

Blaine Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2009, 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena

Attendees: Todd Erne, Brad Slawson, Shannon Gilbert, Mike Brodzinski, Chuck Taylor, Scott Ullan, Tom Bloyer and Gretchen Severin.

Todd Erne called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Motion made (Severin), seconded (Gilbert) to approve the March 23, 2009 agenda. Motion carried.

Charitable Gambling: Suzanne Slawson reported the receipts from Ole Piper for last month were \$36,561; Broadway receipts were \$48,790; and BeBop receipts were \$2041. BeBop opened on 02/24/2009 with their soft opening on 02/23/2009. Ole Piper started the Mega Bingo and has already had a winner. Broadway is starting a \$3.00 game and will be starting limited # bingo. BYHA is the 6th largest operation in net gross receipts in the state. 33% of the income goes to Administrative costs. They spend about \$1380 per year in advertising. The Gambling Control Board has indicated no money can be spent on dasher boards. **Motion (Slawson), seconded (Severin) to approve the February 2009 Charitable Gambling Report. Motion carried. Motion made (Severin), Seconded (Gilbert) to approve the April 2009 Charitable Gambling Expense Report. Motion carried.**

Motion made (Severin), seconded (Ullan) to approve the February 16, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Shannon Gilbert reported that she has taken over the SKATE program. Any further questions or concerns should be directed to her. She is scheduling the committee meetings for Fogerty in the Conference room and asked that all who are interested please plan to attend as there is much to do before the May 5, 2009 program date. Shannon also reminded the members that the BYHA Annual meeting was scheduled for 04/0/2009 at the Schwan's Meeting Center at 7:00 pm and that 2 board positions were up for election.

Curt Carbaugh from Acceleration North presented to the membership. He reviewed better ways to utilize FHIT. They are adding a station at FHIT and he presented a program that would be tailored to BYHA for consideration for next year. He suggested that it might be easier to schedule the FHIT time and then schedule the ice around those scheduled times. He signed a 3 year lease and will be with FHIT for that time. He would like to work out a program with BYHA. He is available to meet with BYHA again at a later meeting for other questions we may have. He wanted to present to us early so we could begin thinking about next season.

Treasurer's Report – Chuck Taylor reported that \$24,000 of the FHIT program was covered by BYHA; \$57465 was paid out for tournaments. He will be running through the outstanding bills and collecting the balances. Most of the estimated billings were very close to the actual bills. The B2 Squirts were off a bit because BYHA added the 3rd B2 team. Todd Erne indicated that for next season he would like to see the ice bills paid in full by 12/15/2009. BYHA will continue to look into cost savings for the membership. The Balance Sheet will be posted tonight for the membership review. Tom Dreshar asked about the outstanding ice bills. Most of the ice bills that are outstanding are within 30 days owed. BYHA is willing to work with people on their ice bills.

Vice President's Report – Brad Slawson reported that he had an Ops meeting. At the Ops meeting several items of business were discussed.

- 1) We had a request last month from Blaine Baseball by Paul Helin. We gave Soderville baseball \$300.00. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Severin) to donate \$300 to Blaine Baseball. Motion carried.**
- 2) Tom Bloyer is resigning from the board. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Bloyer) to appoint Kraig Stumo as the Mite Director for the remainder of Tom Bloyer's term on the Board. Motion carried.**
- 3) PeeWee A team made it to the State Tournament this season. A request was made that BYHA pay for their ice time for practices for the time between regionals and the state tournament. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Taylor) that BYHA pay for the ice time the A PeeWee's used for practice between the Regional tournament and the State Tournament. Motion carried.**
- 4) District 10 has asked us if we were interested in staffing volunteers for the Advanced 15's Tournament they are holding at the Schwan's Super Rink. BYHA would then get ½ of the gate fees. Brad asked if

Shannon would be staffing the ticket takers and the penalty boxes. Shannon indicated that there were not enough volunteers willing to work all the hours necessary for that tournament.

- 5) There was a request to move the monthly meeting night to a different night of the month. The request was tabled.
- 6) BYHA will be locking in the same company and judges they used last year at tryouts for next years tryouts.
- 7) Banners were discussed as the PeeWee A's requested a Banner for their State Tournament appearance. This request was also tabled for another meeting.
- 8) There was a request from Broadway to help with advertising. Per the Gambling Control Board we are allowed to spend up to \$5000 per year on advertising. BYHA will look into this and what our legal options are and get back to them.

President's Report – Todd Erne- District 10 did not have a meeting this month. Todd thanked Suzanne Slawson for the great job she has done as Interim Gambling Manager. BYHA will now be posting for the permanent position of Gambling Manager. This will pay from \$500 - \$1500 per month. The applicant must be able to be bonded and must be a BYHA member. The position will be open until the Annual Meeting and will be advertised on the website. Applications can be put in Todd Erne's mailbox at Fogerty Arena. The position is about 20 hours per week to start.

