

Blaine Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2007, 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena

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

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

Motion made (Thunstrom), seconded (Penn) to approve the November 16, 2007 agenda. Motion carried.

Charitable Gambling Report: Rich Nordlund presented a bill for the audit that was completed in the amount of \$2,950.00. **Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Bloyer) to pay \$2,950.00 for the audit to Kolb Accounting. Motion carried.** Rich reported that the smoking ban has run its course and the people are coming back to the establishments. The contributions are slightly down this year as compared to last year. Contributions in 2006 totaled \$220,000 at this time while this year's contributions total \$199,000. November seems to be going better. There are no changes in the expenses presented to the board. **Motion made (Penn), seconded (Thunstrom) to approve the Charitable Gambling Report for October 2007. Motion carried. Motion made (Penn), seconded (Gilbert) to approve the Charitable Gambling Expenses for December 2007. Motion carried.**

Brad Slawson asked if there was another company that could get us the meat for the meat raffles who would be willing to sponsor us. Rich indicated that Feders can't sponsor us but would be willing to do something else for us. Rich brought up the Employee Christmas Party and asked if we were willing to pay for that again. The party is scheduled for December 16, 2007 at 6:30 pm at the Terrace Room at Majestic Oaks. **Motion made (Penn), seconded (Bloyer) to pay for the charitable gambling employee Christmas Party not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion carried.**

Motion made (Penn), seconded (Erne) to approve the October 22, 2007 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

Chris Vitek asked about the outstanding ice bills. Jon Ketola indicated he did not have the names of the people who paid and registered through Kristi at this time, but based on his records there are about 60 families with outstanding balances equaling about \$34,000.00. Chris indicated he is concerned that this amount will be passed on to the membership. Kristi had left word that she had deposited money in the bank for outstanding balances on Thursday. It was noted that Kristi had made significant progress toward collecting the outstanding accounts. The question was raised if there were any board members or coaches on the list of outstanding accounts. There are no board members or coaches on that list. Jon indicated he should be done with the list within the next week. The registration should be complete for the Junior Gold level soon and once that is done, the accounting figures will be turned over to Legacy. The question was raised as to whether or not the people with outstanding balances could work at the Fogerty Concession stand to work off their debt. Fogerty Arena manages the concession stands and BYHA does not have anything to do with them. Chris Vitek again stated his concerns with the membership having to cover the costs of the outstanding balances while the kids continue to skate. Todd Erne indicated that the online stuff was being set up and once Legacy has the financial information, who owes what will be come much clearer.

Amy Pigeon questioned where the roster books were and the birth certificates? The books were placed in the office at Fogerty. Most of the books had been picked up by the team managers. We are still missing 4 books. She offered to help with the registration process. Brad Slawson received a bill from District 10 for the late rosters. Kristi had left word that the fine would not have to be paid as she had worked that out with District 10. The bill was for \$4300.

The conversation was directed back to the outstanding balances on the ice bills. It was suggested that letters go out to the people still on Jon's list. The last letter that went out regarding outstanding balances went out in March of 2007. The question was raised by Chris Vitek on how there could be more than one list? Kristi accepted registrations from people outside of the registration nights. Scott Penn also had some outside registrations of Mite players. Kristi's list needs to be reviewed. Jon suggested December 1, 2007 as a final date for payment. Kristi has also given that date. A new letter will go out to everyone who still owes a balance and the letter will go out

registered mail. Chris Vitek indicated he is mad there is more than one list of payments. He requested a list of the people still owing money be handed out so everyone will know who is not supposed to be skating. **Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Erne) that Jon sends a letter on 11/20/2007 to all overdue accounts indicating they have until 12/15/2007 to pay the outstanding amount or their skater(s) will be pulled off of the ice after that date. Motion carried.**

It was requested that the Traveling Director email the results of the tryout to the parents requesting those results. Brad Slawson will follow up with the Traveling Director about this. It will be requested that the results be emailed to Brad and Kristi as well.

There was some vandalism to locker room #1 in Fogerty North. The locker room had to be repainted. Mark wanted to look at the teams scheduled for practice and try to narrow it down to an association. He was not able to tell.

VIP Program was presented by Thomas Carlson. The program was explained and Tom asked for a contact to help get the idea out to the membership. He would like to go in front of all of the teams and explain the program as well so we get the most use out of it. Each team gets 50 cards and any time this card is used with a purchase, a percentage goes back to the association and/or the players' ice accounts. This will be put on the website as a volunteer position.

