

**Blaine Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2006 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena**

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

Kristi Zamrzla called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. She then congratulated all the District 10 participants who placed and/or moved on to the next level.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion Made (Gilbert), Seconded (Penn) to approve the February 26, 2007 Meeting Agenda.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING:

Amy Clochie presented the charitable gambling information as Rich Nordlund was not available for the meeting. She noted that January and February are typically slower months. She reported that the Bingo at Ole Piper is going very well and that Major's is requesting Bingo. They start on 03/18/2007. Right now the only other Bingo site in the area is the Crab House in Fridley for the Blaine Jaycees. Amy presented the information that we were losing BeBop effective 02/28/2007. They were our slowest site and only made money maybe 2 months out of the year. We are now looking for a 4th site for our pull tabs. The Bowling Alley does not want pull tabs at their site but they are willing to do fund raising events for us. Rich got the BeBop letter on 02/01/2007 and brought it by Kristi's work last week. The letter was written that we were terminating the site and Rich asked Kristi to sign it at work explaining that BeBop wanted to terminate. Kristi signed the letter. This information had not been brought before the board and discussed prior to Rich stopping by Kristi's work with the letter. Both Brad Slawson and Kristi Zamrzla are concerned by the actions and decisions made by the Charitable Gambling employees without being run by the Board. Centennial Fire Department is moving into the BeBop location and buying the boxes, safe and booth. The amount is being negotiated. Again, there was great concern amongst the board members at the lack of communications from Rich regarding the direction and status of the Charitable Gambling operation. **Motion made (Wilson), seconded (Penn) to approve the Charitable Gambling Report for January 2007. Motion carried. Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Thunstrom) to approve the monthly charitable gambling expenses for March 2007.**

Kristi Zamrzla thanked Randy Thunstrom for organizing the volunteers for the District 10 Tournaments we hosted at Fogerty. She also thanked Scott Penn and Keith Gerads for bringing in teams for volunteers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the January 22, 2007 meeting were handed out, reviewed and corrected. Only a portion of the minutes were available for review. **Motion made (Slawson) and seconded (Gerads) to approve the portion of the January 2007 meeting minutes that were available for review. Motion carried.**

OPEN FORUM

Sean Linderholm questioned the updating of the team photos at the Fogerty Arena. He suggested that the extra photo the photographer takes of the team be sent to the association and not to the teams as they are not being submitted and updated as they should. Linda Otto has been trying to get the updated photos and put them up.

COORDINATOR'S REPORTS

Ice Scheduler: The number of hours of ice being burned by the association was requested and Bill indicated that we had burned approximately 200 hours of ice total for this season. The process for returning ice was discussed and it was noted that we should sell the most expensive ice first. Bill had the additional ice available and out to the teams continuing on in the end of the year tournaments.

Fundraising Committee: The committee is looking into the frozen foods fundraisers again, maybe the Schwan's program that would be delivered directly to the participant's homes. It was difficult getting members to pick up their items at Fogerty. They are also looking for other ideas for next year.

Tournament Committee: The final tournament is scheduled for March 16-18, 2007 and we do have volunteers lined up for that. The proceeds have been deposited in Anchor bank for the interest payments. Randy Thunstrom has requested that we look at a volunteer program for future to draw from for events we are hosting. Kristi Zamrzla suggested we present we split the volunteers for Districts with Spring Lake Park at 50% -50% versus they take a 3 or so days and we manage the remainder of the tournaments. Keith Gerads pointed out that we always host the CEP program too. Kristi Zamrzla will be going to the next District 10 meeting. She reported that we had a net profit from the previous tournaments of approximately \$2500.00. Sean Linderholm suggested we take advantage of the Schwans Super Rink and host a 64 team tournament. It was noted that we would need many more volunteers.

SKATE Coordinator: Angie Ketola spoke to some complaints that have been received about the selection of the children able to participate. She indicated that the same information was requested from all of the children and that information is shared only within the committee. There are 14 people on the committee. That information is kept confidential. The committee is required to stay within the SKATE rules as listed by District 10. To be able to use the SKATE name we pay \$550.00 and for that the kids get a bag tag and certificate from that program. The speakers this year are Lou Nanne and Doug Woog.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Vice President: Brad Slawson spoke to the processes in place for the Coaches Selections, Summer Hockey Schools and tryouts. We need to look at a plan and put those processes in place earlier than last year so we are not working it out at the last minute.

