

Blaine Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2008, 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena

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 7:00 pm.

Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Severin) to approve the October 20, 2008 agenda. Motion carried.

Open Forum: Comments from the membership indicated they appreciated the closed tryouts. The question was raised regarding the authority of the coaches. Do the coaches have the authority to sit a skater because of grades. BYHA does not have a policy regarding the grades the skaters must maintain. Mike Brodzinski will speak to the coach.

Non-Blaine hockey players that waive in to our association, do they have to play at a lower level? BYHA does not have a policy regarding level of play for waived players. A policy should be looked at so there is something in place before it becomes an issue. BYHA should look at using a common sweatsuit for all the levels of play. Mark Mortensen volunteered to help with forming an apparel/jersey committee. Gretchen will keep in touch with Mark on the jersey issue. We will need to look at new jerseys for next year.

Goalie Clinics – There are 3 companies we are interviewing and listening to proposals from regarding what programs they have to offer BYHA. Discussion went on regarding how best to develop the goalies. One suggestion is giving the teams the development money and letting them decide what they want to do for their goalies.

Coaches are now signed up with USA Hockey.

Secretary Report – Shannon Gilbert reviewed the Managers meeting that was held on 10/14/2008 at Fogerty.
Motion made (Severin) and seconded (Taylor) to approve the minutes from the 08/18/2008 and the 09/08/2008 meetings. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Chuck Taylor reported that the managers were given the \$100 in visa gift card form this year. All the bills are currently paid up and we have \$99,000 in the bank. \$15,000 of outstanding ice bills have been sent to collections. BYHA will not be releasing their names. The ice bills will be going out soon. BYHA is going to get 2-3 billings out for sure and will aim for more. All the ice bills have to be paid up by the end of January. If the ice bills aren't paid in full by the end of January, the skaters won't be allowed to skate at Districts. The bills not paid by June 1st this next year will go to collections at that time. Board members will call the parents with the overdue bills.

Vice President's Report – Brad Slawson reported that we have had numerous Ops meetings in preparation for the tryouts. The tryouts went smoothly and he has not heard any complaints. The goalie development issue will be discussed at the next ops meeting.

President's Report – Todd Erne reported that tryouts went well. The kids he talked to liked the closed tryouts. The final team declarations for District 10 were made this month.

Tasty Pizza is now closed and the renovations have began on Broadway Pizza. Broadway has signed the contract with us for charitable gambling. The approval of the T-Box by the Ham Lake City Council is being discussed at the City Council meeting tonight.

Fundraising – Julie Milligan and Denise Linderholm. Sales are down for the frozen food. There was only \$12,000 sold this year verses the \$17, 000 sold last year. There are 24 boxes of candy left from the 150 we ordered. They will come in next year at the June meeting to discuss the mandatory frozen food fundraiser so the Board has the opportunity to discuss and decide if it is something they want to do.

Volunteer – Shannon Gilbert indicated that the initiation skates have enough volunteers currently. Chris Vitek has volunteered for both photo nights to do security. There is still one volunteer needed for those photo nights at Blaine High School.

Registration – Amy Pigeon indicated that all the traveling teams have their rosters but one. Rachelle has the books together. The PeeWee A and Bantam A teams have an early sign off so they are ready for the tournament they are in. BYHA board thanked Amy Pigeon and Rachelle Jones for all their hard work. They are still gathering forms and birth certificates. Please be patient with them and cooperate with their requests.

Boys' Traveling – Mike Brodzinski reported that there will be a coaches meeting at FHIT soon so the coaches should watch for that announcement. He announced he had volunteers for all levels of the boys traveling program coordinators. **Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Slawson) to appoint Jamie Chester the squirt level coordinator, Stewart Poff the PeeWee level coordinator and Craig Voltin the Bantam level coordinator. Motion carried.**

He was pleased with how tryouts went this year. He wanted to thank the volunteers who helped make the tryouts a success. The only problem he encountered was the A Bantam scrimmage against Centennial as the Centennial parents were not happy about being closed out of watching the tryouts. He had some complaints about the jerseys. He complimented the evaluators.

