

**Blaine Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2007 7:00pm, Fogerty Arena**

Attendees: Kristi Zamrzla, Todd Erne, Tom Bloyer, Jon Ketola, Scott Penn, Shannon Gilbert and Randy Thunstrom. **Absent:** Mike Brodzinski and Brad Slawson.

Kristi Zamrzla called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Motion made (Penn), seconded by (Erne) to approve the June 18, 2007 agenda. Motion carried.

Charitable Gambling Report:

Rich Nordland reported that one of the games tanked at Tasty and for the first time ever they lost money on that game. There were 5600 tickets in that game and all the prizes went out in the first 1200 tickets. This month they made more money than last month but the May income was down. The state mailed the annual refund check and we did receive that. It was deposited today.

Centennial Fire sent us a check for \$501.00 for the safe and the booth they bought from us.

We are still looking for more charitable gambling sites.

Kristi spoke to the issue of future lay offs and disciplinary actions. We will be documenting all performance and disciplinary issues on the employees.

Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Penn) to approve the Charitable Gambling Report for May 2007. Motion carried. Motion made (Penn), seconded (Ketola) to approve Charitable Gambling Expenses for July 2007. Motion carried.

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Approval of Minutes:

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Open Forum:

The collection progress on the outstanding ice bills was questioned. We have collected over \$8000.00 in outstanding bills and more has come in that has not been counted yet. The member referred to the Policy manual and wanted to know if we will enforce the part about not allowing participation in BYHA sponsored events if there is an outstanding ice bill. We indicated that we will be firm that there will be no registration this season without payment in full of any outstanding balances. Complaints continued that the board has been losing credibility by not enforcing the policy and allowing participation to

continue. Kristi Zamrzla reiterated that this year there would be no registration without payment in full of any outstanding balances.

Ron Broberg suggested a quarterly meeting be scheduled with the board where members can come and bounce ideas off of the board members. He stated that at the board meeting there were too many people and too much to be done to properly have that discussion. The meeting should be posted on the website.

He also suggested the date, time and location of the Board meetings be posted on the website. Kristi indicated they had been on the website and she will check and make sure they are put on again. Todd Erne is working on the website. It was suggested we put the agenda on the website and the on the agenda put the income, expense and ending balance on the website as well. Jon Ketola handed Ron Broberg a copy of the financial report which is available at every meeting. The balance of our checking account is \$25,448.00.

Coordinator's Reports:

Ice Scheduler: Bill Marshall was not present.

Fundraising Committee: Julie Milligan and Denise Linderholm are chairing this committee again. They are bringing back the frozen food.

Tournament Committee: Bill Marshall has started the scheduling but would like help as he has requested help previously.

Sponsorship Committee: Todd Erne reported he is continuing to meet with other companies. He explained the sponsorship packages. We will hopefully have 4 gold sponsors by the end of next week. Gold sponsors - \$10,000 every year x 4 years, Silver sponsors - \$5,000 every year x 4 years and Bronze sponsors - \$1,250 every year x 4 years. Paul is allowing us to sell more sponsorships than we had discussed initially. Jon Ketola spoke to wanting to earmark some of the sponsorship money for use in lowering ice bills.

The Golf Tournament is scheduled for 08/24/2007 at Victory Links. Mike Brodzinski and Todd Erne are working on that. The goal is to get 32 teams to play. They are pushing to get the food and beverages donated. They are looking for a committee of 6 or so to run that. They are also in need of pre-planners to get prizes, sell hole sponsorships (\$200), silent auction items and get the foursomes together. Later they will also be looking for volunteers to work at the tournament. The course is costing us \$5400.00.

Kristi Zamrzla asked for "Hosting Tournament" volunteers to plan the tournaments that BYHA hosts. The Huttenen's name was mentioned. Kristi noted that in about one month there is a meeting that the people hosting tournaments must attend so we need the volunteers in place quickly.

Volunteer Committee: Keith Gerads will provide the volunteer plan to the board at the Operations Meeting on June 26, 2007.

Director's Reports:

Vice President: No report.

Treasurer: Jon Ketola handed out the Reconciliation Summary report.

