

**Blaine Youth Hockey Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2007 at 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena**

**Attendees:** Keith Gerads, Scott Penn, Shannon Gilbert, Sean Linderholm, Kristi Zamrzla, Randy Thunstrom, Jon Ketola, Forrest Wilson and Brad Slawson.

Kristi Zamrzla called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:**

**Motion Made (Penn), Seconded (Wilson) to approve the January 22, 2007 Meeting Agenda.**

**CHARITABLE GAMBLING:**

Rich Nordlund reported that The Ole Piper had attempted break in. The thief got no money. There have been 11 burglaries in the area recently. Brad Slawson reported that Maxx bar has agreed to resign with the Lions Club. The Lions have agreed to more Bingo and some other activities and benefits with their new contract. Their contract will include a 30 day escape clause.

**Motion made (Slawson) and seconded (Penn) to approve the December 2006 Charitable Gambling earnings report. Motion passed.**

**Motion made (Wilson) and seconded (Slawson) to approve the February 2007 Charitable Gambling expenditures. Motion passed.**

**Motion made (Slawson) and seconded (Wilson) to expense from the Charitable Gambling proceeds \$2207.93 to pay for the Safe bill at Ole Piper. Motion passed.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Several corrections were made to the December, 2006 meeting minutes. **Motion made (Slawson) and seconded (Gerads) to approve with the corrections, the December 2006 meeting minutes.**

**OPEN FORUM**

Several parents from the C PeeWee team and the C Bantam team expressed their concerns regarding the increased amount of ice time the teams had been getting and the higher than expected ice bills. There was discussion regarding the number of tournaments the C teams were entered into and the cost. The parents were also concerned with the collection letter sent with the ice bills. They wanted less ice time and lower bills more in line with the past in-house/Mite billing amounts.

Another parent addressed the unused BYHA ice and inquired if he and his children could skate on ice that was already purchased by BYHA but that no other team had showed up for. Kristi Zamrzla will look into the rules at the rink as well as if the skating had to be a BYHA sanctioned event.

It was questioned as to why the SKATE Program was tied to the unpaid ice bills.

The Blue Liners representative asked if BYHA would sponsor the admission fee for kids wearing Blaine sports wear for the Fox FSN Night. They were also going to have a wackiest/best fan prize.

### **COORDINATOR'S REPORTS**

**Ice Scheduler:** Bill Marshall indicated that he was planning for the C PeeWee and C Bantam teams to have to pay about \$500.00 for ice bills for the season in addition to the registration of \$125.00. Bill also reported he had to move some of the B, C, and D Mite games as Fogerty was taking back ice to accommodate the District tournaments and the Spring Lake Park Jamboree.

**Tournament Committee:** U12A tournaments had 6 teams vs. the 8 teams originally signed up so the tournament was not full. The format was changed to a round robin tournament. The C Bantam and the C PeeWee is full.

**Fundraising Committee/Sponsorship Committee:** Brad Slawson suggested that the association do more for the sponsors to show them we do appreciate them. They will be listed in the newsletter.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

**Vice President:** The ice time issue was worked out with the different levels of players having the later ice times. The goalie questions and what the process is for the goalie training should be directed to Sean Linderholm. The dates for events should be gotten to Shannon Gilbert to be put on the calendar on the website. Maxx Bar did resign with the Lions but there is a 30 day escape clause. The ribbon cutting took place at the new rink. The Hockey academy has been planned and is running according to plan.

**Treasurer:** The audit was completed. The board reviewed the audit and we are in a better financial position than we were in last year. The board was reminded that any check over \$1000.00 needs dual signatures. Jon also reported that the Fogerty Bond payment is in March.

**Motion made (Gilbert) that any mass communication to the membership should be run by at least 2 other board members prior to being sent out.** There was no second for the motion. **Motion to amend (Gilbert) and seconded (Slawson) to read any mass communication to membership should be run by the officers of the board prior to being sent out. Motion carried.**

Jon made some suggestions regarding the ice bills (i.e.: flat fee ice bills initially and then reconcile what people owe in the January bill, a sponsorship for a scholarship for skaters, a clause for the threshold of what families owed and if it was over a certain amount then they skaters would not be allowed to skate.

It was agreed that Jon would send a letter to the people who owe for more than just the last ice bill and CC their coaches. Kristi will write the letter and get it to Jon

**Secretary:** Shannon requested that dates for events be submitted to her to put on the website calendar. The newsletter's deadline is January 26, 2007. All items to be included in the newsletter need to be to Shannon by that date. BYHA is having a float in the "Blaine's Blazin 4<sup>th</sup>" parade. That will be announced in the newsletter and people who want to volunteer should contact Shannon Gilbert.

Print Ads for our sponsors will be solicited for the next newsletter to help promote their business. The ads will be printed in the newsletter for free.

The information to be included in the newsletter is the information on the Summer Academy, Coaches evaluations, sponsorship information and thanks, a letter from the BYHA president and a request to pay the ice bills if not already paid.

**Traveling Boy's:** There have been several parent issues with the A PeeWee team. It was agreed to contact the assistant coaches to either confirm or deny the information the board had received. There have also been some Squirt B2 issues and Jr. Gold issues. The Junior Gold A team was looking for a goalie and it was determined that they could pull up a goalie from the Jr. Gold B team. They had a different goalie in mind and their contact regarding that goalie should be the Jr. Gold Coordinator first and then Tim Timm.

Scott had e-mailed the changes to the Coaches Selection Process and requested that the board review those and e-mail him their responses. He wants the coach's evaluations to go in the newsletter and on the website.

**Traveling Girl's:** The District 10 playoffs for U10A, B and U12A, B were hosted by Fogerty and our responsibility to staff. BYHA needs volunteers to work the games in several positions.

A U12B game was played at a later time than District 10 had on their schedule and were assessed a penalty for the change in game times. Kristi has not heard from District 10 regarding the fine. The fine for a missed game is \$450.00.

**ACE/Player Development:** Sean is requesting that Steve Guider submit the hours he worked with our goalies, where he was and what team he worked with.

The Hockey Academy has a flyer and there are actual registration dates. The dates have not been finalized as of yet but will be decided upon in time for the newsletter deadline. The cost of the school will be \$200 for the whole summer unless prepaid by 02/28/2007 or \$150.00 for the fall session beginning 08/09/2007.