

Blaine Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2008, 7:00 pm, Schwan's Center

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

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

Motion made (Severin), seconded (Slawson) to approve the September 8, 2008 agenda. Motion carried.

Charitable Gambling Report: Suzanne Slawson reported that we are currently in the middle of the audits. She is attending her classes this week to be certified as the Charitable Gambling Manager. She presented the operating numbers from the current sites.

Open Forum: Sheri Barnes from Advantage Collections was present and went over their collections process. It is this company the board is looking at to handle the collections of the outstanding ice bills. Chuck Taylor spoke to the fact that sending outstanding ice bills to collections is new this year to BYHA but will be ongoing from this point forward for the accounts of people who are refusing to work with us or have turned their back on their payments. If an account is not paid in full by tryout time, skaters associated with that account will not be allowed to tryout. A question was raised as to team declaration. Todd Erne indicated that we are still compiling the numbers but the teams should be close to the same as last year.

Ice Coordinator – Bill Marshall – Centennial has asked about making the trade for the ice at their arena for the ice at the Schwan's Arena. That would be about 200 hours of ice we would swap with them. They pay the difference in the ice costs. He and Darin went to the ice training. They are going to look at putting in the 1.5 hour practices. He needs to know the date of the Manager's meeting. He also needs to know the tournament schedule before 10/02/2008. Kristi Huttanen has the tournament spread sheet. Checks have been cut for most of the tournaments.

Fundraising – Julie Milligan, Denise Linderholm. The fundraising at registration went very well this year. They requested that no one but themselves hand out any candy so they are better able to track the fundraising. Next year at registration there will have to be a different process to better track the fundraising people are purchasing. This was not noted on the registration forms. Chuck Taylor indicated he can track it by how much money is in each account.

Sponsorship – Todd Erne – We have added Blaine Chiropractic as a Bronze sponsor and are working with Blaine Orthodontic. Brad reported that he is working with a bar in Ham Lake, T-Box, about going with BYHA for their charitable gambling. The T-Box is scheduled to open on 10/08/2008.

Volunteer – Shannon Gilbert – We need volunteers to work the benches and the clock for tryouts.

Treasurer's Report – Chuck Taylor reported that checks from registration will be deposited by the end of the week.

Vice President's Report – Brad Slawson reported that we have had numerous Ops meetings in preparation for the tryouts. He has also been working with the current owners of Tasty and the new owners of Broadway to ensure BYHA continues to have that site for our charitable gambling.

Girls' Traveling Director – Randy Thunstrom discussed who he felt was a good choice for the U14A team.
Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Severin) to hire Mark Brigham as the U14A Head Coach. Motion carried.

Boys Traveling – Mike Brodzinski reported that the A coaches have completed their interviews. **Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Thunstrom) that Brian Nastrom be named the head A Squirt coach. Motion carried. Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Slawson) that Timm Frischman be named the head A PeeWee coach. Motion carried. Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Slawson) that Jason Cucuros be named the head A Bantam coach. Motion carried.** The numbers of the levels and the numbers for the waive

ups were reviewed. A bit more time is needed to complete the registration process internally to have the exact numbers at each level. The waive ups will need to wait until we have a more definite count.

In-House Director – Tom Bloyer reports that we have about 115 mites currently registered including the U8 group. We have 30 new mites registered this year so far. Tom would like another sign up date for the Mites. The BYHA hockey info needs to get into the schools and then the final mite sign up date should be held.

ACE/Development Coordinator – Scott Ullan reported he is continuing to work with FHIT on a program that will work with our association. This will include putting a coach at the Fogerty Dryland facility to work with kids there.

Equipment Director – Gretchen Severin indicated she will continue to sell the breezers and shirts. She is still working on getting the bids for the tryout jerseys. She will check on how many little breezers we still have. She will be in the equipment room on Monday from 7 – 8. The vote taken at the registration regarding the separation of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws showed the separation was passed by a vote of 198 in favor of the separation and 15 against the separation. The Articles of Incorporation as separated was signed in preparation of submission to the state.

President – Todd Erne reported that the Golf Tournament would be cancelled if more teams do not sign up by Wednesday.

Old Business

- A. Ice Coordinator – **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Ullan) to give the assistant ice coordinator, Darin Johnson, 1 free skater this year. Motion carried.**
- B. Collections – **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Taylor) to use Advantage Collections for collecting BYHA outstanding ice bills. Motion carried.**

New Business

No new business presented.

Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Thunstrom) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.