

BLAINE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

Forrest Wilson, President, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Forrest Wilson, President; Mike Marquardt, Vice President/Equipment; Kristi Zamrzla, Treasurer/Registrar; Lynda Lynch, Secretary; Dave Faulkner, ACE/Player Development, Mike Brodzinski, Traveling Director; Tom Steinmetz, Girls Traveling Director; Sean Linderholm, In-House; Keith Gerads, District 10/In-House; Rich Nordlund, Charitable Gambling.

Guests: See attached list

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Made (Faulkner), Seconded (Brodzinski) to approve the April 19, 2004 Annual Meeting minutes as written and distributed to members. Motion carried unanimously.

COORDINATORS/DIRECTORS REPORTS

1. Charitable Gambling – Rich Nordlund provided a brief summary report of the past year's charitable gambling activity noting that three of the four sites had very good years with one continuing to struggle (BeBops) but is trying to turn it around and making changes that will hopefully help. Rich encouraged members to support the sites. A total of \$317,000 was contributed to BYHA during the year. Rich noted that it was in the BYHA's best interest to continue to pursue with the City about increasing the number of sites a non-profit could receive profits from to five instead of four.
2. Vice President – No report.
3. Treasurer – Kristi Zamrzla reviewed the Expenditure Breakdown and Bank Reconciliation Statement as of March 2005, which reflected a balance of \$73,462. Kristi thanked those who have volunteered to assist with the finance committee and will be getting together soon. Final statements will be mailed in June. BYHA will be looking at doing four smaller billings for the upcoming season.
4. Registrar – Kristi reported that she is looking at online registration for next season and is also looking at doing earlier registration – similar to what other

associations are currently doing. (Forrest thanked Kristi for taking on two roles and are continuing to look for volunteers to assist)

5. Traveling/Boys – Mike Brodzinski reported that it was a pretty successful season overall for the BYHA traveling teams and is encouraged by the continued positive progress that the association is making Two teams specifically were successful and were able to play in the post season: U16 and Peewee B1s. Forrest recognized Jake Kuchenmeister (U16) and Mark Pierro (PW/B1) coaches. Try-outs continue to be a challenge but felt overall most of the changes were positive and players were placed on the appropriate teams.
6. Traveling/Girls – Tom Steinmetz reported that the girls participation numbers continue to increase; however, there continues to be challenges with team formation at the older age group and would like to continue to work with the high school program and the youth coaches on ways to minimize the situation. Tom is hopeful that the board will continue to support the initiatives that are in place to recruit girl players for the program. Tom reported that all three of the A teams were in the District 10 championship games.
7. ACE/Player Development – Dave Faulkner updated members on the upcoming Bengal Hockey School noting the goal is to have 30 players/session for eight different groups. Coach's schedule will be out next week and looking for coordinators at each level. Focus will be on skill development. Hockey committee will be working with all the coaches so there is consistency throughout the program.
8. In-House – Sean Linderholm reported that the in-house program had a very good year with numbers increasing significantly (biggest they have been since the split with Andover). Commended coaches that volunteered for multiple teams (Jim Corbett – three teams). Having a high level D Mite team this year was a positive experience and well received throughout District 10. Ice issues will continue to be an issue and will continue to access the different options and hopefully positive solutions.
9. District 10 – Keith Gerads thanked everyone who volunteered for the various District 10 responsibilities (CEP, Girls Super Sunday, A Peewee Tournament). Thanked Marty Kirkman (referee coordinator) and Rick Ringel (ice coordinator). Keith reported that the blue puck would continue to be used for in-house teams only. District 10 association president's will be meeting and looking at redistricting options. Keith recognized Mark Clausen and thanked him for his involvement with the dryland training center and the new parking area.
10. President – Forrest Wilson reported that hockey fees will be reviewed next season and will see how it affects BYHA fees. Forrest noted that one issue that continued to be an issue during the season was residency and the

confusion regarding boundaries and that BYHA required a copy of a current driver's license and a utility bill that is non-transferable as required residency documents. Forrest acknowledged last year's board members and presented them with gift certificates: Pat Wagamon, Craig Voltin, and Tim Lillo. Forrest also recognized and thanked the outgoing board members: Mike Marquardt, Tom Steinmetz, Kristi Zamrzla and Lynda Lynch. Forrest thanked all of this year's coaches, team managers, coordinators and sponsors and encouraged members to be involved and volunteer (reviewed the various volunteer sign-up sheets).

OPEN FORUM

1. Residency Issue – Tomm Berquist questioned why this continues to be an issue when a policy was established and the fact rumors continue to circulate regarding potential inconsistencies with BYHA enforcement. Kristi reviewed the residency policy noting that various isolated issues will be resolved before next year's registration and will not be an issue in the future.
2. Articles of Incorporation & Bylaws – Mark Gunderson requested that the Articles be posted on the website and at Fogerty as well as the Bylaws. It was noted that BYHA currently does not have Bylaws filed with the AGs office.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Forrest Wilson opened the floor to nominations for the four open board positions.

Becky Ewing nominated Kristi Zamrzla (accepted) – 79 votes.
Jenni Vitale nominated Dennis Ditzig (accepted) – 30 votes.
Jeff Landborg nominated Randy Thunstrom (accepted) – 36 votes
Kristi Zamrzla nominated Scott Penn (accepted) – 45 votes
Mara Mahoney nominated Jeanne Harper (accepted) – 20 votes.
Julie Mulligan nominated Paul Letner (accepted) – 37 votes.
Angela Ketola nominated John Ketola (accepted) – 46 votes.
Tom Steinmetz nominated Tim Frischmon (accepted) – 32 votes.
Dave Faulkner nominated Brad Slawson (accepted) – 43 votes.
Greg Maki nominated Melinda Nastro (accepted) 38 votes.

Motion Made (Gerads), Seconded (Brodzinski) to close the nominations. Motion carried unanimously. Nominees provided a brief background and summary of why he/she wanted to be a board member. Forrest reviewed the voting procedure. The following individuals were approved for board membership: Kristi Zamrzla, Scott Penn, John Ketola and Brad Slawson. Forrest thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Motion Made (Brodzinski), Seconded (Zamrzla) to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 9:20 pm.