

**Blaine Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2007, 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena**

Attendees: Brad Slawson, Shannon Gilbert, Jon Ketola, Mike Brodzinski, Randy Thunstrom, Scott Penn, Todd Erne, Tom Bloyer. Kristi Zamrzla arrived at 7:15 pm.

Brad Slawson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Motion made (Thunstrom), seconded (Erne) to approve the July 30, 2007 agenda. Motion carried.

Charitable Gambling Report: Rich Nordlund invited the board members down to the gambling room to go over the charitable gambling program. He indicated that the site mentioned as a possibility last month was Maxx Bar. There are several other organizations looking to them now as potential gambling sites (Andover Hockey, Centennial Hockey and BYHA). The lease there is up in September. If we get the owner's approval we will need a quick vote by the board to proceed. There is already a safe there. There is another potential site in the Ham Lake area. Brad Slawson is working on it.

This was a good month, the deposit was \$24,126. All the sites did well in June. July has been a slower month. The deposit should be in the range of \$20,000 - \$25,000.

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

Secretary's Report:

Shannon Gilbert thanked the people who helped with the parade and the float. Tom Dreshar was thanked for letting us use his shop to decorate and store the float. The Zamrzla's, Erne's, Ullan's and Johnson's were a huge help in decorating the float and organizing kids on the day of the parade. Thanks to the parents for bringing the kids down to be a part of the parade.

The newsletter went out despite several articles missing from board members. The next deadline for the newsletter is October 15, 2007. Articles were requested for that edition from the board members. The newsletter will come out around 10/30/2007.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance:	\$49,928.05
Income:	\$76,579.67
Expenses:	\$101,222.38
Ending Balance:	\$25,285.34

There is still \$50,703.03 in outstanding ice bills.

The cost of the summer hockey program to the Association is about \$32,000. Ice bills are about \$21,000. Plus the cost of Jersey's and coaches. With the budget the way it is we have about \$7,000 left over after expenses.

The State of Minnesota and the IRS have sent us penalties for our 2003 taxes (\$500 civil penalty and \$150.00 in fees). We did file that year as Kolb has our filings. The IRS has not been able to tell us what the fine and fees are for.

Randy and Kristi met with Mark at Fogerty and went over the ice bill from the last summer and we do owe the bill for the ice. **Motion made (Thunstrom), seconded (Bloyer) to pay Fogerty \$4600.00 to cover the ice bills outstanding from last year's hockey school. Motion carried.**

Jon sent a letter to Fogerty about a 2 hour credit that was given to the high school for captain's practices. That is \$270.00. We were charged for that time. Kristi will talk to Rob about that and pay the difference between the \$4600 and \$270.

Vice President's Report:

There have been 5 Operations meetings since the last board meeting. During those meetings the policies were reviewed and updates were made to the Coaches Selection Process and the Tryout Process. The budget was also reviewed and fees discussed.

President's Report:

The President's meeting for District 10 was held last Saturday. The Hall of Fame Tournament needs volunteers and they are requesting the volunteers from Blaine, Centennial and Spring Lake Park. They want Blaine's teams in the tournaments this year at the A Bantam, U12 and PeeWee levels.

Todd Erne is working on the CEP in partnership with Centennial. We have partnered with them for the last 2 years. Centennial wants District 10 to pay for the ice time for the clinics. We usually pay it to show as a donation and the City of Blaine looks favorably on that as a community act. CEP is scheduled for 09/14-9/15. Friday is the level 1 training and Saturday is level 2 and level 3. All coaches need to be current on their CEP.

District 10 will give squirt level teams 2 extra games in their season if they schedule games with the Grantsburg, WI team.

The next District 10 meeting is 08/11/2007 and they have requested the Girls' Directors attend the meeting. The Centennial Association has a U-19 team this year. District 10 is 99% sure they will be eliminating the D-Mite level this year. They are requesting associations have multiple C-Mite level teams. District 10 is trying to rein in the "Elite" level of play at the mite ages. BYHA received a compliment on having the one C-level mite team last year based on skill level.

Kristi also thanked the parade participants.

Coordinators' Reports:

Ice Scheduler – Bill Marshall – Centennial approached us about an ice swap. We would give up 200 hours at Centennial and skate it at SR #3. Centennial would pay the higher ice bill associated with the SR ice vs. the cost for ice at Centennial. Dave Aus does not want to give back the Centennial ice but he only uses a few hours there. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Brodzinski) to swap ice with Centennial for Super Rink #3 ice, except for the hours that Dave Aus wants for practice. Motion carried.**

BYHA has one seat on the Centennial Arena Board. Their next meeting is 09/19/2007 at 6:30 pm. Brad Slawson and Scott Penn will take turns attending these meetings and report back to BYHA.

