

Blaine Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2007, 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena

Attendees: Kristi Zamrzla, Brad Slawson, Shannon Gilbert, Jon Ketola (arrived a 7:10), Mike Brodzinski (arrived at 7:20), Randy Thunstrom, Scott Penn, Todd Erne, Tom Bloyer.

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

Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Thunstrom) to approve the August 20, 2007 agenda. Motion carried.

Charitable Gambling Report: Rich Nordlund was unable to attend this meeting so Amy Cloche attended to present the report. August has been a bit slower month as was July. We are down about \$5000.00 from last July but over all we are ahead about \$5000.00 for the year. All 3 gambling sites are now doing Bingo. Brad Slawson requested a copy of all of the gambling expenses and a breakdown of the payroll by employee showing what they are earning. Amy deferred this to Rich. Kristi Zamrzla indicated she would be talking to Rich the following day and would ask him for that information at that time. Jon Ketola asked when the last time the employee's received a raise in pay. It was determined that was about 4 years ago. A seller makes about \$7.10 per hour and they have been at that rate for the last 3 years or so. They are not the highest paid sellers but they are also not the lowest paid.

Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Erne) to approve the Charitable Gambling Report for July 2007. Motion carried. Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Thunstrom) to approve the Charitable Gambling Expenses for September 2007. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report:

The deadlines for the next newsletter were stated as October 15 for articles to be submitted. Articles from the members were requested as well as ads from sponsors. The newsletter will go out the end of October.

Motion made (Erne), seconded (Penn) to approve the July 20, 2007 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance:

Income:

Expenses:

Ending Balance:

Jon did not have any figures with him as to the balances, income or expenses as he came straight from work. Some of the outstanding ice bills have been paid. We have collected a bit over \$12,000.00 in credit card payments for both outstanding bills and registration fees. The credit card report will break down what the fees are for and Kristi Zamrzla has that list. Jon will e-mail the financial figures to the board. He has not had any families approach him regarding hardship this year. We will discuss this later.

Sean Linderholm asked about the outstanding ice bills and Jon still does not have the figures completed.

Jon asked about the Squirt Tournaments and it was stated that Ross and Kristi Huttunen and Bill Peterson have those tournaments put together as well as the Jr. Gold tournaments and they will get him the information for the checks to be issued.

Brad Slawson asked about the outsourcing of our accounting. It will be discussed later in the meeting.

Kristi Zamrzla asked for the Open Forum to be moved to this part of the meeting as there were many people waiting to be heard.

Open Forum

Tom Steinmetz brought pizza and pop from the Girl's High School Hockey team and three player representatives. Kelly CorKins, Lindsay Zrust and Bridget Braastad. The girls discussed some of the activities that they have planned for this year. Kelly told about the teddy bear toss and the donations to 2 area hospitals. Lindsay offered players to help at our tryouts, tournaments and practices. Bridget told about their Adopt-A-Family program they do at Christmas. They reported they play about the same schedule as the boys play and have some out of town tournaments as well. They requested \$8,000.00 from us to help with their expenses.

Dave Aus, Boy's HS Hockey Head Coach indicated that FSN may be in Roseau this year. They will also have a Texas-hold-em tournament and a spaghetti dinner.

Matt Millar, Regional Manager for GDI, spoke about his company's goaltending programs and camps. He reviewed the services they have to offer us. They would tailor a program to fit our specific goaltending needs. They have a website and newsletter. The minimum commitment that would make this worthwhile for the goalies is at least on time per week. He sees himself as more of an educator for coaches, parents and skaters.

Vice President's Report:

Brad Slawson will defer his report to the petitions for move ups.

President's Report:

Kristi Zamrzla reported that 3 of the credit cards processed at registration were declined. The holders of the cards were notified and the cards will be run again. At this month's President's meeting for District 10 the status of the D-Mite level was voted on and it was decided the D-Mites will continue this year but will be revisited. Spring Lake Park was the only association that voted against having a D-Mite level. District 10 also wants the C and D Mite levels to be equally placed. Minnesota Hockey rules go over all of the levels. Use of the HEP Skills Testing Program to determine the level of play is encouraged. This program goes through each level and lists what is expected. At the September President's meeting we will need to submit our criteria if it differs from that specified by District 10. Kristi requested copies of all of the coaches' cards as she has to e-mail that information in before the CEP training. New coaches must have their background check information in soon. The cards are to be renewed every 3 years.

Coordinators' Reports:

Ice Scheduler – Bill Marshall – Not present.

Tournament Scheduling – Shannon Gilbert – The tournaments are being entered. The different schedulers will be contacted via e-mail to let them know about organization for hand off to the various coaches at the coaches meeting. They will also be informed they need to contact Bill Marshall so he knows when each level will be out of town for tournaments when he is scheduling games.

Tournament Host – Kristi Zamrzla - A list for volunteers was put out at the registrations and there are a lot of volunteers on that list for helping at the BYHA sponsored tournaments. We already have teams registering.

Fundraising – Denise Linderholm and Julie Milligan – Julie indicated that we could take advantage of a pizza night at Sammy's Pizza. We pick a weeknight and then if someone orders a pizza for eat in or take out and they say they are from BYHA, Sammy's will donate 25% back to BYHA. We just have to pick the night.

Sponsorship – Todd Erne – Todd requested that Julie or Denise check with Tasty Pizza to see if they would give us the same kind of deal. They will look into it.

Director's Reports:

Registrar/District 10 – Kristi Zamrzla – The numbers of the new mites is up this year from last year at this point and we have not gotten into the schools yet. She does have flyers ready for the school's open houses. Todd Erne asked about yard signs advertising BYHA and registration. He will look into that. It was mentioned that the members of BYHA seem to wait until the last minute to register. Jon Ketola suggested that in the future we agree to hold off cashing the checks and running credit cards until after the last registration date.