Open Forum – Bill Marshall spoke to the fact that all the teams this year made it to Districts. This is Bill's last meeting as he will no longer be the ice scheduler. He is passing on the job to Darin Johnson. BYHA burned 87 hours this year. That was very low. The best year BYHA has had for hours burned was 67 hours and that was before we bought into the second sheet of ice at the Schwan's arena.

BYHA will have to work out what will be acceptable for Banners with Mark Klaussen at Fogerty.

Troy Wolens indicated he had done some research on the Junior Gold jerseys and to get the ones they were looking at it would cost about \$1700.00 for the team. He also looked into a couple of tournaments and they would need about \$3000.00 for these tournaments. These tournaments will need to be scheduled by June. He also asked about BYHA hosting a tournament for the Junior Gold level. It was suggested that perhaps the kids on the Junior Gold Team could work the Advanced 15's tournament at Schwan's for District 10 and use the share of the gate fees toward some of their expenses. They could also bag at Cub foods. Todd Erne requested Troy send an email with the Junior Gold wish list on it to Brad Slawson and then they could coordinate the information for the tournament also.

Stewart Poff spoke on behalf of Blaine Lacrosse. He would like to have an email sent to all BYHA players regarding the Blaine Lacrosse league and season. He was asked to send an email to Scott Ullan and Scott would blast email the BYHA membership with the details.

The Blaine A Bantam team was billed for their non-parent head coaches pay. This was corrected by a credit memo that went out. In the future, BYHA may in fact decide to charge for non-parent head coaches pay. It was agreed that if that changes it will be made clear to the parents what they are going to be billed for.

Registrar – Amy Pigeon reported that there are still some roster books outstanding and those do need to be returned. It was also decided that BYHA will keep the birth certificates for next year.

Traveling Director – Mike Brodzinski reported on the outcome of the district tournaments:

- 1) All 3 of the B2 Squirt teams were in the top 8 at districts – the teams ranked 1, 4 and 8. He thanked the coaches: Ben Vold, Mick Rynerson and Greg Broos.
- 2) The A Squirts coached by Brian Nastrom, won the District Championship.
- 3) B1 PeeWee's coached by Jim Corbett went on to the Regional Tournament.
- 4) The A PeeWee's coached by Tim Froschmon, went on to the State Tournament and won consolation.
- 5) The B2 PeeWee's coached by Darin Johnson won the District Championship.
- 6) The C Bantams, coaches Kenow and Reed, won the District Championship.
- 7) The B1 Bantams, Coach Eggrich, advanced to the Regional Tournament.
- 8) The Blaine High School team took 3rd place at the State Tournament.

BYHA had a great showing this year. The U14A team went on to the Regional tournament and the U12A team won the league but did not get past the District Tournament.

Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Ullan) to change the language in the policy book to read, “to allow the best qualified coach for the position, including BYHA Board members”. Motion carried. In the future, the level coordinators should be more visible to the membership. A request was made that the same judges used in placing the squirts – Bantams should be used in placement of the Junior Gold as well.

In-House Director – Tom Bloyer resigned his position and Kraig Stumo was appointed to fill the remainder of his term. Tom said his farewell to the organization and indicated that Kraig will do and has done a great job in this position.

Sponsorship Coordinator –Brad Thoreen was newly appointed the Sponsorship coordinator. He is going to meet with Mark Klaussen at Fogerty and with Pete Carlson at Schwans to try and coordinate the sponsorship efforts and not cross what Mark is trying to do at Fogerty. He aims to improve communication with the arena managers so as to not duplicate efforts. He will also coordinate these meetings with Brad and Todd.

Equipment Director: Gretchen Severin – There was an equipment turn in time today. She will schedule a few more dates for ongoing returns. She will also be cleaning up the equipment room and fixing up the center cage as an office space. She is opening up the breezer sale again. BYHA will have to do something about getting new jerseys next year. We may be able to stitch up some of the jerseys for next year. She will make a list of the equipment needs and bring them to a future meeting.

Ace Coordinator/Development – Scott Ullan – He spoke to the benefits of the FHIT program and the acceleration. He would like to work out some trade off for the ice billing to work in with the FHIT. Gretchen is concerned that the exposure to FHIT is too sporadic to actually be of benefit to the skaters. The Academy is starting and Scott has the C/D Mites skating together, the A mites, B mites & U8 girls and then the U10 girls with spring programs. There are 4 groups with 10-12 sessions each for \$175. The information regarding the Academy is on the website. The Academy is not handing out jerseys this year but T-shirts. Hockey Central holds the low bid on the shirts. He is looking into getting new Academy banners or just correcting the ones he has as Randy Thunstrom is listed as a contact and will no longer be associated with the Academy program.

Old Business

No old business presented.

New Business

- 1) BYHA received a request from the Boys High School Basketball team for \$3500 to help pay for their trip to the State Tournament.
- 2) Tom Dreshar spoke about the BYHA Annual Golf Tournament. This will be held the first weekend of June this year. They are still in the process of planning the tournament and are leaning toward Schwan’s Golf Course.
- 3) **Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Ullan) to donate 5 Hockey Academy Scholarships to SKATE for their program. Motion carried.**

Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Severin) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.