

**Blaine Youth Hockey Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2007, 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena**

**Attendees:** Kristi Zamrzla, Brad Slawson, Shannon Gilbert, Jon Ketola, Mike Brodzinski (arrived at 7:15), Randy Thunstrom, Scott Penn, Todd Erne, Tom Bloyer (arrived at 7:40).

Kristi Zamrzla called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

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

**Charitable Gambling Report:** Rich Nordlund reported that he met with Paul at Ole Piper with Kristi Zamrzla. He was looking for options as far as things he can have with the charitable gambling site. This topic was deferred to later. All of the licenses are up for renewal at all of our sites. Rich also met with Rick at Majors. Rick leaves the decisions up to the managers at each site and he does not see any issues. They made a \$60,000 contribution this past month. August is the month that no state taxes are due. At this point, the donations are dead even at donations totaling \$395,000. The impending smoking ban may have an impact on the amount taken in by the sites. Rich indicates that speaking from experience, since the ban is statewide, we really may only see an initial drop in profits but then it will come back up. Jon Ketola asked about the expenses and a break down of the expenses by site. The general administrative expenses are divided equally between all the sites. They are all broken down on the green expense report. Rich offered Jon a copy of the checkbook register. Todd Erne asked where Feders is located. Rich explained that Feders is where they get all of the meat for the meat raffles done at the gambling sites. Todd was curious about approaching them for a sponsorship. Rich handed out the payroll information. The discussion of the payroll was also deferred to later.

**Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Slawson) to approve the Charitable Gambling Report for August 2007. Motion carried. Motion made (Thunstrom), seconded (Slawson) to approve the Charitable Gambling Expenses for October 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 August 20, 2007 meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

The July balances were missing from the last Secretary's report. July's beginning balance was \$21,683.20 and the ending balance was \$42,525.71.

**Beginning Balance (August): \$42,525.71**

**Income: \$234,880.60**

**Expenses: \$147,860.27**

**Ending Balance: \$129,546.04**

Registration fees were deposited as was the \$60,000 from charitable gambling. The tournament checks have all gone out as well. Brad Slawson asked how many players asked for a waiver. Jon reported that he has not had any families ask about a waiver. He indicated that all of the members who have signed up have paid their bills. The board will get copies of that. Jon also requested a copy of the information Kristi Zamrzla has so he can compare what he has in the records. The bank statements have not come in yet. He has a couple of emails out to people for the bank information. The association made \$11,500 on the golf tournament. Todd Erne did get the bill from the golf course. The deposits from the tournament will show up on the September bank statement. Todd Erne gave Jon Ketola a spreadsheet reporting the income and expenses from the golf tournament.

**Vice President's Report:**

Brad Slawson reported that the Operations Committee met one time since the last meeting and to date we have no issues with the tryout process.

**President's Report:**

District 10 meeting was last week. We need to make sure we have the STOP patches for the backs of the jerseys. The coach's education program went well. Kristi needs copies of all of the coaches' cards as well as the background check forms from all of the people interested in coaching. She needs these as soon as possible.

**Coordinators' Reports:**

**Ice Scheduler** – Bill Marshall – All is quiet on the scheduling front. He requested information on the home sponsored tournaments so he can schedule the ice times. Kristi will need information on any pre-season scrimmages. On 10/5/2007, Coon Rapids wants our help with their squirt level tryouts. We did trade with Centennial for ice at their rink for ice at the Super Rink. They still owe us one hour in the deal. Bill needs to know how many teams we are expecting based on the numbers so he can start breaking out the ice times needed. The home sponsored tournaments are all almost full. They are turning people away for the PeeWee and squirt tournaments.

**Fundraising** – Denise Linderholm and Julie Milligan – Julie indicated there would be a drop box in the office at Fogerty for dropping off the fundraiser packets. The deadline is 09/24/2007. The candy has been paid for; Jon Ketola confirmed the check went out for that.

**Sponsorship** – Todd Erne – Todd Erne gave his thanks to Tom Dreshar for his work on the golf tournament. He also extended his thanks to all who helped make this golf tournament a success. They sold all of the hole sponsorships and got \$4000 of the income from the hole sponsors. There were 21 foursomes. They grossed \$15,700 and minus expenses the net profit from the golf tournament was \$11,500.

**Volunteer Coordinator** – Shannon Gilbert – Shannon Gilbert volunteered to coordinate the volunteer policy and programs.

**Director's Reports:**

**Registrar/District 10** – Kristi Zamrzla –Registration dates are Monday, 09/24/2007 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. This is the late Mite registration. She has had an additional 25 – 30 registrations in her mailbox. She has sent the hockey information to the school board to be approved to go out in the schools. The numbers she has at this time are in the table below:

	Skaters	Goalies	C Skaters	C Goalies
Squirts	71	9	13	1
PeeWees	78	7	7	1
Bantams	57	9	5	0

The initial team declaration is due to District 10 by October 10, 2007. At this time we will be declaring:

	A	B1	B2	C
Bantam	1	1	2	1
PeeWee	1	1	2	2
Squirt	1	1	2	2
U14	1			
U12	1	1		
U10	1	1		
Junior Gold	1	1		

The High School Captains' Practices are scheduled for 10/07/2007 and 11/07/2007.

