

**Blaine Youth Hockey Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 21, 2008, 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena**

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

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

**Motion made (Severin), seconded (Thunstrom) to approve the July 21, 2008 agenda. Motion carried.**

**Charitable Gambling Report:** Kelly Patrin reported the Ole Piper is getting their new booth in and they are requesting we pay ½ the camera system. BeBop has quit playing Bingo and doing the meat raffle. Tasty is having a golf tournament and they would like to know if we would sponsor a hole for \$100.00 at their 08/23/2008 tournament. She reported that business has been steady. She handed out the Charitable Gambling report and the Expense Report.

The Boys High School Hockey Teams golf tournament is scheduled for 08/10/2008.

**Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Severin) to approve the Charitable Gambling Report for June 2008. Motion carried. Motion made (Taylor), seconded (Gilbert) to approve the Charitable Gambling Expenses for August 2008. Motion carried.**

**Motion made (Ullan), seconded (Boyer) to approve the June 23, 2008 meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

**Secretary's Report** – Shannon Gilbert thanked all of the volunteers who helped and participated in the Blaine's Blazin' 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. A special thank you goes to Tom Dreshar for the use of his shop for decorating the float. She confirmed that the registration dates are 9/3 – 9/4 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The newsletter will include information on the golf tournament, registration, sponsorship flyer, Hockey Academy flyer.

**Treasurer's Report** – Chuck Taylor handed out a balance sheet. We have \$38,000 in the bank. We have paid all the bills that were outstanding except one remaining ice bill for \$30,000. We are currently in good standing with no outstanding debt.

The pay online option at BYHA.org is up and running and is being used frequently by the members. Members can go there and make a one time secure payment. Brad Slawson questioned the philosophy of breaking even at the end of the fiscal year. We are at that break even with no excess and ultimately we should have some reserve for emergency situations. We should have at least ½ a years budget in reserve for emergencies. There is still \$57,000 in outstanding ice bills. The players will not be allowed to register or play and the outstanding balances will be sent to collections. We have been working with the families to get payments. With the system put in place for accounting, Chuck has only one set of records and it will be much easier to keep track. He has been cleaning up the bookkeeping. By the end of registration, there will be no outstanding ice bills as members will have either paid their balances or the amounts will be sent to collections and written off as bad debt. Centennial has approximately \$53,000 - \$55,000 in outstanding ice bills at this time. Hardship was discussed and it was determined that BYHA needs to work up some kind of eligibility criteria. For example, Andover used the reduced school lunch program. Hardship needs to be reconsidered every year not just a once you are on hardship, you are always on hardship.

**Vice President's Report** – Brad Slawson reported that we have had a couple of Ops meetings to work through the tryout process. Some of the items being brought into the process are as follows: a combination of inside and outside judges, goalie coaches, more ice time for tryouts, no video taping, closed tryouts, pulling kids early from the tryout, check in sheets in the box, adults in the benches monitoring the skaters. There will be no preskate this year but tryouts will start right away to give even more ice. Dave Aus and Scott Riechart will evaluate the Bantam level along with the coaches of that level. The PeeWee's and the Squirts will be evaluated by an outside organization and the coaches at that level. Jr. Gold will be evaluated by Mike Brodzinski, one other board member and the coach at that level. Goalie evaluations were discussed and at this time has been tabled until GDI and the goalie coordinator T.J. Huber along with Steve Guider can discuss the process. Tryouts will be closed this year to decrease the pressure on the skaters. Kids clearly on a team will be pulled at the evaluators discretion.

Kids who also present a safety issue will be pulled from the ice as well. Adults on the bench will give more bench control during the tryouts and check in sheets will be used to track the number of shifts each skater gets. During scrimmages, the high school will referee. There will not be any video taping during the tryouts. Following the tryouts, there will be a 1 week cool down period prior to beginning practices except for the A Bantams. An attempt will be made to limit the number of kids on the bench to around 20 skaters per box for more ice time. The 2 hours of ice typically used for preskate will now be added to the tryout ice as well as extra hours added in the middle. These changes will be added to the tryout policy and then voted on by the BYHA board.

**President's Report** – Todd Erne attended the president's meeting for District 10. At that meeting they discussed subsidizing players whose families cannot afford to play based on criteria such as the "lunch program". District 10 is also letting associations know that the C Squirts and C PeeWee's will now have regions and the games will be scheduled on the same day as the out of town games are scheduled.

We have 2 new dashboards signed up. We need volunteers for the golf tournament. There is a sign up board at Hockey Central. Registration is scheduled for September 3 – 4 at Fogerty from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Details will be posted on the website after the meeting with district 10 on 08/02/2008. District 10 is comfortable with Amy Pigeon and Rachel Jones as our registrars and they are working hard. We are working to get the card swipe working for Registration.