Treasurer: Jon Ketola was not present at this time. He had to leave at 7:40 but he distributed the Summary of Accounts report and the Bank Reconciliation. He is working on an average cost per player per level to be available at the registration next year so the parents aren't surprised by their bills. The hardship cases and the policy for handling them was discussed. It is time to draw the line. We need to clear up the outstanding bills. There will be no one allowed to register next year with an outstanding bill. If someone is claiming hardship, they must go in front of the board every year and not just assume it carries over from year to year.

Secretary: The newsletter did go out. The flyers for the parade were discussed and it was pointed out that they should include the statement about participants must live within the

boundaries of the Blaine High School district. The sponsors of our organization will have the opportunity to submit ads for the flyers and any future prints sent to the BYHA membership.

Registration: The estimated numbers for next years players will be available at the March meeting.

Traveling Boy's: Constraints were discussed for the kids registering for the Jr. Gold A & B teams. Scott Penn has been e-mailing coaches and pulling in ideas surrounding that level of play. He has been receiving many coaches' evaluations back, he has received 35 evaluations. He will review them and bring an overview before the board. He has a list of proposed changes for the coach's selection process and tryouts and requests we go over that at an Ops meeting. Brad Slawson questioned the Broberg Flyer and if Ron Broberg was given the BYHA membership list to send that out. It was noted that he was not given our mailing list.

Traveling Girl's: Randy Thunstrom questioned whose responsibility it is to keep track of the coaches' certification and when it needs to be renewed. There have been problems this year with coaches' certifications expiring mid-season. There have been some instances of guys in towels walking through locker rooms at the Super Rink, Bethel Arena, when the girls are in the locker rooms. This needs to be looked into and addressed to the facilities. Rob at Fogerty gave him hours for the Hockey Academy.

In-House: At the annual membership meeting, we need to address changing the In-house Coordinator name to the Mite Director.

ACE/Player Development: 30 skaters have registered for the Hockey Academy. 7 coaches showed up for the Hockey Academy coaches meeting. Sean received an e-mail from Curt Carbaugh and he wants to put a treadmill in at Fogerty. Mark at Fogerty is not happy with the idea. Curt has approached Blaine and Spring Lake Park and is willing to let the associations go in together on it. Sean had praise for the District 10 tournament and how the Blaine teams did.

District 10: The tournament brackets for the District 10 B2 Bantam level were discussed at the meeting and several parents complained about the way the split in divisions was done. It was strongly suggested that they change it for next year. It will be put on the agenda for the District 10 Annual meeting.

Equipment: The return date for equipment is set for March 2007. Forrest proposed that if there is money owed to the association the skater will not be allowed to check out equipment. The forms that will be handed out to the membership were distributed for review by the board.

President: Spring Lake Park approached Kristi Zamrzla and asked if they could buy some ice from us. They will buy it direct from us, there would not be any change in the % division of the ice and they do not care where the ice is. Kristi has obtained a Certificate of Liability for BYHA. This certificate is needed if any of our teams want to skate at Marriucci Arena. We have always had this liability coverage but it has not been updated for a long time. We had \$500,000 in coverage but the minimum requirement now is \$1,000,000. The amount of the increased premium is \$125.00 per year. **Motion made (Gilbert) and seconded (Slawson) to increase our liability coverage from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

MN Hockey and USA Hockey have now added to their policy book new locker room policy for co-ed players. The teams now need to make arrangements for separate locker rooms for boys and girls. There are also specific guidelines now addressing when a coach can be in the locker room. As an association, we need to make sure what locker rooms have showers and what sex is in those locker rooms.

Jon's expense report shows our Charitable Gambling room costs us \$4500.00 per year. We need to check into getting it moved. Brad Slawson again addressed his concerns over the events

surrounding the Charitable Gambling and the decisions made without board knowledge or approval. The next action by the board was discussed and Kristi will rescind her letter agreeing to the termination. Meetings will be set up with the parties involved, including Rich to review what the pull tab sites are requesting and what they expect from us.

Motion made (Thunstrom), seconded (Penn) to adjourn meeting at 9:35 pm.