

**Blaine Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2007 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena**

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

Kristi Zamrzla called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion Made (Thunstrom), Seconded (Penn) to approve the March 19, 2007 Meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING:

Rich Nordlund reported that Bingo was very popular. March 18 was the first Bingo at Tasty Pizza and they had a great response. Some potential sites for BYHA are being looked into and one of the leads is the event complex at the airport. He is not sure where that complex will be located exactly.

Motion made (Penn), seconded (Thunstrom) to approve the Charitable Gambling Report for February 2007. Motion carried. Motion made (Penn), seconded (Gilbert) to approve the monthly charitable gambling expenses for April 2007. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the February 26, 2007 meeting were handed out, reviewed and corrected. Brad Slawson requested that copies of the meeting minutes be e-mailed to the board members ahead of the meeting to give time for review. **Motion made (Slawson) and seconded (Gerads) to approve the February 2007 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion carried.**

OPEN FORUM

Chris Ditzig presented a proposal of changes for the work credits earned by working in the concession stand at the Fogerty Arena. Mark at Fogerty wants Spring Lake Park to administer the entire program. We prefer to keep it within our association. Jon will work on creating a form for reimbursement requests for the concession workers. The proposal will be reviewed and considered with other policy and procedure updates at a later date.

Craig Voltin questioned if we are going to try and go with an online registration this year. Kristi has completed the information for that process but the members are still going to have to come in - in person but will be able to pay by credit card. Craig also indicated that the website had been having some technical difficulties with uploading Randy's Summer Academy's schedule but that is being worked on. It is the C-Mite schedule and the girls.

COORDINATOR'S REPORTS

Ice Scheduler: Bill Marshall indicated they worked through the C Bantam tournament being cancelled. The Junior Gold B team parents were being questioned about being overcharged. It appears the coach cancelled practices but did not return the ice. Bill took 2 hours back but they cancelled 14 hours of ice. There is no safety net for the parents in that case. The Super Rink is

ready to give us ice time. We gave them back 250 hours of ice last year. Bill is planning on giving back 450 hours this year. All of the late hours will go back to the Super Rink. We will know the ice fees and costs for next season. Bill does put our ice on the ice store but does not generally offer it outside of District 10.

Fundraising Committee: There was nothing new to report from the last meeting.

Sponsorship Committee: No one was present from this committee.

Tournament Committee: Bill Marshall has requested at least one more volunteer to help with tournaments. He would like to have volunteers handle the entire tournament scheduling for each level. The C Bantam tournament had 7 teams cancel in the 2 weeks prior to the tournament. He was able to sell most of that ice.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Vice President: Brad Slawson congratulated Bill Marshall on a great season with the B1 Bantams at the State Tournament and winning the consolation bracket.

Treasurer: Jon Ketola reported that we continue to have about \$67,000.00 outstanding in ice bills not paid. \$2000.00 in overpayments have been made toward ice bills. The referees have been paid. The ice payment for Fogerty was sent to the Super Rink by mistake and that is being corrected. The \$35,000.00 2nd installment to the Super Rink is due. There was not enough in the Sponsorship income to cover this payment.

Kristi requested a budget be completed and presented by June. Jon wants to form a financial committee to go over some of the financial issues. He is asking for help on the billing but not getting any suggestions on how to improve the process. Jon is the only one who knows the billing spreadsheet. There has been an offer to write up a proposal to help with billing. The proposal includes a \$1000.00 per month charge for the service. Brad brought up the financial program. We are losing money now from our financial practices. Legacy or another firm would be more professional. Also, when we change Treasurer's we lose that knowledge base. Jon Ketola, Scott Penn and Randy Thunstrom are willing to help. The suggestion was made to check into selling the Centennial ice.

Secretary: The minutes will be e-mailed to Craig Voltin to put on the website once they are approved and corrected. A list was requested of the responsibilities of the Secretary for the annual meeting.

Registration: The estimated numbers for next years players were not available for the March meeting. Once Kristi gets those numbers, she will e-mail them out. Online registration is coming. She would like at least one night of registration in August and then the online process.

Traveling Boy's: The coaches evaluation forms are still trickling in. Scott will contact the managers for the teams and request they have their respective teams get the forms in.

Traveling Girl's: The Hockey Academy has 110 people enrolled. Right now there are a few Bantams and PeeWee's registered too. Sean will pick hours to schedule Andy Shermoen and other development programs for the Academy and then Randy will schedule the rest. Andy is not coaching next year for sure. Some of the members asked about using their work credits toward the Hockey Academy. Randy requested a list of the outstanding ice bills for any girls in the program. Kristi did mention that she had picked up some more checks for ice bills.

In-House: Keith responded to one complaint on when the Mites got their ice schedules. He also requested a cost per player at the mite level.

ACE/Player Development: Steve Guider's Goalie clinics were discussed. What was said at the meeting with Steve was reviewed and noted as "it was suggested that the clinics be held earlier in the season. He wanted to have the clinic for the coaches first and then clinics would start for the skaters during the season." Steve has a lot with coaching the Girls Team and Football. There were some problems with our teams being out of town or when their practices and "shared practices" were. The clinics were done by 11/01/2006. It was agreed we will request a schedule for where Steve was, what teams he helped and when he was there. It was discussed that we need a development volunteer to work with each of our 3 divisions: Mites/Girls Traveling/Boys Traveling. The issue of having a development fee was raised.

District 10: There was no March meeting. The Annual Meeting is in April. There are no new rules at this time. The issues to be brought up at the Annual Meeting are 1) Decreasing the number of Squirt and PeeWee games 2) Starting dates for the season.

Equipment: Forrest was not present as he was in the equipment room collecting equipment.

President: Kristi commented on all of the compliments she heard on the SKATE program. It was mentioned that Sarah Richter got her 990's. BYHA is in the running for 2 grants at this time. One of the grants is from the St. Paul Foundation. BYHA has also been asked for money for the Senior All Night Party.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

The question was brought up if the member has an outstanding ice bill, can they vote at the Annual Meeting? No answer was given.

Motion made (Penn), seconded (Thunstrom) to adjourn meeting at 9:13 pm.