

**Blaine Youth Hockey Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 18, 2008, 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena**

**Attendees:** Todd Erne, Brad Slawson, Shannon Gilbert, Chuck Taylor, Mike Brodzinski, Tom Bloyer, Scott Ullan and Gretchen Severin. Not present – Randy Thunstrom.

Todd Erne called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**Motion made (Severin), seconded (Ullan) to approve the August 18, 2008 agenda. Motion carried.**

**Open Forum:** Jason, Team Sales with Hockey Central, presented the available apparel from Hockey Central. He reviewed the skate sharpening card being made available by Hockey Central as a fundraiser for BYHA. They have several manufacturers available for jersey orders. They also offer a full inventory of equipment available. They would like to offer equipment cleaning for a discount also to BYHA or to be used as a fundraiser. Chuck Taylor requested that our bids for equipment all come from sponsoring associations.

**Charitable Gambling Report:** Suzanne Slawson has taken over as the Interim Charitable Gambling Manager. She went over the program. She indicated that Tasty Pizza was sold to Broadway Pizza and that sale will be final on 09/15/2008. She met with the new owners and they indicate they will keep BYHA for their charitable gambling. We will have to sign a new contract with the new owners. Ole Piper wants to bring in Mega Bingo. The company offering the Mega Bingo has to approve the site for their game.

**Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Ullan) to approve the Charitable Gambling Report for July 2008.**

**Motion carried. Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Gilbert) to approve the Charitable Gambling Expenses for September 2008. Motion carried.**

**Open Forum (cont.):** Jim Corbett questioned the Board's involvement in the closed tryouts. The process was reviewed with GDI for goalies, outside evaluators and the closed session. The coaches will have a say in the picking of the goalies. There will be some flexibility for coaches in choosing players and goalies. Jim Corbett brought up Pat Hadley as a non-parent goalie coach that would love to help out with the program. Stewart Poff asked why there was not going to be any preskate. Mike Brodzinski offered other options to the preskate as the BYHA academy. It was asked if there was going to be an EMT present at the tryouts. At this time, BYHA does not have an EMT lined up to attend the tryouts. There was concern over how BYHA would notify a parent if a skater were to get injured in the tryouts. The waiver of liability was explained.

Greg Broos asked where the waiver to petition a skater play at a different level. It was explained it was in the policy and procedure book and it is on the website. The registration for USA Hockey is a fee that will be paid separately this year. The costs of registration were outlined by Chuck Taylor. A post card will go out this week reminding the membership about registration. It was clarified that we are not hurting for money at this time. Gretchen will be notifying the volunteers who are scheduled to work the registration dates.

The BYHA Golf Tournament was moved to September 14, 2008. We still need volunteers to help. The NSC classic football tournament is that weekend so some players were lost to that tournament. This was a great fundraiser last year we made \$11,000. All the holes are sponsored by at least 1 source.

**Motion made (Severin), seconded (Ullan) to approve the July 21, 2008 meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

**Secretary's Report** – Shannon Gilbert – A motion was made online and this was as follows for documentation: **Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Severin) to sponsor a \$100.00 hole for the BeBops' golf tournament on Friday, 08/08/2008. Motion carried.** Mike indicated that BeBops said thank you for the donation. The 2008-2009 Policy and Procedure book was updated and reviewed. Shannon also had updated the mailboxes for the Registrar, Tournament coordinator, level coordinators. The next meeting is scheduled for 09/08/2008. Only the small conference room is available that night. The availability of the Schwan's Center will be looked into. Any change in location will be noted on the website. Shannon reminded everyone to make sure they signed the attendance sheet.

**Treasurer's Report** – Chuck Taylor. The year end audit will be done by the end of August/beginning of September. The fiscal year end for BYHA is 0/30/2009. BYHA is making progress and by registration we will be sending those unpaid accounts to collections. BYHA has no outstanding bills at this time. Fogerty is checking into refinancing the bond and if they do, they will save us approximately \$24,000 per year.

