

**Blaine Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2007 7:00pm, Fogerty Arena**

Attendees: Brad Slawson, Todd Erne, Tom Bloyer, Jon Ketola, Scott Penn. Mike Brodzinski joined meeting at 8:30pm. **Absent:** Kristi Zamrzla, Shannon Gilbert, Randy Thunstrom.

Brad Slawson called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Charitable Gambling Report:

Rich Nordland reported that Bebops has been removed from the Monthly Summary. Tasty Pizza did explore doing a \$2,000 cover all bingo, but decided against it. No other new sites on the horizon at this point.

Motion made (Penn), seconded (Erne) to approve the Charitable Gambling Report for April 2007. Motion carried. Motion made (Penn), seconded (Ketola) to approve Charitable Gambling Expenses for June 2007. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the April 23, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Corrections noted, add the Board Member that nominated Scott, Todd and Tom for their positions. **Motion made (Penn), seconded (Erne) to approve the April 2007 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.**

Open Forum:

Larry Hendrickson and Kip Pendleton presented information on the Herb Brook Training Center. As a Super Rink Owner we have an opportunity to purchase time for our players to use the facility. See handout for all the details. Board added topic to New Business.

There was a question from the audience about the progress that we are making in collecting the outstanding ice bills. The Board is actively collecting the balances and has started to put in place the following items to help the issue in the future. Credit card/ on line payments, Monthly billings starting in September/ October of a predetermined amount and no family will be able to register players for the upcoming season if they have an outstanding balance. It was also stated that at next year's annual meeting association members with an outstanding balance should not be allowed to vote for new Board Members.

Keith Gerads volunteered his time to the Board for tasks needing to be done. Keith suggested possibly a volunteer committee. **Motion made (Erne), seconded (Bloyer) for Keith Gerads to head up a committee to create a volunteer policy for BYHA. The committee will need to present the policy to the Board for approval before it would be effective. Motion carried.** Keith also volunteered to be the Referee Coordinator again this year.

Coordinator's Reports:

Ice Scheduler: Bill Marshall handed out 5 ice usage reports. BYHA burned 260 hours of ice this past season. Most of the ice times were late (9pm or later) and weekend hours. Going forward Bill is going to give back the hours after 9pm and more weekend hours. Bill needs to give back hours to the ice arenas for the upcoming season by 6/1/07.

Fundraising Committee: no report.

Tournament Committee: Bill Marshall is looking for volunteers to help schedule tournaments for our teams. Possibly having one person dedicated to the different levels (Squirt, Pee wee, Bantam, Girls). These volunteers need to be in place by mid June. Mike Brodzinski will contact Craig Voltin to get the message on website for volunteers.

Sponsorship Committee: Todd Erne reported that we added another gold sponsor, Aero Sign. Todd mentioned that we should try to leverage our sponsors, give them advertising in newsletters, drive extra sales, etc. This will help bring on new sponsors.

Director's Reports:

Vice President: Brad Slawson reported that there will be an Ops meeting 6/5/07 where we will lay out our list of issues to be worked on for the summer months.

Boys Traveling Director: Mike Brodzinski reported that he was looking into a company called Hockey Eval Inc to conduct our tryouts next year. This company would come in and run tryouts for us (following our policies). Mike also mentioned the interest in doing another golf tournament this year. Mike will contact Craig Voltin to get a message on the website for a volunteer to head this up.

Treasurer: Jon Ketola handed out the Reconciliation Summary report and mentioned that last year's audit is being worked on and will be completed on time. Jon is working on a refund for some of the teams in our Bantam C tournament last year. The tournament was cancelled and he is looking for documentation to back up the refunds. Jon mentioned the need for next year's tournaments to have a budget and more reporting of expenses. There is a need for volunteers to coordinate our hosted tournaments for next year. Mike Brodzinski will contact Craig Voltin to put a message on the website for tournament volunteers. Jon is working on an issue with our banks so we can access our account info on line. Jon noted that we still have a little over \$48,000 in ice bills still outstanding.

Ace/ Player Development: Todd Erne reported that he is in contact with District 10 on scheduling the coach's clinics for next year and he has also been involved in the fall program planning.

Equipment: Tom Bloyer reported that he was still seeing equipment being returned. He also asked about following up with Acceleration MN on a treadmill.

In House Director: Scott Penn reported that he has transitioned templates, spreadsheets and notes regarding the Boys Traveling Director position to Mike Brodzinski. There are a couple of pending items that need attention. Non-parent coaches: we have a list of four individuals from Andy Shermoen that come highly recommended. They should be contacted and put through the interview process. Mike mentioned that he had one other candidate and would work on getting the interviews set up. Scott and Randy are working on coaches feedback from last season and will have the summaries completed for the next Ops meeting. Scott is working with Keith Gerads to transition the In House Director position duties.

Secretary: no report.

Girls Traveling Director: no report.

President: no report.

Old Business:
None discussed.

New Business:
Herb Brooks Training Facility- the Board agreed to table this items until our finances are determined for the upcoming season.

Motion made (Penn), seconded (Bloyer) to adjourn the meeting at 9:37pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Scott Penn.