

**Blaine Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2006 at 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena**

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

Absent: Randy Thunstrom and Kristi Zamrzla

Brad Slawson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion Made (Wilson), Seconded (Ketola) to approve the December 18, 2006 Meeting Agenda.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING:

Rich Nordlund reported that nothing was new in the Charitable Gambling group. The Christmas party took place. The employee's had asked for a raise but BYHA is one of the higher paying organizations at this time at \$7.40 per hour. Their contract is renewed on 02/28/2007 and it is a 2 year contract. All sites have been profitable this last month. The security system at Tasty Pizza is now fully functional. **Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Penn) to approve the Charitable Gambling Report for November 2006. Motion made (Penn), seconded (Wilson) to approve the monthly charitable gambling expenses for January 2007.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made (Wilson) and seconded (Gerads) to approve the November 2006 meeting minutes.

OPEN FORUM

Bill Kenow, C PeeWee Coach addressed the Board about the number of skaters on his team and the level of their abilities. They have not won a game yet this season and some of the parents on the team do not want to go to their next out of town tournament. Bill asked if there were any way to add to their number of skaters. There is really no way to add players at this stage of the season. Bill asked if they could decline going to the Owatonna Tournament. The Board thanked Bill for hanging in there and left the decision up to him about attending the tournament.

Motion made (Linderholm) and seconded (Gerads) to subsidize the C Peewee's ice bill as rostering 13 skaters retroactive to the beginning of the 2006-2007 season. Motion approved.

COORDINATOR'S REPORTS

Ice Scheduler: Bill Marshall was not in attendance but it was brought up that the A-Bantams were getting a lot of the 5:00 pm ice times and the squirts were being scheduled at 8:40 pm. It was felt that this was too late for the younger skaters. It was suggested that Sean Linderholm e-mail Bill and get the reasoning behind this scheduling.

Fundraising Committee: The question was raised if Butterbraids got their check for the products ordered for fundraising. Jon was going to check that they had not already been paid.

Sponsorship Committee: The closing for the Menard's sponsorship is scheduled.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Vice President: Brad Slawson questioned why no one had called him about the Ops meeting scheduled for December 13, 2006. It was noted that an e-mail went out announcing the meeting but acknowledged that a phone call would be made in the future as he does not check his e-mails regularly. The Ops meeting was reviewed and Brad Slawson questioned what part of the tryout process should be gone over as next year will be a new board and we should wait until the new members are on board to go over next year's tryouts. Scott Penn handed out a list of the feedback he has heard about how the tryouts went this year. It was also determined that Operations Committee meetings would be held on the Sunday, one week prior to the BYHA Board Meetings. The next Operations Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 14, 2007 at 7:00 pm at Tasty Pizza.

Treasurer: The Traveling Ice Bills went out on that morning. The Inhouse Bills will go out after Jon Ketola gets the list of the first year skaters from Kristi Zamrzla. Jon suggested that next year BYHA charge for registration and then charge another \$100.00 at tryouts to help spread out the cost of hockey for the members. He noted it would be a good way to bring more money in earlier as a lot of the arenas ask for the ice to be paid for ahead of time. He also suggested that registration be held earlier next year.

Jon indicated that the \$6000.00 we donated to the Blaine Girls Hockey Program and the \$3000.00 paid out at tryouts is over our budget as it was not included in the budget. The payment to Hooters for \$5000.00 was also not on the budget. BYHA has the big payment for the new arena due on 01/19/2007. Both Jon Ketola and Steve Kolb need the agreement from Kristi Zamrzla.

Steve Kolb is close to completing the 2005-2006 audit. The deadline with the extension is 02/14/2007.

Secretary: Shannon Gilbert brought forward a letter from the Hall of Fame Tournament requesting money to help pay for their ice time at their tournament. **Motion made (Gerads) and seconded (Penn) to deny payment of money to the Hall of Fame Tournament for ice time. Motion carried.** Shannon brought up the subject of coats for the BYHA board members for this year. **Motion made (Linderholm) and seconded (Wilson) for the first year board members to get jackets. Motion carried.** Shannon Gilbert also questioned the purchase of a lap top computer for use by the secretary. It was determined that more research should be done into what BYHA's needs are for computers, how much they cost, if a used computer could be purchased, if the computer could be shared by all board members so it would be more cost effective. It was tabled to be brought up for discussion at the Administration meeting to be called by the President.

Registrar: Kristi was absent.

Traveling Boy's: Scott Penn reported that a skater at the PeeWee level fractured his wrist and a goalie on the Squirt B2 white team moved from goalie to skater and that the ice bill needs to be adjusted accordingly. He also reported that the Jr. Gold B team had been bumped from a tournament in Eden Prairie. They are still looking for tournaments. The question was raised on if there was room or if it was feasible that team trophies be displayed at Fogerty. Scott will check with Mark and see what he says.

There have been some questions regarding the Fair Play Policy. These questions surrounded the issues of penalty kill and power play situations. It was agreed that the policy needs to be clarified.

Scott also requested that we get our coaches evaluations out early in order to get better feedback.

Traveling Girl's: Scott also mentioned that Randy felt the same way about the coach's evaluation and the feedback.

In-House: Keith Gerads reported the referees hired to officiate the Andover and Blaine D-Mite game had some difficulty with one of the Andover Coaches. Andover Board is dealing with the coach about his behavior. Keith brought up that an item for discussion at an ops meeting should be the listing of the C level teams as traveling teams. The C level teams are playing a traveling schedule with 35 games and tournaments. The C level "inhouse" rules need to be restructured so they fit into the traveling category.

Spring Lake Park needs the Mite registration and check for the SLP Jamboree held in March so the A and B Mite teams are registered. Several of the A-Mite teams added a few games to bring their total number of games not to exceed the maximum of 15 games.

ACE/Player Development

The summer hockey school committee has held a meeting. The committee consists of: Inhouse – Ben Vold and Scott Ullan, Traveling Girls – Randy Thunstrom, Traveling Boys – Sean Linderholm. They will have a flyer going out this year. They are calling the school the "Bengal Hockey Academy". They were thinking of getting reversible jerseys and adding \$10.00 for the jersey to the fee.

Sean reported that District 10 is no longer willing to provide referee's for scrimmages for the A PeeWees and there have been many complaints about that team and the coaching staff. It was noted that the BYHA board has not gotten any formal complaints and nothing in writing. It was also noted that the Traveling Director has not heard any complaints to date.

PRESIDENT/District 10

District 10 has requested that the teams that don't have all of their game and practice schedules in to the corresponding director get them in as soon as possible. There are many teams that do not have these schedules reported to District 10. They also requested that teams make sure and get in their white game sheets.

EQUIPMENT

Sean has some large crate boxes he will bring in to help organize the equipment room. All of the small traveling socks have been sold. There are none left.

NEW BUSINESS:

The C level coaching positions were discussed and as a move in the direction of placement with the traveling teams **a motion was made (Penn) and seconded (Gilbert) to pay the C level head coaches \$250.00 and up to 2 rostered assistant coaches \$125.00 each. Motion carried.**

Forrest Wilson requested Jon Ketola provide the board with an updated budget.

Outdoor ice is ready to go as of 12/19/2006. The schedules for the in house outdoor ice will be out on the same date.

The Ham Lake outdoor rink is finished.

The motion was made (Gilbert) and seconded (Wilson) that flowers be purchased by BYHA for the families who had children involved in the bus crash from McKinley Elementary. Motion carried.

The motion was made (Wilson) and seconded (Penn) to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.