**Vice President's Report** – Brad Slawson reported that at the last Ops meeting we reviewed the policy and procedure book and updated it. Brad has also met with the new owner of Tasty (Broadway) and he has a handshake agreement that they will keep BYHA for charitable gambling. There will be an 8 to 10 week shut down for remodeling. We will have a decrease during that time in our charitable gambling donations.

**President's Report** – Todd Erne attended the president's meeting for District 10. At that meeting they discussed the overtime policy in District 10 playoffs. The overtime policy was a 5 minute overtime period and after that 5 minutes of counting shots on goal. The new policy is 8 minutes of sudden death and then a shootoff. Todd called for a special meeting for a vote on the separation of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The proposed split is on the website. Gretchin Severin reviewed the changes and the reasons for the proposed split. The BYHA board recommends the separation of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

Registration will be held on 09/3 – 09/04/2008. The petitions for play at an advanced level will be reviewed at the 09/08/2008 meeting. Those petitioning must register at the level they currently would be playing. The tryout fee will be based on the level of the skater. There will be no refunds of the tryout fee. The registration costs will be \$200.00 for C level skaters, \$250.00 for the A/B levels. There will also be a \$100.00 volunteer fee collected at the time of registration.

**Boys Traveling** – Mike Brodzinski reported that he has found a qualified non-parent coach for the Jr. Gold A team. **Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Severin) to hire Mark Kline as the Junior Gold A head coach for a payment not to exceed \$2500.00 for the year plus hotel room reimbursement. Motion carried.** The nonparent coaches pay for the A Bantam level was set at \$3000.00 plus the hotels. Mike has been discussing the position with 2 non-parent prospects. Both show to be very qualified. The committee will be interviewing the A Peewee and A Squirt head coaching prospects within the next 2 weeks. All coaches must have a background check form completed and returned. The form is on the website.

**Girls' Traveling Director** – Randy Thunstrom – Not present.

**In-House Director** – Tom Bloyer reports the dates for the pictures are 11/10 for the traveling teams and 12/16 for the inhouse and Jr. Gold teams. The photos will be taken at the Blaine High School Cafeteria. Bill Marshall has been working on adding 1 to 2 extra hours to the initiation skates. He has emails going out to last years coaches to solicit help with the initiation skates.

**ACE/Development Coordinator** – Scott Ullan reported on the proposed FHIT program. This program would include the Squirts through the Jr. Gold levels and potentially the c and D mite levels. Scott had handouts regarding the proposed development program. We will still be scheduling dryland time at the Fogerty Dryland Facility. There is now a treadmill at the Herb Brooks facility at Schwans. Scott continues to drive registration for the BYHA Hockey Academy. For the month of September the cost of the Academy will be \$100.00. There are currently 180 kids registered for the Academy.

**Equipment Director** – Gretchen Severin indicated she is in the process of collecting bids for the tryout jerseys. She currently has one bid in and is waiting for the other 2. We will be using the tryout jerseys for the girls this year too. She suggested we get out of the equipment business. **Motion made (Severin), seconded (Gilbert) to sell the breezers at \$20.00 a pair, to sell the old jerseys for \$5.00 each and the T-shirts for \$1.00. Motion carried.** She will be organizing the remainder of the equipment and continuing to provide traveling jerseys, socks, mite jerseys, coaches kits and some goalie equipment.

## **Old Business**

Tryouts - The interview dates have changed but the new date has not yet been selected. The policy and procedure booklet was reviewed and corrections noted. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Ullan) to adopt the policy and procedure book as amended for the 2008 – 2009 season. Motion carried.** The CEP

dates were reviewed and it was noted that they are on the web. At the September 8, 2008 meeting the FHIT program will be voted on. Todd Erne is working on 1 ½ hour practices.

**New Business**

No new business presented.

**Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Severin) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.