

**Blaine Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2006 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena**

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

Absent: Kristi Zamrzla

Forrest Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING:

Rich Nordlund indicated we had a good month for the sites. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Gerads) to approve the Charitable Gambling Report. Motion was passed. Motion made (Penn), seconded (Slawson) to approve the monthly charitable gambling expenses. Motion was passed.**

Rich indicated that the 2 potential new pull-tab sites are the new bowling alley going in and a bar site in Ham Lake. It was also stated that Tasty Pizza was happy with our contribution to their security system. Rich is writing a letter to all of the pull tab sites outlining a formal process the sites would have to go through in the future for requesting money from BYHA. This process would include coming to the Board and presenting the request in person.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Corrections to the prior minutes including: The "New Business" Goalie fees should read –
Bantam/U14 – Jr. Gold/U16 subsidized 25%
PeeWee/U12 subsidized 50%
Squirt/U10 subsidized 75%

For Ice bills and tournaments and pay full price for registration. The Inhouse goalies pay following their level of play as outlined above.

The second correction was Coaches Payment. There will not be a helmet credit of \$40.00 for all coaches.

Motion made (Slawson) and seconded (Thunstrom) to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

OPEN FORUM

Cindy Kuznia from the Owls spoke to their organization's use of Fogerty and their history with the arena. She requested permission to use the dryland facility in exchange for updating some of the equipment and contributing to some of the maintenance costs. She also volunteered her player's services in any way they could help BYHA. She guaranteed their respect of the facility

and the following of the rules. The time they would use the facility would be off hours. She handed out a summary of the request and what they offered in return.

Deb Bennett requested a decision on her son's hockey fees as a C squirt goalie last year. **Motion made (Thunstrom) seconded (Slawson) to reimburse the \$180.00 ice bills to Bennett's. Motion passed.**

Several members questioned the coaching selection process. The explanation of the process followed and discussion ensued about a board member holding an A head coach position. It was also discussed as to whether coaches' reviews were taken into consideration as well as letters of recommendation. A question of policy was raised as to the bylaws and the rules for meetings held by the BYHA Board of Directors. The breach of confidentiality as well as conflicts of interest were discussed. The selection process was explained as well as how the process was arrived at.

COORDINATOR'S REPORTS

Ice Scheduler: We have 2593 hours of ice this year verses the 1800 we had last year. We currently could use 2000 – 2200 hours. Andover is possibly interested in buying some of our hours. Centennial wants to trade ice with us: our ice times at Centennial for their ice at the Schwan's Arena. The Board did not make a motion to trade the ice times. He will have ice schedules out by October 5th to the Jr Gold/U16 tryouts and after that he will be able to schedule the rest of the year for the members.

Tournament Scheduler: Most of the tournaments have been scheduled. The Jr. Gold and U16 need 1 and 2 more tournaments respectively and he has a few more to get to round out the squirt level. The Girl's tournaments are done.

Fundraising Committee: The fundraising is set for the registration. Candy bars will be delivered on 08/29/2006 to Fogerty Arena. Butterbraids are also being sold.

Sponsorship Committee: Chris Vitek reported that 1400 flyers were out as well as 900 letters were sent to Blaine area Businesses. We have 4 Silver Sponsors signed up and 5 Bronze Sponsors. We are ½ way there on our allotted fundraising for the arena. Paul Erickson has also been working hard and Linda Lynch has been giving 50% of her time as well.

The Golf tournament chaired by Mike Brodzinski had flyers sent out and will be put on the web. The tournament is 09/23/2006.

Website Coordinator: Craig Voltin reported that the website was integrated with IceMax and the team manager's could download the practice times to their team pages. Registration dates will be put on the website. The website would have the capability of online registration.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Vice President:

The goalie fees were reviewed as well as the fact that BYHA is no longer providing helmets for first year players. Coaches' jackets were discussed. The A Bantam banner was brought up.

The coach's selection process and the BYHA Board vote to approve the Selection Committee's recommendations was challenged. **Motion made (Slawson) seconded (Ketola) no board member can be a traveling head coach for the Squirt/U10 level and above starting the 2006-2007 season. Motion to amend made (Gilbert) seconded (Thunstrom) to strike the words 2006-2007 and insert the words 2007-2008. Motion to amend passed: Thunstrom, Gerads, Penn, Gilbert – voted aye. Ketola, Slawson – voted nay.**

Motion read: No board member can be a traveling head coach for the Squirt/U10 corresponding levels and above starting the 2007-2008 Season. Motion passed: Gilbert, Gerads, Thunstrom, Penn – voted aye. Slawson, Ketola – voted nay.

Brad Slawson also called for a redo of the board meeting when the Board approved the head coaching positions. **Motion was made (Slawson) seconded (Ketola) for a re-vote on all A head coaching positions. Motion passed.**

Motion made (Penn) seconded (Thunstrom) for Sean Linderholm to be the A Squirt head coach. Motion passed.

Motion made (Penn) seconded (Gilbert) for Dave Faulkner to be the A PeeWee head coach. Motion passed.

Motion made (Penn) seconded (Thunstrom) for Andy Shermoen to be the A Bantam head coach. Motion passed.

Motion made (Thunstrom) seconded (Penn) for Rick Swanstrom to be the U10 A head coach. Motion passed.

Motion made (Thunstrom) seconded (Ketola) for Jeff Landborg be the U12 A head coach. Motion passed.

Motion made (Thunstrom) seconded (Penn) that Ron Hertog be the U14 A head coach. Motion passed.

Treasurer:

There is still about \$15,000 outstanding from last year. This will be addressed at registration. Brad Slawson has not yet become a signer on the account. Brad indicated he has a firm lined up to come in and give a presentation at the next board meeting. This account would take over the billing, financial reporting and statements.

The amount due to the SuperRink has been wired to them.

Brad suggested BYHA go on the offensive and offer the pull-tab sites some advertising (dasherboards, etc) in the new rink. Ole Piper wants a camera system now.

Registration:

Centennial has a couple of 2nd year U12 kids they may want to place.

In-House:

Dave Wells had cards now to hand out to coaches on the rules for play at the level they are coaching. He also has cards for the referees.

There will be a Referee clinic at Schwan's, the application is on the website.

There are several coaches' clinics/certifications coming up locally. 10/20/2006 level one certification. 10/21/2006 level 2 & 3 at Centennial. The dates are on the website.

Ace/Development:

HEP program is being put together with Andy Shermoen. District 10 and MN Hockey are requiring skills timing. Coaches will be responsible for their team. Mark Osmundson at District 10 is pushing for compliance on this.

District 10:

Team Declarations are due at the September meeting. The President's meeting will be held 08/22/2006 for District 10 and the MN Hockey meeting will be held 08/23/2006.

The definition of a scrimmage by District 10 will be adhered to.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made (Slawson) seconded (Thunstrom) to ratify all e-mail motions. Motion passed.

There is a vacancy on the Fogerty Arena Board for BYHA. **Motion made (Gilbert) seconded (Thunstrom) that Chris Vitek be recommended by BYHA for the vacancy on the Fogerty Arena Board. Motion passed.**

The checklist for registration from Kristi will be distributed and reviewed. The Owls request was tabled for the next meeting. Policy on the A Bantam banner was to be looked into.

Motion made (Gerads) seconded (Gilbert) to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed.

12:30 am