

**Blaine Youth Hockey Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 21, 2008, 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena**

**Attendees:** Kristi Zamrzla, Brad Slawson, Shannon Gilbert, Jon Ketola, Scott Penn, Todd Erne and Tom Bloyer.  
**Not present:** Mike Brodzinski and Randy Thunstrom.

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

**Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Slawson) to approve the January 21, 2008 agenda. Motion carried.**

**Charitable Gambling Report:** Amy Cloche and Kelli Patrin presented the report. Kelli Patrin passed the test allowing her to run the Charitable Gambling for BYHA. The receipts were down for the month of December but they were higher than in October and November. January looks to be better. Bingo is doing well at Tasty and Ole Piper. Bingo was discontinued at Majors as it was not profitable. We are still not sure if Majors will be renewing. Amy Cloche had a gambling control board report showing BYHA as the 6<sup>th</sup> most profitable organization in the state out of 1400 organizations. All of our forms required are filed with the state. The charitable gambling audit is due the end of March. Jon Ketola asked if there were any volunteer opportunities available within the charitable gambling organization. Amy and Kelly will look into it. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Erne) to approve the Charitable Gambling Report for December 2007. Motion carried. Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Erne) to approve the Charitable Gambling Expenses for February 2008. Motion carried.**

Brad Slawson brought up electronic bingo and he will be getting some information for Rich and Amy to look over. Brad gave their names to the company making the electronic components so they will be contacted.

**Secretary's Report:**

**Motion made (Penn), seconded (Slawson) to approve the December 17, 2007 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion carried.**

The March newsletter deadline will be mid March. The newsletter will go out the end of March. The volunteer hours were discussed and the members of the board discussed their feelings were still the same as the last meeting. No motion was made to include the hours members put in as the minor officials would count toward the volunteer hours required by the Volunteer Policy.

**Open Forum**

Sean Linderholm spoke to the fact that with the money Blaine Hockey makes in its Charitable Gambling program; people should be able to skate for free. He stated he would like to see the Charitable Gambling money go just for the members' ice bills. He also spoke to running tournaments. Mounds View runs a 64 team tournament and Blaine should be able to run that type of tournament too. We have access to the Schwan's Super rink and we should run a hockey festival. BYHA could make a lot of money and put it toward ice bills. Sean also indicated that he gave the "Acceleration" contact Todd Erne's number. They are still interested in putting a treadmill in Fogerty and it would be at no cost to BYHA as he will donate the equipment. He also indicated it would all work with the FHIT program too.

Brad Slawson questioned Sean asking him about "free hockey" for the members when after the time he spent on the board and with his knowledge of the budget/ expenses, how he could think there was enough money to make free hockey in BYHA feasible.

David Salinsky asked about any goalie specific training that Blaine had planned. Brad indicated that BYHA did have a goalie program the last 2 years and they did not meet the expectations set by the association. Herb Brooks is developing a goalie program. Todd Erne has talked to GDI and "In the Crease" companies trying to find a program that fits our association and that will deliver results. He is also looking into having ice time set aside for goalie work. He also has looked into sharing a program with the Andover Association.

David Salinsky suggested that BYHA train the coaches to develop goalies.

Ann Starling attended the meeting and she questioned the reason she had been fired by the Charitable Gambling Coordinator. Kristi suggested setting up a meeting outside of the membership meeting to discuss the termination.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

**Beginning Balance (August): \$113,534.03**

**Income: \$187,806.80**

**Expenses: \$190,962.20**

**Ending Balance: \$110,378.63**

Jon indicated that this is always a lean time of the year and BYHA is always a bit short on money. \$3,000.00 has been paid to each of the High School programs. We still owe \$5,000.00 to each program. For November and December we paid \$70,000.00 for ice to the Schwan's Super Rink and \$32,000.00 to Fogerty. The bond is also due in March. We paid the referee's \$28,000.00. The District 10 issue has been resolved. The refunds requested by the kids cut from the Junior Gold program were discussed. The policy was reviewed and it was noted that the fundraising done will not be refunded.

It was noted that not all of the information was to Legacy yet. Jon was waiting to hear from Charlie about what else Legacy needs to proceed. Jon indicated he had given all of the information to Legacy.

It was also noted that several kids that had moved on to the High School Program still owed outstanding ice bills. **Motion made (Erne), seconded (Ketola) that BYHA deduct the amount still owed by the kids currently on the High School teams be deducted from the amount we agreed to pay the booster clubs until the time those kids bills are paid in full. Motion passed.** There are still people who agreed after their kids were pulled from the ice, to a payment arrangement and have now not paid. By Jon's records there is still \$30,000 in outstanding overdue ice bills. Of that amount, \$6,000 is owed by families that no longer have players skating and \$24,000 owed by families who still have players skating.