Boys Traveling – Mike Brodzinski – The Bantam numbers are down this year. He has 61 Bantams listed and 8 goalies. He does not have enough listed for 4 full teams and only one skater listed who preferred the C level. He

has also located a non-parent coach from Bethel College who is interested in the A-Bantam job. We have already appointed Bill Marshall to that position. Mike indicated that Bill had told him that he would step down if we found a non-parent. Dave Aus holds this coach in high regards. The motion was already made and passed that Bill Marshall is the head coach. Mike was asked to ask the non-parent to assistant coach this year and maybe next year he can apply and interview.

Girls Traveling – Randy Thunstrom – There is a lot of interest in having a U-8 team this year. He still has some of the registrations outstanding. The Hall of Fame Tournament has all of our teams' registrations.

In-house – Scott Penn – Currently we have 140 mites registered with about 40 new skaters. The tentative breakdown will be 5 - A-Mite, 6 - B-Mite, 1-2 – C-Mite, 1 – D-Mite teams. The skaters will have to skate at initiation skates at the level they skated last year not where they skated in the summer program. He will be meeting with Randy to go over the U-8 issue. We had 175 Mites last year.

ACE Coordinator / Development – Todd Erne –He has a meeting scheduled with Fogerty Staff about the Dryland use and the division of the hours there. He does not feel the division is fair to BYHA if left the way it has been. He also is going forward with the Herb Brooks Training program. There will be a 10 week session at both the Herb Brooks Center and Fogerty for 18 BYHA teams. It will include coaches instruction, training from home, better use of the Fogerty Dryland Center and the program at Herb Brooks Center.

A golf tournament update shows there are 18 paid foursomes to date. There are many great prizes including Wild and Gopher tickets. As things stand now, we will make at least \$6000.00 on the golf tournament. There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow to go over the prize structure. A big thank you was given to Craig Voltin for his help with the beverages!

Equipment – Tom Bloyer – He will be getting bids from Dave's, Lettermen's and Hockey Zone. We need to decide what to do about jerseys for the C level traveling teams. Mike indicated that Hockey Zone had a better quality of jersey than what we purchased last year for a good price. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Erne) to purchase a higher grade of jersey from last year for 1 Bantam team, 1 PeeWee team and 2 Squirt teams. The motion carried.**

Kristi indicated that her registration numbers did not match Mike's numbers and requested the compare lists.

Old Business

A) Head Coaches: Kristi asked if the A coaches had all been notified? Mike responded that he had left messages for all of them but had not talked in person to them all. He asked if he should try to contact them again. The A Bantam Head coach was voted on in a special meeting held on August 14, 2007 following the registration at Fogerty. All were present but Todd Erne. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Penn) to name Bill Marshall the Bantam A head coach. Motion carried.**

B) High School Donation requests: Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Brodzinski) to donate \$8000.00 to the boys high school hockey program and \$8000.00 to the girls high school hockey program in 4 equal payments each. Motion carries. Roll call vote was called for: Those for – Jon Ketola, Shannon Gilbert, Scott Penn, Tom Bloyer, Mike Brodzinski, Randy Thunstrom. Those against – Brad Slawson, Todd Erne.

C) Outsourcing the Accounting: Kristi gathered quotes from several accounting firms. The quotes are as follows: 1 - \$1250.00 per month Paul Connery, 2 – \$600 - \$700 per month and 3 – 5 hours per month Sue Savarese of Sannerud and Savarese, 3 - \$360 per month, \$60.00 per hour 5 – 6 hours per month Legacy, 4 – Anchor Bank suggested these \$1400 per month and \$600 - \$700 per month. The goals of outsourcing are to pay the bills, take care of players' accounts, a database and billing. Both Sue Savarese and Legacy would convert our records to Quickbooks. There was discussion about the different companies. Kristi Zamrzla brought up bringing in 3 of the companies for interviews. **Motion made (Erne), seconded (Thunstrom) to bring in Legacy, Paul Connery and Sue Savarese for interviews to go over the accounting process at a special meeting. Motion carried.** Jon wanted on the record that he is not sure where Brad Slawson can say there are late bills. Brad indicated that he has heard this from Board Members. There is a provision in our Articles that speaks to having an outside company do the bookkeeping and the Treasurer is to oversee that company.

New Business

A) The Petition for move ups: Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Gilbert) to close the meeting. Motion carried. A break was also called for at this time. Reconvened at 9:30 pm.

There are 3 petitions for advanced play: Blake Nastrom – played 2 years of D-Mites and is going into 4th grade, Lincoln Erne – played on the C-Mite team last year and will be in 3rd grade, and Emily Brown – played on the C-Mite team last year and played 4 years of hockey. The policy was reviewed regarding when the petitions are due to the Board. The policy states the petitions have to be received by the Board after registration and before tryouts. We could have other petitions heard at the September Board Meeting. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Brodzinski) to Petition Blake Nastrom up to try out at the Squirt level. The motion carried. Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Brodzinski) to petition Lincoln Erne and Emily Brown up to try out at the Squirt level. Roll call vote was asked for: Those for – Brad Slawson, Mike Brodzinski, Tom Bloyer, Randy Thunstrom. Those against – Scott Penn, Jon Ketola, Shannon Gilbert.**

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2007. The Operations meeting will be held at Fogerty on September 6, 2007 at 6:00 pm to interview the 3 candidates for the Accounting job.

Motion made (Penn), seconded (Slawson) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.