Junior Gold/U16 registration will be after the high school tryouts. The registration will be done on the website. The information will be posted on the website.

11/13 the high school will be done. The U16/Junior gold have an early tournament so registration and tryouts will be done at the same time. The question was raised as to if there was going to be a U16 team or not. Registration has to be held and the numbers looked at before we can determine if there will be a enough skaters for a U16 team.

Girls' Traveling – Randy Thunstrom reported that the girls liked the closed tryouts. They had a tough tryout at the U12 level.

Inhouse Coordinator – Craig Stumo is handling the initiation skates. There are 165 kids skating and they are ½ way done. They are going to try for 14 or so on each team. There are 40-50 new kids this year which is down 15-20 from last year. A lot of new kids came to the late registration. We should get a flyer out to the schools earlier next year.

ACE/Development Coordinator – Scott Ullan reported that the HEP materials are coming out. Books will go to the coaches. They should test the skaters at the beginning of the season and again at the end of the seasons. We received an email from Spring Lake Park about going in with them on a wireless timing device. Scott is going to look into this further. He is still working with HealthEast on putting on a seminar on concussions at Schwans. The FHIT needs to be reviewed as there are more teams than we originally thought and we need to determine the number of sessions allowed to each team. Brian DeWees went over the FHIT program and what they have to offer. They have 9-12 staff on duty at all times. They have a specific area for goalies. The Fogerty Dryland Facility is still ours and FHIT will have a guy there too to help the coaches and the managers will schedule the time at Fogerty. Teams will get the same price as what BYHA gets if they want to buy more sessions on their own. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Brodzinski) to accept the FHIT contract for the 170 hours and a staff member at Fogerty. Motion carried.**

Equipment – Gretchen Severin. Jerseys have been distributed. There will be no changes to the jerseys because it was difficult to pull together another team of smaller jerseys for the third B2 Squirt team. Next year we will most likely need to replace the jerseys for the squirts and peewees. Most likely we won't need bantam jerseys. We have a lot of larger jerseys. She will send an email out to the coaches to see if they have any extra jerseys. The C level jerseys are different. Socks will be here before pictures. She will be ordering mite jerseys and the name on the back will be included in the jersey order. First Aid kits are ordered and water bottle holders too and they will be in – in about a week. Gretchen asked if people could check at home for any tryout or practice jerseys.

Charitable Gambling – Suzanne Slawson was at the Ham Lake City Council meeting this evening and they approved BYHA for charitable gambling at the T-Box bar. It will now take about 10 days for state approval. Broadway Pizza was approved by the state and they will be opening on 12/1/2008. BeBob receipts were down again. We made our \$9,646 quarterly payment to the City of Blaine. There have been several counterfeit \$100

dollar bills being circulated. There is a machine we could purchase to detect the counterfeit money. **Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Severin) to reimburse Suzanne Slawson for her gambling class. Motion carried. Motion made (Severin), seconded (Slawson) to approve the September 2008 Charitable Gambling Report. Motion carried. Motion made (Severin), Seconded (Slawson) to approve the November 2008 Charitable Gambling Expense Report. Motion carried.** The City of Blaine asked for \$500 to go toward their Halloween celebration. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Ullan) to donate the \$500 to the City of Blaine through the charitable gambling funds. Motion carried.**

Ice Scheduler – Bill Marshall and Darin Johnson. No game changes will be accepted now as the schedules are set. The Junior gold will be scheduled on 12/1/2008. The first week of December the schedules will be out for all the teams for the rest of the season. BYHA gave the ice that we got from Centennial at SR8 to Andover. We won't be billed for it. Tournaments are set. U14 lost another team. There are only 8 teams in that league now. C PeeWees have 18 to 24 games now.

Old Business

A. Website – Chuck Taylor went over the new website. He is proposing BYHA changes websites to this new one. **Motion made (Taylor), second (Brodzinski) to change websites to the new website we promo'd. Motion carried.**

New Business

No new business presented.

Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Thunstrom) to close the session. Motion carried. Meeting was closed at 8:28 pm.

Player level was discussed for a Mite level player who was not at the initiation skates. He will play at the C Mite level.

The BYHA weapons policy was discussed.

Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Severin) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.