Beginning Balance:	\$25,448.85
Income:	\$32,556.34
Expense:	\$8,077.14
Ending Balance:	\$49,928.05

Jon also handed out a copy of a tentative budget. This will be reviewed at the Ops Meeting. The banner for the A Bantams and the B1 Bantams was brought up again.

Kristi invited Dave Aus to the Ops meeting so he can go over what he wants to be involved in. He indicated that he would be interested in taking over the pre-skate for tryouts as well as the coaches selection process. He will offer players as volunteers for our activities and tryouts. He is willing to take on several activities including a coaching clinic with some of the high school staff. This would all need to be communicated with Bill Marshall so there are no conflicts with the High School events. He offered the teams the High School locker room to use in dressing again in coordination with the HS events.

Secretary: The rough draft of the newsletter was completed and was available for review by any of the board members prior to release. Articles by 4 of the board members were still missing. Brad Slawson, Jon Ketola, Mike Brodzinski and Tom Bloyer have not submitted articles yet. Those articles can be submitted still until the end of the week. The Parade information was given out. We were entry number B-14. Float decoration would be Thursday night 06/21/2007. Tom Dreshar volunteered his shop for the decoration and storage of the float until parade time.

Boys Traveling Director: No report.

Girls Traveling Director: Randy requested early registration again for the U-14 girls. He believes they may have enough Blaine girls to roster our own team but would like to be sure. He estimates 10 – 13 girls eligible. He is going to do this on July 8 or 9. He does have a non-parent coach lined up to take the team.

The Hockey Academy fall schedule is out and registration forms are available. Registration for the Squirts, PeeWees and Bantams will be after 07/04/2007. There will only be one registration date.

He passed out the coaches reviews and indicated that now that we have this information, we need to figure out what to do with this. This topic will be discussed at the Operations Meeting.

In House Director: Scott Penn reported that he met with Keith Gerads and reviewed what was done last year. They went over the initiation skates and the bottleneck at the B-Mite level. There was discussion on adding some game play to the initiation skate. There was just not enough ice time to show skating and playing hockey. They talked about adding an hour of ice or more to the initiation skates at the Mite level. District 10 Mite coordinators meet Tuesday 06/19/2007 to discuss procedures for the Mite program. Last year at this meeting, the laminated rule cards were brought in. Pictures will be

scheduled for the in house and traveling levels by the end of this week. They will be at the high school cafeteria for mid month November and December on a Tuesday. This information will be posted in the October Newsletter. The in house coordinator will now be focusing on the Mite level and the C level teams for squirt and above will be the responsibility of the Traveling Director.

Ace/ Player Development: Todd Erne reported that the CEP program is scheduled for September 14 and 15th at the National Sports Center. Level 1 will be held Friday and Levels 2 & 3 will be held on Saturday. We are doing this in conjunction with Centennial again this year.

Equipment: Tom Bloyer reported that he has had a discussion with Shannon about jerseys and breezer purchases that will need to be made and the process. He also confirmed that inventory was due to Jon in July by August for sure.

President: Kristi Zamrzla thanked Todd Erne for taking over the sponsorship committee. She then questioned who was in charge of the Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam Hockey Academy. She confirmed that the coaches helping with the Academy were not being paid. Sean Linderholm did pull ice for the program. Randy Thunstrom will follow up on the registration for that session. There has been no financial commitment at this time. Kristi asked if BYHA was currently taking used goalie equipment and paying money or giving credit toward ice bills. The answer depended on what kind of equipment and what shape it was in. Kristi will gather more information on the equipment. She indicated she was not putting the registration forms in the newsletter but will send those in a separate mailing so they won't be confused with the Hockey Academy forms.

USA Hockey informed Kristi that she needed to find a new Registrar as she could not do both Registrar and President. District 10 stood up to USA Hockey and Kristi will remain the BYHA Registrar. The next District 10 meeting is scheduled for the end of June and at this time there do not appear to be any rule changes.

Old Business:

Tom Bloyer is still discussing the Treadmill issue with Curt Carbaugh.

New Business:

No new business.

**Motion made (Thunstrom), seconded (Bloyer) to adjourn the meeting at 9:50pm.
Motion carried.**