**Boys Traveling** – Mike Brodzinski – 10/12/2007 is the first scheduled A Bantam game. Mike was questioning what we can do about Bantams leaving to play high school. There is not much we can do but let them try out and place the kids where they fall. He has coordinators for the benches set up for tryouts. Tom Bloyer has the tryout Jerseys ready to go and the jerseys will be handed out as the kids leave the last preskate session. Kristi Zamrzla has the jersey assignment sheets. A scrimmage has been set for the A Bantam team against Coon Rapids on 10/01/2007 on 1.5 hours of ice at Fogerty. On 10/05/2007 Coon Rapids wants a squirt team to use in their tryouts. The final tryouts for the B pool will be done on 10/4/2007. BYHA has donated 2 Wild Tickets to Coon Rapids

hockey for a fundraiser for a woman there with brain cancer. Mike will have 1-2 high school kids on each bench and one on the ice for tryouts.

**Girls Traveling** – Randy Thunstrom – Randy reviewed his numbers for players and filling teams with appropriate numbers. Randy made the following motions: **Motion made, seconded (Slawson) to petition up Ally Mezzano from U10 to U12, to petition up a U10 goalie to U12 if necessary, to petition up Madison Pierro from U12 to U14, to petition up Erin Harper from U12 to U14, to petition up Nicole Huttunen from U10 to U12. Motions carried. Motion made (Thunstrom), seconded (Slawson) to waiver in Shelby Preston (Forest Lake) and Emilie Brigham (St. Francis) for one year. Motion carried.** Randy reported that there are too many kids for 1 team at the U10 level but not enough for 2 teams. Spring Lake Park is in a similar position. A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, 09/18/2007, to try and coordinate a combined U10 team. Coon Rapids is coming in to scrimmage the U10's and the U12's. Blaine will go there also to scrimmage.

Jon Ketola asked what we owed Andy Shermoen. The maximum agreed upon was \$2000, he billed \$2200. The actual cap agreed upon for the entire A Bantam coaching staff was \$3000. Mike Brodzinski brought up taking the week after tryouts off for football. The ice starts this year on 10/2/2007 for the A teams and girls at Fogerty. The Super Rink ice begins on 10/8/2007.

**In-house** – Scott Penn – Initiation skate dates have been set for 10/13/2007, 10/14/2007, 10/27/2007 and 10/28/2007. The times will be put on the website tomorrow. He will have volunteers and coaches from last year helping. There is a lot of interest in having a U-8 team this year. The girls will skate the initiation skates with the boys but will be able to designate their preference for play. There seem to be about 170 – 175 Mites this year.

**ACE Coordinator / Development** – Todd Erne – Todd is in the middle of scheduling the Herb Brooks sessions for 18 teams. Scheduling is a gamble at this time because we don't have any scheduling done for games and practices. There will be 9 scheduled one week and the other 9 scheduled the next week.

**Equipment** – Tom Bloyer – C Traveling jerseys have been ordered as have been the socks. The Mite jerseys will be ordered this week. He will need one other PeeWee C set.

## **Open Forum**

The only comments given were a suggestion to hold a meeting

## **Old Business**

**A) Petitions for advanced play:** There is one more child petitioning to try out at the Squirt level. This will be deferred to later in the meeting.

**B) Outsourcing the Accounting: Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Brodzinski) to outsource the accounting function to Legacy.** Jon Ketola spoke in favor of Sue Savarese as the person to outsource to. Scott Penn also spoke in favor of Sue Savarese and indicated he appreciated her experience with non profit organizations. Jon Ketola indicated that in his meeting with Legacy, face to face, they did not appear to listen to him about his concerns. **A roll call vote was called for. Those for the motion: Brad Slawson, Mike Brodzinski, Shannon Gilbert, Randy Thunstrom, Tom Bloyer, Todd Erne. Those against the motion: Scott Penn, Jon Ketola. Motion carries.**

Kristi Zamrzla will call Charlie at Legacy to let them know. Kristi questioned if the B1 Squirt coach has been called yet about the job? Mike Brodzinski has not called that coach yet. He will call him tomorrow to let him know the process.

## **New Business**

**A) The Tryout Preparation:** The preparations underway for tryouts were reviewed.

**Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Gilbert) to close the meeting. Motion carried.** A break was also called for at this time. The meeting reconvened at 8:45 pm.

Scott Penn reviewed a player/parent issue and problems he has been having with registration. The Mite initiation skate rules were reviewed and the Board reached a consensus about following the rules for all of the kids skating at the mite level and making no exceptions for any skater.

There is one additional petition for advanced play: Daniel Minikus. Discussion ensued about the other petitions and where we stood on the policy . **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Bloyer) to Petition Daniel Minikus up to try out at the Squirt level. The motion carried.**

The financial information from the Charitable Gambling division was reviewed. Brad Slawson indicated we should get this information every month. Discussion took place regarding the expenses, payroll and the gambling sites satisfaction levels.

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