. Discussion on report including making a loan payment now would save on interest rather than invest it with a lower interest rate. Motion by Ben to approve a \$100,000 loan payment, seconded by Travis. Motion passed. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Travis, seconded by Donny. Motion passed.

The Rink Manager's Report was sent by email to the board members. Ben Kinne requested to have ice available during the school day. Ben K. would supervise, require full equipment and part of the High School hockey programs (rostered) and BYHA Junior Gold. The board recommended moving forward with this.

Other Business

- Congratulations to the BCA Golf team for taking first place at the first annual BYHA Golf Tournament! - where is the banner going to be hung? Discussion by members. No final decision was made. The trophy is in the trophy case upstairs.
- Historical/Memorial/Honor Wall Committee – last four plaques were ordered and will be arriving soon, information gathered on the National Teams and in a holding pattern before getting the designs.
- Loan Payment – addressed in the Treasurers report.
- JFC Update –JFC approved to move forward with the EAPC design for the dehumidification proposal. Motion to approve moving forward EAPC doing the

design for the dehumidification bid proposal by Ben, seconded by Jake. Motion passed.

- Nymore – Cleaning Day was positive, and a lot was accomplished, still lots to be done. Discussion on asking BYAH to have a service day for each Pee Wee and Bantam team by end of October and to be scheduled by Dillon. Need to get an estimate for a new garage door on the South end of the rink. A few bleacher boards need to be replaced, need a sign and rope to block off the South end, need a label for locker room #3, remove the doors in the penalty boxes right next to the score table. Requests sent to Isaiah.
- Rental Request: The Circus requested 2 shows in one day. Isaiah is still working with them on logistics.
- Revenue Ideas for BCA – summer event at Nymore? Continued discussion.
- Refs moving the nets – Head of refs in Bemidji is refusing to require refs to move the nets this season for BYHA games. We are asking BYHA to have another discussion with representatives for the refs. We cannot have parents on the ice with improper footwear and no helmets.

Marketing:

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

The next Board Meeting date will November 5, 2024, at the BCA meeting 6:15 am.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 am

Respectfully submitted by Courtney Aitken Gifford