

BLAINE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2005/Fogerty Arena

CALL TO ORDER

Forrest Wilson, President, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Forrest Wilson, Jon Ketola, Dave Faulkner, Keith Gerads, Kristi Zamrzla,
Sean Linderholm, Scott Penn, Mike Brodzikski
Late: Brad Slawson
Guests: Rich Nordland

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

At the beginning of all monthly board meetings the agenda will be presented to the board for approval.

Motion Made (Penn), Seconded (Linderholm) to approve the agenda for the 8/22/05 BYHA Monthly Board meeting.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING REPORT

Rich Nordland reviewed the Charitable Gambling Report for the month of July 2005. The pull-tab sites are up and we have made a profit. He expects to give BYHA approximately \$50 - \$60k in September or October. Rich did request that the meeting minutes be posted on the web site as soon as possible after the monthly meeting. This would allow Alice to be able to pull them off of the web site.

Forrest asked for an update in regards to the advertising. Rich said it is going well. The final cost is \$168.00 a month for the ad. This is an estimated \$42.00 per pull-tab site. It was noted that a meeting would be set to educate all board members about the Charitable Gambling program. Rich will bring Amy and Kelly, though he will be out of town from 9/2/05 – 9/11/05. Tuesday or Thursday work best for all 3 to attend. A date will be set and emailed out to all.

Motion Made (Faulkner), Seconded (Linderholm) to approve the July 2005 Charitable Gambling Report. Motion carried unanimously (copy attached).
Motion Made (Penn), Seconded (Linderholm) to approve the September 2005 Monthly Expenditure Report (copy attached). Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Made (Faulkner), Seconded (Ketola) to approve the June 2005 meeting minutes.

Motion Made (Linderholm), Seconded (Zamrzla) to approve the special board meeting minutes.

OPEN FORUM

- Petition to Play Up – Per information received at registration and the July board meeting 2 members came to present the petition for playing up to the Squirt level. This will need to be presented and finalized at the September board meeting. The next registration date will be 9/14/05 and will determine the numbers we have at the Squirt level. Kristi Zamrzla requested that each family petitioning up receive a phone call to make sure they know to come to the September meeting. Upon a decision by the board each family should be notified the following day. With the amount of growth in our association and new families moving in to Blaine along with the amount of ice available – these issues will determine how many teams we have. Forrest notes that there may come a time when we have a certain number of teams regardless of how many register.
- Dryland Facility – Sean Linderholm: The cost of the Dryland Facility cost BYHA approximately \$110,000.00 and we don't seem to be utilizing the benefits of this room. Sean feels the Operation's Committee needs to work on developing a plan on using the room in the off-season. Other Associations have been using the facility and he doesn't understand why BYHA isn't in there. Dave Faulkner would like to know how we could get signed up for the room. Forrest would also like to see a plan going on this issue.

COORDINATORS REPORT

- Bill Marshall – Tournament Scheduler – PeeWee tournaments are scheduled and Bantam and Squirt levels are close to being complete. All tournaments should be scheduled by the September Board meeting.
- Rick Ringel – He gave back some late hours. He has a meeting on 8/24/05 with Fogerty to schedule ice. We should probably educate ourselves on the Fogerty/BYHA ice agreement.
- Fundraising – Julie Milligan & Denise Linderholm–They sold out of ½ of the candy at the 8/17 registration. There is still old candy and they are wondering what we want to do with it. **Motion Made (Linderholm), Seconded (Zamrzla) to donate old candy to a charitable organization.**

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

- **President** – Registration; Forrest was not happy with the communication levels at some of the tables. Forrest would like to see all appointed coaches at the Traveling table signing kids up. He would like to see handouts to each person registering. He would like to see schedules for Tryout times distributed to all.

Mike noted that he did have trouble getting the ice times pinned down with Fogerty for the Goalie Tryout. Randy Thunstrom noted that he did have schedules and information to pass out. This information for the Girl's was also included in the August 2005 Newsletter. Forrest has requested that all board members make a list of items that must be handled at registration. Forrest would like this list within two weeks of tonight's meeting.

Ham Lake has an interest in building an outside rink. They would like to see if Blaine is interested.