The High School Hockey Golf Tournament is coming up. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Brodzinski) to sponsor a hole in the High School Tournament for \$100.00. Motion carried.**

Tournament Scheduling – Randy Thunstrom is scheduling for the girls' program, Sandi Frishmann is scheduling for the PeeWee level, and Bill Marshall is scheduling for the Bantam level. There is no one scheduling for the squirt level or the Junior Gold level. Shannon Gilbert has volunteered to oversee the scheduling of tournaments for the traveling levels. The schedulers will schedule all levels A-C for each age group. **Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Gilbert) to schedule 2 tournaments for the C traveling levels, one in town and one out of town tournament. Motion carried.**

Tournament Host – Kristi Zamrzla addressed this. BYHA has 2 weekends of tournaments. We are having a U-14 and PeeWee B1 tournament in December and a Squirt B1 and B2 tournament in January.

Fundraising – Denise Linderholm and Julie Milligan asked if anyone was taking candy bars out of the office as they counted the boxes in the office and there are some boxes missing. They are ordering more candy. They also have a frozen food Clubs Choice company for fundraising. They will have samples at registration. They will need 4 electrical outlets at registration for the food. They are also having candle sales and dip mixes.

Sponsorship – Todd Erne – BYHA is still looking for foursomes for the Golf Tournament. Aero Sign is a Gold Sponsor now too. He is working on one more Gold Sponsor. Brad Slawson asked for help from the membership for Todd.

Volunteer Coordinator – We need one. The policy is each family has to volunteer 5 hours of time to the Association. If they have not completed that time they will be charged \$100.00 on their final ice bill. This has to be completed in the 04/01 – 03/31 season. There will be 4 billings this year and members can pay online. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Erne) to make the volunteer policy an active policy this year. Motion carried.** Team specific activities do not count toward the volunteer hours (running the clock, working the penalty box, taking stats, etc). The concession stand work does not count. Some things that do count toward the volunteer hours are Coaching, Managers, Equipment help, tournament, fundraising, registration, golf tournament, SKATE committee, Mite initiation and etc. There will be a \$50 fine for volunteering and then not showing up for the specified activity. Volunteer hours cannot be carried over to the next season.

Director's Reports:

Registrar/District 10 – Kristi Zamrzla – Registration is scheduled for August 1 and 14, 2007 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Please be sure to have your volunteers lined up for in-house, traveling and equipment. Jon will have the forms for fundraising and outstanding balances. Members will get the sheets first now.

Boys Traveling – Mike Brodzinski – He use the same sheet as last year to evaluate the coaches interviews and all of the coaches that applied have been interviewed. Continued discussion delayed until the end of the meeting.

Girls Traveling – Randy Thunstrom – Report delayed to the end of the meeting.

In-house – Scott Penn – Pictures are scheduled for 11/12/2007 for the Traveling A-C (about 20 teams). The other date is 12/03/2007 and the Mites and Jr. Gold are scheduled for that day (about 16 teams). Initiation skates are scheduled for October 13, 14 and 27, 28, 2007. The assigned times are not completed yet. He has added an extra hour for the B-mite initiation. He is ready for registration Wednesday.

ACE Coordinator / Development – Todd Erne – CEP is scheduled for 09/14, 15/2007 at the National Sports Center. He approached the Herb Brooks Camp and has a program outlined for 18 teams and a 10 week session. There would be 5 sessions at Herb Brooks and 5 sessions at Fogerty Dryland. They would train the coaches and help us to utilize our dryland facility. They would also outline an in home program. The cost for this is \$18,000.00. Todd suggests we add a development fee into the registration costs. The fee would break down to about \$58.00 per child. The levels able to take advantage of this program are C and D Mites, A – B2 Squirts and PeeWees and the Girls U10, U12 teams. The Bantam level is being left off as they have a different program.

Equipment – Tom Bloyer – He has volunteers lined up for the equipment hand out at registration. Brad Slawson suggested we bring up getting out of the breezer business at the Annual Meeting.

Open Forum

Dave Aus - STP wrapped up yesterday and it was a great season. One of the fundraisers the Boy's High School team is working on is their golf tournament. They are having a silent auction and Dawn and Angela are helping out. He stated his success comes from us and then the thanked us. He noted that Ricky Doriott will be playing at Michigan Tech, Joe Baudette is playing in Omaha; Ben Lynch is playing in the USHL this year. He suggested we put up something honoring the players who have gone on to hockey careers like a banner or poster. He and Chris Carroll are going to purchase equipment for the dryland facility. He asked us to use Chris Carroll more for dryland time. Troy Davenport has worked with the goalies. He thanked his staff too. He put a donation request in for \$12,000.00 for the High School team. He offered his kids to help with our programming. They are also having a pizza buffet. The tickets are \$10.00 a piece from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Blaine Mansetti's on August 15 and September 25.