Kristi brought up the team accounts and the \$100.00 owed to the team managers for team expenses. She questioned why that has not been paid yet.

The B2 Bantam non-parent coach, we do not have a pay amount set for him yet. **Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Slawson) that the B2 Bantam non-parent head coach be paid \$500.00 plus hotel reimbursements. Motion passed.**

#### **Vice President's Report:**

Brad Slawson reported that he had met with the bingo video company and set a meeting up with Kelly (Charitable Gambling) to go over the benefits of the video bingo. A meeting will be set up with the bar owners. The downside of the video bingo is the storage space needed for the video device. The upside is the video bingo, in the bars that use it, brings in more money. At this time, if BYHA brought this in our bars would be the first bars in Minnesota to have the video bingo. Brad has been in contact with BeBops and they want us back in their facility to run pull tabs. The new owner has requested a meeting. Majors has not given us any information on whether or not they will be renewing our contract. The owner has indicated he will not take BYHA back if we do not agree to donate \$20,000 to the charity of his choice. He has not been returning our phone calls and will not let us know his intentions. He has begun negotiations with the Spring Lake Park Lions but has not put in any of the required forms to change the site. If we lose Majors, BYHA would lose the equivalent of \$176 per BYHA family per year. Brad, Todd and Kristi have been working on keeping Majors as a part of BYHA.

Brad went over the list of issues raised after this year's tryouts. He also suggested one more board member be added to oversee BYHA Sponsorship and the Charitable Gambling operation. One issue with the adding of a board member would be when to add the member. We already have 4 board members' terms up this year. He also suggested we add a coordinator at each level, squirt through Junior Gold. This would be counted for volunteer hours.

#### **President's Report:**

Kristi brought up a child that earned a playmaker award by getting 3 assists and the score keeper filled out the scorebook incorrectly. The coach, teammates and parents of the teammates acknowledged that the child did indeed get the 3 assists but because it was not noted on the score sheet, District 0 will not forward a patch.

Kristi acknowledged the Blaine Hockey Academy was meeting this same night. This academy was not subsidized at all last year.

The high school hockey program has requested that we change the date of our golf tournament to either 6 weeks either before or after the date they set for their golf tournament. That would mean we would have to hold our tournament in either June or September. Currently it is planned for the third week of August. We won't hold out tournament the same weekend as the high school program. Todd is already looking into our tournament and pricing out different golf courses.

Kristi asked about the water bottles BYHA purchased for the tournaments. We purchased these water bottles and about 400 water bottles have disappeared. They are not in our office nor are they in the equipment room. She is asking they be returned. The tournament money has not been turned in yet from the January BYHA sponsored tournament but Randy has the money and the spreadsheet. Kristi will look into getting it to Jon.

#### **Coordinators' Reports:**

**Ice Scheduler** – Bill Marshall – Bill was not present.

**Fundraising** – Denise Linderholm and Julie Milligan – There was no report.

**Sponsorship** – Todd Erne – No report.

**Volunteer Coordinator** – Shannon Gilbert – Report given during the Secretary's Report.

#### **Director's Reports:**

**Girls Traveling** – Randy Thunstrom – Not present.

**Boys Traveling** – Mike Brodzinski – Not present.

**In-house** – Scott Penn – The Mite teams are all registered for their jamborees. There is nothing else really going on with the Mite program.

**ACE Coordinator / Development** – Todd Erne – Todd reported that Scott Ullan is running the BYHA Hockey Academy program this year. He recommends non-team specific training with specialists to come in through out the year. He also indicated that Herb Brooks has approached us about renewing our contract with their training program. He continues to look into the goalie training

**Equipment** – Tom Bloyer – Tom is putting together some dates for equipment return. He will make sure those dates get put on the website. He will also ask Scott Ullan about the jerseys needed for the Hockey Academy.

#### **Old Business**

A) No Old Business for discussion.

#### **New Business**

- A) **The Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting will be held on April 21, 2008. Shannon Gilbert will be reserving a room. She will also reserve all of the dates for next years monthly meetings and post them on the website
- B) **BYHA's office at Fogerty:** Mark from Fogerty informed us that Fogerty would be expanding the concession stand on the south side arena. BYHA's office will be used for the expansion. Kristi will look into options for future office space.

**Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Penn) to close the meeting. Motion carried.** Coaches conduct and outstanding ice bills were discussed.

**Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Penn) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.