- **Registrar** – Kristi distributed the registration number breakdown from the 8/17/05 registration.
- **Secretary** – Kristi, Keith & Mike discussed the expansion of NSC to add additional sheets of ice. It was agreed that BYHA is interested in being a part of this and Forrest will work with Kristi to draft a letter to NSC to confirm our interest in this expansion.
- **Boys Traveling** –Mike Brodzinski will be setting up interviews with the Boy's Traveling Coach applicants over the next couple of weeks. Forrest requested that an email be sent to all board members with a minimum of 3 days notice as to when the interviews will be held. Mike noted that the Bantam A coach Andy Shermoen would be at the next registration on 9/14/05. The board reviewed the tryout procedure and posting of the teams. It was agreed that final posting would be done by noon the following day. Mike distributed the Boy's Traveling Tryout schedule. He will email this information to Kristi to have posted on the web site.
Motion Made (Brodzinski), Seconded (Faulkner) to amend the tryout procedure to read as follows: The A coach will have the option to take a maximum of 20 skaters in the A Pool. Those skaters in the A Pool not selected on the A Team will be mandatory B1 players and placed on the B1 team. This applies to all Boys' Traveling levels, Bantam, PeeWee & Squirt. Due to the large number of Squirt level skaters and the talent at this level it was suggested that we change to Squirt team declaration. **Motion Made (Brodzinski), Seconded (Gerads) to declare 1 Squirt A, 2 Squirt B1 & 1 Squirt B2 team.**
- **Girls Traveling – Randy Thunstrom** – He gave an overview of the Girl's numbers from registration. Randy is thinking there might be a possibility of adding a U10 team if the numbers increase. He has all his tryout dates and times set and is ready to go. He will be attending Open Houses to promote Girl's Hockey.
- **ACE/Player Development** – He is starting to receive applicants for the Jr. Gold/U16 coaching position. Dave mentioned that it is possible that we could have 30 kids register this season. This would open the possibility of having 2 Jr. Gold teams. This would have to be discussed at the next Op's meeting to determine if we would be able to add a team. Dave has been extremely busy this summer and apologized for falling behind. Dave has met with is development

committee and will email the board with the date and time of the next hockey development committee meeting.

- **In-House** – Sean noted that the 1st year parent’s meeting is scheduled for 9/25. He would like to see as many board members as possible to attend. He will also be holding an In-House Coaches meeting on 9/25 at 7:30pm.
- **Treasurer** – Jon Ketola would like to develop a better way to track the candy to the family accounts. He would like to eliminate the option of paying \$25.00 for the box and not taking the credit. **Motion Made (Ketola), Seconded (Slawson) to pay \$50 per box of candy and credit the family account \$25.00.** We will work with Denise and Julie to develop a form or card to be used at the 9/14/05 registration.
- **Equipment** – There is a need for Jr. Large and Jr. Medium sized Breezers. Scott would like to order 2 dozen of each. Scott will get quotes from a minimum of 3 vendors and get them ordered. **Motion Made (Penn), Seconded (Slawson) approval to purchase 2 dozen of each sized breezers needed, not to exceed \$2000.00.** Scott and Kristi are working together to get Jersey’s that were not returned last season returned. Kristi has notified those who we know haven’t turned them in. If the jersey isn’t returned they will not be able to register and/or participate in Tryouts until the jersey is returned. We do have a good amount of large jersey’s that could possibly be used this season if they were altered. This is an option we may want to look at.
- **District 10** – HEP and Ace Coordinator meeting will be held soon. It is mandatory that all Association Ace Coordinators attend this meeting. A CEP Class, Level 1, 2 & 3 will be held on 10/14 & 10/15. Keith was able to reserve a room at the new Schwan’s center – at no cost to BYHA. All BYHA coaches needing to get their coaching card are encouraged to attend. District 10 is requesting High School boundary map and Article/By-Laws from all Associations.
- **Vice-President** – There was an Operation’s Committee meeting held. Discussed were the burned ice issues from last season. Some of the problem was due to giving the new teams time off right after tryouts. Holiday hours and the lack of team managers looking on the web site to see open hours available. These are some of the issues we will work on fixing to avoid burning so many ice hours this season. BYHA is currently scheduling tournaments so that we don’t have a large amount of teams out of town on one weekend. Teams will be required to share more ice at practices. We need to increase the amount of shared practice ice. Confirmed that next season we will change the goalie skate free policy. It will be that Goalies – age level Squirt/U10 and below and all 1st year Traveling Goalies would skate have ice bills and in-season tournament fees waived. Registration fees would still be paid. Forrest decided that a motion on this issue would be done at a later time. Currently Rick Ringel, Ice Coordinator, is paid \$1500.00. It was decided that this amount would increase to \$2000.00 with the addition of having his Family ice bills waived. **Motion Made (Slawson), Seconded (Brodzinski) to increase the Ice Coordinator’s payment to \$2000.00 with the addition of having the Ice Coordinator’s Family ice bill waived.** Brad Slawson would like to bring up that we have 2 players in this association that have been playing Squirts for 2 years. He feels that they should be Grand fathered in to play up to a

Squirt level for the 2005-06 season. Forrest noted that this issue would fall under the Petition to Play Up policy and would be discussed further at the September Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Motion Made (Slawson), Seconded (Faulkner) to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 pm. Motion carried unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19 @ 7:00 pm.

Recorded by
Kristi Zamrzla
Secretary