

**Blaine Youth Hockey Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 25, 2008, 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena**

**Attendees:** Kristi Zamrzla, Brad Slawson, Shannon Gilbert, Jon Ketola (arrived at 7:10 pm), Scott Penn, Tom Bloyer and Mike Brodzinski.

**Not Present:** Randy Thunstrom and Todd Erne

Kristi Zamrzla called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Bloyer) to approve the February 25, 2008 agenda. Motion carried.**

**Charitable Gambling Report:** Kelly Patrin reported that the charitable gambling income was up from last month. She also indicated that we are done with charitable gambling at Majors at the end of this week. The Spring Lake Lions want to buy our booth and safe for \$2500.00. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Gilbert) to sell the booth and the safe at Majors to the Spring Lake Park Lions for \$2500.00. Motion carried.**

We have a signed contract to resume charitable gambling at BeBops and that has been approved by the City of Blaine. The new owner wants to put the booth in a different location. We have gotten bids on that booth and the bids are running about \$2500.00. Brad Slawson will have a letter written up regarding the actions taken by Majors and will have it sent to the membership via email. He feels it is important to know that Majors has not renewed their contract with us. Brad also has met with the new owner of BeBop has also indicated he is open to us using the Venue if we choose for a potential BINGO hall at no charge. We would have to pay to staff it. This would be an opportunity for us to introduce the electronic BINGO devices. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Brodzinski) to put Bingo in at the "Venue" 7 days per week. Motion carried. Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Slawson) to build a booth at BeBop not to exceed \$2500.00 bid. Motion carried.** Brad Slawson has also met with a potential bar owner who is proposing a new bar in Ham Lake. Discussions will continue. Tom Bloyer spoke with Metro Gun Club and they are considering putting in pull tabs there. Tom will follow up with them.

Kristi Zamrzla authorized flowers for deceased husband of a charitable gambling worker.

Jon Ketola questioned why there was a \$54,000 decrease in 5 months in the sales. It was noted that business is now back up from the smoking ban. Jon also brought up a \$600.00 fine by the IRS for our charitable gambling W2's weren't filed in time. The IRS indicated to Jon that 5 collection letters had gone out but we had not seen any yet. Kelly Patrin will look into the fine and the decrease in sales and report back to Kristi and Jon. Jon will also speak with Steve Kolb and have him look into it too. **Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Bloyer) to approve the Charitable Gambling Report for January 2008. Motion carried. Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Penn) to approve the Charitable Gambling Expenses for March 2008. Motion carried.**

**Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Slawson) to approve the January 21, 2008 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.**

**Secretary's Report** – Shannon Gilbert thanked all of the volunteers who helped with the District Tournaments at Fogerty. She initially had difficulty filling all of the volunteer opportunities but many people stepped up who had more than enough hours and filled in the spots that did not fill up. She will be completing the volunteer charts so those members who did not complete their hours can be billed for those hours. The newsletter deadline will be March 21, 2008. All the articles should be in by then for publishing. The newsletter will go out the beginning of April.

**Ice Scheduler** – Bill Marshall – Centennial has paid us the difference in the ice bills from the ice swap. We burned 280 hours of ice last year. We burned 115 hours of ice this year. Much of that ice was burned at the beginning of the year. Bill has 4 names of people interested in being the next ice scheduler. He is going to meet and go over the duties with them. After that he will present the names of the people still interested to the Board for their selection of the next ice scheduler. He will have the next ice scheduler shadow him next year. He has sold 40+ hours of ice and did give that check to Jon. Coon Rapids bought most of it and Andover was the next highest. The only team this year that moved a game was the B1 Squirts and they paid the fee themselves. Brad asked

when we would need to buy more ice time for next years tryouts. Bill indicated that would be in April. Bill also asked about taking time off after the tryouts and before practices started too.

## **Open Forum**

Tom Dreshar asked about the fair play policy. It was explained that the U14A and Bantam A teams do not have any fair play policy. The Junior Gold teams follow the High School play rules. Otherwise the rest of the teams follow the policy listed in the Policy and Procedure Handbook. He questioned if there could be a more black and white policy for this. Mike Buck questioned if it was common at the squirt A level to sit kids for almost an entire game? Kristi asked if there was a diversion from the fair play policy? Kristi is very disappointed that the coaches aren't following this policy and she questioned the Board Members on that team as to why they did not uphold the policy. Brad spoke to the issue and admitted to shortening the bench. He also indicated he is not the head coach. Mike Buck also wanted to bring up what the coaches had said to the kids on that team. Coaches stated "He sucked." And "You suck." There were several other quotes read that several of the kids on that team have agreed they have heard. Mike brought up many other issues with the coaching staff on that team. Mike Brodzinski indicated that a B1 team can get away with playing 3 lines evenly whereas an A team can't. Dave Selinsky challenged the board to make the expectations and policies refined as to level specific rules (squirt, peewee, Bantam, U10 etc). Kristi indicated it is our job as a board to make sure we have the best coaches to teach our children. She requested the membership be sure and get in their coaches evaluation forms. Scott Penn stated BYHA should make our policies match our mission statement.