Tom Dreshar asked about move ups. It was noted that there are 3 reasons to move up: 1) exceptional player, 2) sibling exception, 3) other as addressed in the petition. The petition is for the opportunity to tryout and the player may place any where from A – C level.

Old Business

Jon went over the budget. The registration fees were to be \$250 for a traveling A and B player and \$150 for a C level player. **Motion made (Slawson) to subsidize the A – C levels the same amount of money. No second.**

Motion made (Erne), seconded (Slawson) to charge the C level teams \$185 for registration and \$15 for development fees totaling \$200.00. Roll call vote was taken – For – Thunstrom, Slawson, Gilbert, Boyer, Erne, Brodzinski. Against – Ketola, Penn. Motion carried.

Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Erne) to adopt the budget figures as corrected with the numbers from the past motion as they were presented by Jon Ketola. Roll Call vote was taken – For – Ketola, Erne, Boyer, Brodzinski, Slawson, Gilbert. Against – Thunstrom, Penn. Motion carried.

The first year mites from last season played for free and cost the association \$19,000.00. Jon suggested that first year players not be allowed to play for free but that all A-Mite players pay the registration fee of \$140.00 and one ice bill of \$110.00 bringing their total fee for the year to \$250.00. This would then cost the association \$10,500 and not the \$19,000.00. **Motion made (Ketola), seconded (Erne) that all A-Mite players pay \$140.00 registration fee and \$110.00 ice bill to equal \$250.00. Motion carried. Motion made (Ketola), seconded (Erne) that all U-8 girls, first year skaters will pay the same as the A-Mites. Motion carried.**

Jon Ketola reviewed the remainder of the budget. There was some discussion regarding paying coaches. No changes were made to the budget. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Brodzinski) to approve the budget as presented by Treasurer, Jon Ketola. Motion carried.**

Todd Erne spoke to the issue of the Herb Brooks Program. **Motion made (Erne), seconded (Slawson) that the development fee collected at registration and extra money needed to equal the \$18,000 program fee be earmarked for the Herb Brooks Foundation Program subject to scheduling agreement. Roll call vote was taken – For – Slawson, Erne, Boyer, Gilbert, Brodzinski, Ketola. Against – Thunstrom, Penn. Motion carried.** Randy Thunstrom indicated that he would like to have a more solid idea of where we are with development before allocating any more money.

Brad Slawson brought up outside accounting sources. Kristi Zamrzla has a list of accounting firms she will contact and request quotes from. She has a list of the services we would like provided.

We reviewed the proposed changes to the Policy and Procedure book. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Erne) to accept the amended copy of the policy book. Motion carried.**

Dave Aus had mentioned earlier that he and Chris Carroll would be taking out some items from the Dryland and purchasing other equipment to go in there. It was decided that Tom Boyer or Todd Erne would check with them about what they are removing and adding. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Erne) to table the Boys' High School Hockey donation request until the August Board meeting. Motion Carried.**

Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Bloyer) to close the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was then closed.

Randy Thunstrom reviewed the Girls Coaches selection. He has a non-parent coach interested in the U14 level this year. She is the assistant coach for the Totino Varsity program currently and she attended Bethel College where she played hockey. She has agreed to an open ended commitment so possibly more than one year with us. **Motion made (Thunstrom), seconded (Slawson) to pay \$3000.00 to the head coach, \$400.00 to a maximum of 2 assistant coaches and hotel costs for Elicia Adams as the head coach of the Girls U14 team. Motion carried.**

Motion made (Thunstrom), seconded (Slawson) to name Dennis Osbeck U10 A coach, Rick Swanstrom and Jeff Landborg U12 A coaches. Motion carried.

Mike Brodzinski reviewed the coaching selections for the Boys Traveling program. There is a non-parent head coach interested in the B1 Squirt coaching position, **Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Erne) to name Ben Deluge the head coach of the B1 squirt level with pay of \$500.00 plus hotel costs. Motion carried.**

Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Bloyer) to name Brian Nastrom as Squirt A head coach predicated on the 2 non-parent evaluators placing his child on the team. Motion carried.

Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Slawson) to name Tim Frischmann as the PeeWee A head coach predicated on the 2 non-parent evaluators placing his child on the team. Motion carried.

Mike Brodzinski did not name a Bantam A coach as he indicated he was still in discussions with Andy Shermoen and Scott Reichart. He has a meeting scheduled for August 6, 2007 with Andy and Scott to discuss this.

Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Thunstrom) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 pm.