

Bemidji Community Arena Corporation Board
Monthly Board Meeting

July 1, 2025 6:15 am
BCA Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Ben Wangberg, Courtney Aitken-Gifford, Leisha Gregg, Donny Wilcox, Dr. Jim Dewar, Bruce Bentfield, Troy Strassburg, Travis Reierson, Marcia Larson

Board Members Absent: Jake Reierson

Guests: Isaiah Bitter

Meeting called to order at 6:15 am

Regular Business:

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

A draft of the June treasurer's report was sent by Jake by email for review the board members. Discussion and highlights on Jake's report by board. Board would like a final report sent by email. Motion to approve the report if no major changes made by Dr. Jim, seconded by Travis. Motion carried.

Rink Manager's Report was presented by Isaish and was sent by email for the board members to review. Discussion on storm damage on all three rinks. Ice on FNB rink goes in July 14, prepping beginning for that. Motion by Jim to approve the 2 rink managers attending the MIAMA (MN Ice Arena Managers Association) training in September and all travel expenses, second by Marcia. Motion passed. The staff would like options for retirement accounts. Leisha and Bruce will get basic information on simple IRA for our 2 full-time employees from FNB.

Other Business

- Board Member Updates -Brad's position at Sanford has changed and will not be able to be on BCAC board. He resigned his position on our board. Sanford would like to keep a spot on the BCAC board. The new person over seeing Sanford Sports is Chris St. Peter. Ben will reach out to Chris.
- Generator Project Update - this is still on-going. Donny will be getting a quote soon. Information was sent to the board over email. Next steps would be

looking at design and financing if the board wants to move forward. It would be a nine-month timeline once we decide. Ben suggests a special meeting on rink improvement projects with BYHA board members and to gather financing options. Projects would include the de-humification project, rubber flooring replacements and the generator. We are forming a committee: Ben, Leisha, Bruce, Troy, Marcia, all volunteered. The committee needs to have the top priorities ready before going to the bank (wants vs needs).

- Rubberized Flooring Replacement Plans - ongoing agenda item. Isaiah has ordered flooring and replacing some high traffic areas.
- Historical/Memorial/Honor Wall Committee - ongoing agenda item

Marketing:

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

The next regular Board Meeting will be August 5 at the BCA Meeting Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 am.

Respectfully submitted by Courtney Aitken Gifford