**Boys Traveling** – Mike Brodzinski reported that we have about 30 coaches applications in currently. The Bantam A candidate is looking for a job and if he finds one close to Blaine he would be able to coach again this year. There is also a candidate from Mounds View Mike is looking at for a job. There are 10 PeeWee coaches' applications and a lot of squirt applications. Tryouts will start Saturday 09/0/2008 and go through 10/02/2008. Mike is coordinating with the outsiders group and has a pre-meeting scheduled. He quickly reviewed the changes listed by Brad Slawson to the tryout procedure.

**Girls' Traveling Director** – Randy Thunstrom has selected the coaches for some of the girls' levels. He presented them for approval by the Board:

U10A – Dennis Osbeck – Head Coach  
U12A – Rick Swanstrom – Head Coach.

**Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Severin) to approve the coaches presented by Randy Thunstrom. Motion carried.**

At the U14 level there are 23 age appropriate skaters and 3 goalies. Most of the 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be going to the High School to play. We should be able to make a team and we could waiver one of the goalies to Andover.

**In-House Director** – Tom Bloyer reports that he has a meeting scheduled with Scott Penn to go over the program. He also has some coaching applications in for positions in the Mite program.

**ACE/Development Coordinator** – Scott Ullan reported that the academy schedules were out for all levels of skaters and girls listing overspeed and skills. He has Matt Hendrichs and Andy Shermoen lined up. He had 143 skaters registered with the spring group and the fall numbers go up from there.

He is working with the FHIT program. They have programs outlined for the Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam levels. He is going to review their proposal and present it to the board. He has been working with Acceleration as well and we have a deal for free ½ hour session when you sign up for more.

CEP class is scheduled for 09/05/2008 and 09/06/2008 at the Schwan's Center for levels 1 – 3. More information will be posted on the website.

Dave Aus indicated that teams could sign up and have the High School kids skate with teams.

The website links for coaches and registration are operational and hold a lot of information for coaches and parents.

Scott is also working with Healtheast on a concussion clinic for the coaches to attend.

**Equipment Director** – Gretchen Severin indicated she has 6 boxes of breezers that are in just terrible shape. She brought them to Play it Again and they don't want them. We will put them in the garage sale. She has completed the inventory and is putting it on a spreadsheet. She believes we can get another year out of the jerseys we have but will need to swap some out. We will need new some new jerseys for the 2009 – 2010 season. She will formalize a recommendation on jersey replacement.

### **Open forum**

Angela Wagamon and Dave Aus were there on behalf of the Boys High School Hockey Program. They brought their request for support this year for the HS program. They presented a handout on their expenses and their fundraising efforts and asked for \$10,000 from BYHA. Dave offered the High School kids to help with things other than working the bench at tryouts. If we needed anything we should call him or Angela. Their golf tournament is scheduled for 08/10/2008 and they are having a silent auction. They want to continue to build the relationship between the HS program and the youth program. Dave thanked BYHA for their participation in his STP program, it went well this year. The BlueLiners are going through the process right now to get their 501 C(3) registered. They requested we sponsor a hole at their golf tournament and they will sponsor a hole at our tournament. Dave stated they have quality kids this year and wanted to promote the youth night and attendance by the youth at the HS hockey games. They don't have the specific dates yet for the FSN night but it will most likely be 01/06/2008 against Duluth or 01/15/2008 against Maple Grove.

Brad Slawson asked that the HS parents and players frequent the BYHA sponsored Charitable Gambling sites for their events, carb loads, etc. It was asked how much the kids pay to play at the HS level and it is \$385.00 to play on the HS team. The Blueliners ask for a \$200.00 donation above that from the parents.

### **Old Business**

- A. Credit & Use Policy – Chuck Taylor presented a new Credit and Use policy. He has discussed this with Mark at Fogerty and Mark will support this policy. A hand out was given out with an overview of the new policy (see handout). **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Thunstrom) to adopt the Credit & Use policy presented by Chuck Taylor. Motion carried.**

### **New Business**

- A. Tasty requested BYHA sponsor a hole in their golf tournament. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Severin) to sponsor a hole at the Tasty Pizza golf tournament for \$100.00 on 08/23/2008. Motion carried.**
- B. There was a request from the Boy's High School to sponsor a hole at their golf tournament. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Brodzinski) to sponsor a hole at the Boys High School Hockey golf tournament for \$100.00 on 08/10/2008. Motion carried.**
- C. A proposal for ½ of \$8600.00. That proposal was tabled.

**Motion made(Severin), seconded (Gilbert) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.