

BMIA Meeting 1/7/2026

Members Present: Chris Hein, Matt McClure, Caroline Thorson, Eric Edstrom, Dave Van Batavia, Katie Kopp, Sara Hartquist

There were no minutes from the November meeting presented yet, so no motions were made to accept as written.

Financials: Motion by Matt, seconded by Eric to accept the financials. Motion carried.

Guest:

Emily Papik was present at the meeting. Despite not being on the agenda prior to the meeting, Chris H. asked if she wanted to talk about anything. She shared she was there to listen as she wants to hear what's being discussed at the BMIA meetings.

Manager's Report:

Waiting to hear from Tyler on a signed contract from Mighty Ducks Grant or at least some specific information: questions about terms of grant such as time frame to spend it.

Zamboni blade sharpening: There has been a change in service for this. Dave was referred to a man in Sleepy Eye. Dave grabbed a few more blades to have on hand since they have to be shipped specially which will cost more and take more time. Five blades is approximately \$1700.

Old Business:

Tom S is in contact with PMP and discussing the meat raffle fundraising possibilities for the compressor. Eric E. will be working on a letter to membership regarding the fundraising drive when information is more solid and available.

Discussion about arena sponsorship and asking members to recontribute as we move for improvements. Nothing will be done until we have more firm numbers.

Pickle Ball Court: bid from Hennings for dirt work: \$25,000. This bid was given to Jill Wolf at the City and Emily Crabtree at LACF.

Sponsor Night on December 16 went well. Very grateful to all the sponsors. A decision was made to extend a thank you via social media outreach rather

than an ad in the paper. Hoping this will reach more people as it can also be shared.

Calendar Draw: profit numbers not completely solidified, but Sara thinks it will be similar to past years at about \$14,500.

New Business:

A \$2000 grant from Hartquists and a match of the same amount from FDLIC, a Texas company Jeff works with, was given for improvements in the dry land area. (\$4000 total) Monies used for purchase of weights, bands, boxes, storage, etc. to improve the space and make it more usable. Discussion of removing tables and chairs in the space so it can be a desirable area to work in was held as well.

This then led to discussion of trying to get some options for athletes to get some training locally in the summer. Ideas of who might be able to provide local training opportunities were discussed.

Hockey Board Report: No report

Figure Skating: Katie reports Ice Crystal Classic home competition will be held January 16-18. They will have 120 skaters from 8 different clubs. This is a 20% increase from last year.

The Ice Show is scheduled for March 20-21.

Next meeting: March 18 at the arena. A short discussion was held regarding the need to meet monthly. Decision made to keep the monthly meeting dates on the calendar as there may need to be decisions made regarding the compressors, but Chris suggested if there is nothing pressing, we could potentially meet bimonthly.

Motion to adjourn by Katie and seconded by Matt.

Respectfully submitted by proxy notetaker Caroline Thorson