Secretary's Report

The final proof of the newsletter was presented for review. No other report.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance (October): \$103,180.25

Income: \$63,842.03

Expenses: \$64,521.35

Ending Balance: \$102,500.93

Jon still shows 60 families owing money. There are also a lot of outstanding checks to tournaments. The MAHA dues also came due. The first bills went out to the managers of the teams as an assessment. They were tiered based on ice bills from the past years. None of the credits for fundraising, concession stand work or coaching were taken into account. Legacy will do the true end billing when they take over. Brad noted that Legacy still has not gotten the information they need to get the accounts set up and the billing put together. Jon showed a memory stick and indicated it had all of the information on it that Legacy needed. Brad requested Jon make sure Legacy gets that information by the end of the week so they can set up accounts.

Vice President's Report:

Brad Slawson indicated that he had no report as there have not been any Operations Committee meetings since the last board meeting. Scott Penn and Jon Ketola requested that an Ops Committee meeting be scheduled to review the tryouts this year and note suggestions for improvement. Brad indicated he will schedule a meeting. The remainder of his report will be completed in closed session.

President's Report:

Not present – no report.

Coordinators' Reports:

Sponsorship – Todd Erne – He has nothing new to report.

Volunteer Coordinator – Shannon Gilbert – There has been a lot of interest in the opportunities available for volunteering. Not a lot of opportunity has been noted from coordinators and board members. In BYHA there are close to 500 families that will need to fulfill this obligation prior to the deadline of 03/31/2007. Many still have hours to put in. I propose a change in the volunteer policy. **Motion made (Gilbert) to change the volunteer policy to include the jobs of scorekeeper/bookkeeper; penalty box worker and the person running the clock as jobs that count toward the volunteer hours. No second on this motion.** Shannon again noted that at this time there does not appear to be enough activities to give to all of the families still in need of volunteer hours. It was commented that we will monitor this situation and may at some time change this but not now. **The motion died with no second.**

Director's Reports:

Registrar/District 10 – Kristi Zamrzla –Not present.

Boys Traveling – Mike Brodzinski –Not present. The B1 Squirt team took the championship in the Duluth Woodland Tournament.

Girls Traveling – Randy Thunstrom – He indicated he wished to coordinate the ice for U14.

In-house – Scott Penn – He reported that he also had some late payments on registration. The initiation skates finished up and there are a total of 185 skaters. We have 6 A Mite teams, 3 B Mite teams, 2 C Mite teams and 1 D Mite team. He did attend the game scheduling and it was very difficult to find associations who were willing to schedule games for their A and B Mite teams. The game limits are: A&B Mites – 15 games; C, D & U8 – 21 games. He is working on the jamborees. All A, B and U8 teams will go to the Spring Lake Park Jamboree and the C & D teams will choose to either go to Coon Rapids or Sauk Rapids. He will get the registration forms and then request the checks for those tournaments. The coaches' meeting for the Mite coaches was held. He went over helpful information such as mailboxes, practice plans, games, website and other information. He discussed the arena damage with the coaches. He also went over ideas and organization of Dryland, skills training and what is available to the coaches. He also covered the guidelines and expectations for the Mites. The city of Blaine is offering Adult boot hockey at Happy Acres but it will be held on Sundays and will not impact our outdoor ice as originally thought. The coaches have this schedule and it will be posted on the website. The first picture night went well. A couple of items were left behind. He will need 4 volunteers to be hall monitors for the second picture night scheduled for 12/03/2007.

ACE Coordinator / Development – Todd Erne – He is looking into Goalie training. We need to address the lack of goalies at the Mite level and work on what kind of training we can give them.

Equipment – Tom Bloyer – All the equipment has been handed out. BYHA paid \$19,000 in equipment for this season. Tom will try to figure out a good rotation for purchasing new jerseys for the traveling levels. He will put together a proposal. There is a Junior Gold Goalie with no equipment. BYHA has no equipment available to him that would fit. He is requesting reimbursement for the purchase of the equipment. **Motion made (Ketola), seconded (Gilbert) to reimburse the Junior Gold Goalie for equipment purchase based on the receipts. Motion carried.**

Old Business

None presented.

New Business

None presented.

Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Penn) to close the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made (Penn), seconded (Gilbert) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.