

(Pending Approval)
BLAINE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 29, 2003
7:00 pm/Blaine High School Cafeteria

CALL TO ORDER

Tomm Berquist, President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Tomm Berquist, President; Craig Voltin, Mike Bjugstad, Pat Wagamon, Tim Lillo, Paul Conery, Ken Brovold, Sean Linderholm, Kristi Zamrzla, Lynda Lynch.

Guests: (See copy of sign-in sheet)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Made (Voltin), Seconded (Ripley) to approve the April 22, 2002 Annual Meeting minutes as written and presented to members. Motion carried unanimously.

WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS

Tomm Berquist welcomed members to the meeting and noted that he would try to expedite the meeting as much as possible to allow members time to watch the Wild game.

Tomm informed members that due to the fact that BYHA Articles of Incorporation were never amended to incorporate the board composition change from 9 to 12 members, that until that was done, current board members felt we needed to abide by the current articles that provide for nine members - thus, there will only be two open positions on the new board recognizing that one position is being served by a member who is on suspension. Recognizing that there will be a smaller board, Tomm stressed the need for committee involvement and volunteer support from all of BYHA membership in order to maintain BYHA's current activities.

Tomm introduced the board members and thanked everyone for their efforts; special recognition and appreciation was given to the outgoing members: Mike Bjugstad, Ken Brovold, Sean Linderholm and Tomm Berquist.

Tomm also acknowledged and thanked all of the volunteers; coaches, team managers, etc. who contributed their time and talents this past season.

Tomm recognized BYHA's participation in the SKATE Program and noted how positive this program is for our players and hopes to see it continue to grow and be a cornerstone in our players overall development.

Rich Nordlund, Gambling Manager, was recognized and members were reminded of the importance charitable gambling plays in the overall operations of BYHA and how we are fortunate to have such a successful program.

Sean Linderholm was recognized and thanked for his efforts with the Bengal Hockey School, which has served as a catalyst for our player development program.

Dave Aus and Steve Guider, Blaine High School varsity head coaches, were recognized and encouraged to continue their positive relationship with the youth hockey program.

Tomm noted that one of the priorities for this board this past year was to put controls in place, particularly on the accounting/financial side; and to provide better communication and reporting to our general membership on the general activities of the board and its overall financial standing. It is hoped that the future board will continue to maintain and enhance the accountability measures established and the lines of communication with its membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Conery reviewed the unaudited financial report for the 2002-03 season recognizing that there is a projected budget surplus, which the board approved issuing a credit to all families which were in good standing (paid in full) as of March 31, 2003. This credit will be issued on family statements by August 1, pending completion of the audit.

Paul reviewed the summary of members accounts noting that \$3700 is outstanding to BYHA compared to \$15,000 that was written off last year. Outstanding accounts with Andover families (former Blaine families) was reduced from \$12,000 to \$1,300 due to the efforts of board members contacting the families and requesting payment of funds. Paul noted that any family that has an outstanding account balance, will not receive the approved credit.

It was also noted that Paul could be activated in the next year as he currently serves in the reserves and we will need to be prepared in the event he would leave his position on the board. Therefore, anyone who is interesting in volunteering in this capacity and has accounting experience, please contact Paul.

OPEN FORUM

Tomm opened the forum to members to discuss issues they felt were pertinent noting that any comments needing a formal response would be handled by the board of directors at its future meeting and would provide a written response if needed.

Tom Hasling stated that BYHA needs to look at implementing a recruitment program for goalies and discussing various ways to get the younger players involved in playing the position and educating parents about the benefits BYHA provides with equipment and training. Board members concurred that a concerted effort needs to be made in this area over the next year.

Kimm Deline questioned why the inhouse referee payment has not been done yet. Kimm was informed that this was discussed at the last board meeting and awaiting response from the referee coordinator (Scott Waste). The board will look at ways to make expedite this process in the future.

Tomm raised the issue about BYHA providing equipment, specifically breezers, and should this be continued in the future?

- “So many players play off season and have to buy their own breezers, so why do we provide them when so many already have them?”
- “Continue to provide for goalies.” (BYHA will continue to provide goalie equipment for all of its goalies)
- “Would we lose the ‘uniform’ look if we do not provide breezers and have our players wearing different colors, brands, etc.?”
- “Families with multiple players, providing breezers helps keep the costs down.”
- “If BYHA does not continue to provide breezers, suggest setting up a special price/discount with a local vendor to maintain uniformity and affordability.”
- “Sell them to BYHA families.”

The board will continue to discuss this issue and welcomes members thoughts and ideas on the issue.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the two open board positions (three year terms) were open to the floor:

Lori Southerton nominated Mike Marquardt (Mike accepted).

Steve Dahl nominated Dave Faulkner (Dave accepted).

Jim Schorn nominated Mike Brodzinski (Mike accepted).

Trish Bakken nominated Tom Steinmetz (Tom declined).

Dave Faulkner nominated Becky Ewing (Becky accepted).

Tim Lillo nominated Scott Rethwell (Scott declined).

Tomm Berquist nominated Ric Ringel (Ric accepted).

Tomm closed the nominations and members were asked to vote for two candidates on their respective ballots (ballots are maintained on file). Each of the nominees that accepted were asked to give a brief summary of their background and what he/she hoped to bring to the board.

Final ballot count:

Faulkner	(57)*
Brodzinski	(51)*
Marquardt	(32)
Ringell	(23)
Ewing	(8)

Motion Made (Wagamon), Seconded (Lillo) to approve the election of Dave Faulkner and Mike Brodzinski to serve respective three year terms on the BYHA Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, **Motion Made (Wagamon), Seconded (Conery) to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.**

Recorded by,

Lynda Lynch

(A brief meeting of the new board of directors was held immediately following the annual meeting to elect officers.)