Mike Brodzinski feels that Dave Aus and Scott Reichart did a good job evaluating but he thinks "in association" evaluators are good for the tryouts. He suggested we add evaluators, have a tryout committee and closed tryouts. He wants to make the expectations clear regarding the tryouts. A suggestion was made for some type of number system to evaluate the players with some accompanying data on the players.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

**Beginning Balance(August): \$53,732.53**

**Income: \$55,318.44**

**Expenses: \$66,565.81**

**Ending Balance: \$42,485.16**

The ice bill deadline will be the end of March. **Motion made (Ketola), seconded (Slawson) the ice bills will be due within 3 weeks of the date the bill is sent. If the bill is not paid by then, the account will be assessed a \$50 dollar late fee or 10% which ever is less. Motion carried.**

Brad asked Jon what the plan is for Legacy. Brad has emails stating they don't have what they need to complete all of the billing. Legacy needs to meet at their office. Jon states he does not have time to go down to Legacy's office. Jon indicated he will be gone most of March. Jon stated he refuses to go down to Edina to meet with Legacy despite the request by Legacy to have him down to see what they have. The Legacy action plan is that contact will be made with Doreen at Legacy. A meeting will be set up with them and the specifics of what they need will be outlined. Kristi will facilitate this plan.

Mike Richman is the B2 Bantam non-parent head coach. He was paid \$500.00 and he is not happy with his pay. He indicates that he was promised \$1500.00 and that is what he expects to be paid. He was hired at the last minute to fill a spot and Kristi spoke with him over the phone while she was finding coaches for the B2 teams. She indicated she most likely did indicate he would be paid that much. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Brodzinsky) to pay the B2 Bantam non-parent head coach a total of \$1500 and reimbursement for 2 out of town tournaments. Motion carried.** It was brought up that next year we should have a standard written contract for all of the non-parent coaches outlining what is paid for and what is not paid for up front so there are no misunderstandings regarding payment.

C-level coaches are paid \$250.00 per year based on the budget that was approved. The C-level teams have approximately half the number of games and practices that the B2-A level teams have. The C level managers are counted in the budget as getting the \$100.00 for team money.

The Bond payment is due Friday. It can be paid by electronic funds transfer.

**Vice President's Report:** Brad Slawson had no report other than what was brought up under the charitable gambling report.

**President's Report:**

Kristi indicated that the Junior Gold teams may have a longer season next year. She also wanted to extend congratulations to all the District winners PeeWee B1 team and the U10A team. The U14A team is playing tonight for a potential spot at regionals. She requested the equipment return dates be set prior to the hockey academy. She also announced that this is her last year as registrar. She wants all of the roster books back as soon as possible except those teams going on to regionals.

**Coordinators' Reports:**

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

**Sponsorship** – Todd Erne – Not present. Brad questioned why the banner in Fogerty North has not been taken down yet. Brad will ask Todd about that. Brad also wanted to make sure that Ultimate Cabinetry, as a sponsor, got the opportunity to bid on the new pull tab booth at BeBop.

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

**Director's Reports:**

**Girls Traveling** – Randy Thunstrom – Not present but he forwarded a written report that was read. The three "A" level traveling teams (U10A, U12A & U14A) had very successful seasons compiling a combined District 10 record of 41-8-7 (81-25-7 overall). The U10A team won the District Championship yesterday for the second year in a row (and third time in four years). The U12A team just missed going to Regions – losing to Centennial 2-1 Saturday night. The U14A team plays Wayzata tonight with the winner advancing to Regions.

The two "B" level teams had decent seasons. The combined Blaine/Spring Lake Park U10B team struggled a bit because they were so young, but actually won their first playoff game, so that was pretty exciting for them. In talking with many of the parents this year, the team had a great experience and the kids had fun. The U12B team was basically a .500 team – they played well defensively but simply couldn't score many goals.

The registration forms for the BYHA Hockey Academy are starting to come in, as are the phone calls and emails with questions. There will not be a girl's only group as part of the spring session, simply due to the lack of numbers the past two years. Those girls interested can still register but will skate with the boys in the spring. There will be girl's only groups in the fall as normal. One other option being shared is the summer program run by Tom Kulenkamp and Peter McKenzie of Spring Lake Park. I've got flyers for those players who are interested.

The current plan for the registration checks will be to wait until after the second registration, make photocopies of the checks, and then either deposit or forward everything.

**Boys Traveling** – Mike Brodzinski – The A Bantam team was one game from going to regionals. They lost to Centennial. He also wants to put together a tryout committee. He does not feel there is anything wrong with the tryout process. It was stated that the coaches evaluations should be returned to the President or the coaches evaluations mailbox so they can be reviewed. Mike Brodzinski indicated he wants to close tryouts next year. He also commented that he does not like the number evaluations system but would like comments on each player.

**In-house** – Scott Penn – The mites are all set for going to their respective Jamborees. The Spring Lake Park Jamboree is scheduled for 2/27/2008 – 3/9/2008 and the Sauk Rapids Jamboree is scheduled for 3/7/2008 – 3/9/2008.

**ACE Coordinator / Development** – Todd Erne – Not present.

**Equipment** – Tom Bloyer – He questioned whether or not we should stay in the equipment business. At this time we need youth large, youth XL and adult medium breezers. He also wants to get the tryout jersey list from

Kristi so he can see who has an outstanding tryout jersey yet. His equipment return dates will be 3/8, 3/26, and 4/5 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on those Saturdays. He will need 8 people to help. This would be a good volunteer opportunity. He is suggesting a \$50 jersey fee for any game jersey or tryout jersey not turned in. He also indicated that a process should be outlined for new parents.

**Old Business:** No Old Business for discussion.

**New Business:** No New Business for discussion

**Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Gilbert) to close the meeting. Motion carried. Session was closed at 9:15 pm.**

Staffing for BeBops was discussed. The Charitable Gambling Manager position was discussed.

**Motion made (Slawson) to pay half - \$2000.00 in May and half - \$2000.00 in June. Motion carried.**

**Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Brodzinski) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.