

BLAINE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2004
7:00 pm/BHS Cafeteria

CALL TO ORDER

Pat Wagamon, President, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Pat Wagamon, President; Mike Brodzinski, Mike Marquardt, Dave Faulkner, Craig Voltin, Tim Lillo, Kristi Zamrzla, Tom Steinmetz, Lynda Lynch.
Guests: (list attached)

CHARITABLE GAMBLING REPORT

Rich Nordlund and Amy Chlochie presented the March Charitable Gambling Report. Rich noted that Majors is scheduled to open on April 20 @ 4:00 pm. Rich noted that this is his 28 Annual Meeting that he has attended for BYHA. Rich reported that BYHA's year-end charitable gambling donation will be approximately \$314,000. **Motion Made (Voltin), Seconded (Marquardt) to approve the March 2004 Charitable Gambling Report. Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Following review of the April 20, 2003 BYHA Annual Meeting Minutes, **Motion Made (Faulkner), Seconded (Lillo) to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2003 as written and distributed to BYHA membership. Motion carried unanimously.**

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report – Tom Steinmetz reviewed the current BYHA bank statement noting that BYHA currently has a bank balance of \$52,232. Tom reviewed the recent bank activity noting that in lieu of Paul Conery vacating the position and an attempt to seek additional outside assistance, there have been some transitional issues and delays in forwarding ice bills to families. It was also decided to estimate the final February ice bill so that they could be distributed before the end of the season. The board will review the current accounting format and look at other options for the future.
- Girls Hockey – Tom Steinmetz reported that it was a great year for girls hockey both in terms of growth and development with all of our teams having successful seasons. Tom noted that it continues to be a challenge at the beginning of the season because of our total numbers and placing players at the appropriate playing

level to match abilities and level of competitiveness with the right team. Tom noted that the parents meeting that was held to develop new ways to recruit and retain girls was very successful and will look to continue with same format in the future.

- In-House – Craig Voltin reported that the In-house Program was very successful this past season even though there continues to be the challenge of scheduling and securing enough ice for practices and games. Overall the teams were much more competitive. Craig reported that team allocation is based on evaluation and assessment of talent.

Sean Linderholm raised the issue about his current status (coaching) with BYHA based on a recent letter he had received in response to issues raised at the SLP Jamboree. There was considerable discussion about this issue as well as other issues raised by Mr. Linderholm.

- Registrar – Kristi Zamrzla reported that a family account statement was sent out in June to all current active families. She also reported that registration information will be sent out to families in July; will set registration dates as early as possible in order to allow adequate time to promote and recruit girl and new players.
- Equipment – Mike Marquardt reported that even though it was challenging the first couple of months in getting the equipment organized and a handle on the BYHA inventory, everything has been inventoried and is organized in a systematic manner to allow for more efficient and accurate accountability and distribution. Mike also reported that the size discrepancies that occurred with the new jerseys have been resolved and have been replaced with the proper size jerseys for the respective age groups.
- U16/Junior Gold & District 10 – Tim Lillo reported that the U16 team recently took 4th place in Regionals and the Junior Gold team made it to State. Tim also thanked Marty Kirkman for volunteering to serve as BYHA's In-House Referee Coordinator – Marty did a great job and everything went well during the season. Tim reported that BYHA hosted a District 10 tournament and also hosted a coaches certification clinic – both of which were very well received. Tim noted that the blue puck may be mandatory at the Squirt level next season unless it is voted down – coaches need to provide their response to the ACE Coordinator.
- ACE/Player Development – Dave Faulkner reported the Bengal Hockey School will begin next week with participants skating Monday thru Thursday, and only having six sessions this year with approximately 34 hours of ice @ \$125/player. This school is sponsored by BYHA and is available to only BYHA players. Schedules will be mailed out this week (2 sessions/night). Dave also reported on the board's decision to approve the use of FlexCoach for coaches this past season and was very well received.
- Fogerty Arena – Mark Clausen reported that Fogerty will be adding a training room and is also looking at add additional parking space and is hopeful it will be done by the summer of 2004. Mark also reminded board members about the need to follow the Open Meeting Law. (It was later clarified that the Open Meeting

Law applies to state/local government boards or boards that have government representation on it; BYHA is a non-profit board with no government affiliation.)

OPEN FORUM

Q: How are district/state/regional tournament sites determined?

A: By Minnesota Hockey and District 10.

Mark Clausen acknowledge Rick Ringel, BYHA Ice Coordinator, noting what a great job he did this past season.

Pat Wagamon thanked the following volunteers:

Rick Ringel/Ice Coordinator
Dee & John Hollerud/Fundraising & Sponsorship
Diana Maki/SKATE Program
Kathy Hasling/Tournament Coordinator
Marty Kirkmann/In-House Referee Coordinator

NOMINATIONS

Pat Wagamon opened the floor to nominations for the three open board positions:

Pat Wagamon nominated Forrest Wilson (accepted). – 44 votes
Sean Linderholm nominated Keith Gerads (accepted). – 58 votes
Mark Gunderson nominated Tim Lillo (accepted). – 34 votes
Bill Marshall nominated John Ketola (accepted). – 38 votes
Julie Milligan nominated Sean Linderholm (accepted). – 44 votes
Jeanne Marquardt nominated Rick Ringel (declined).
Julie Steies nominated Dennis Ditzig (accepted). – 16 votes
Ann Voltin nominated Craig Voltin (accepted). – 20 votes
Mike Brodzinski nominated Tom Lemire (accepted). – 8 votes
Tomm Berquist nominated Gary Knafla (accepted). – 21 votes
Closed nominations.

Final vote/election of three board positions: Keith Gerads, Forrest Wilson and Sean Linderholm (all accepted). **Motion Made (Zamrzla), Seconded (Lillo) to approve the board nominations. Motion carried.**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Recorded by,

Lynda Lynch
Secretary