

Blaine Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2010, 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena

Attendees: Todd Erne, Chuck Taylor, Shannon Gilbert, Gretchen Severin, Greg Broos, Scott Ullan, Mike Brodzinski, and Kraig Stumo.

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

Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Ullan) to approve the January 25, 2010 agenda. Motion carried.

Charitable Gambling: Suzanne Slawson reported that the month was decent but that there was no contribution as it is a 3 payroll month and they bought inventory at the end of the month. The wheel at Route 65 will start on 02/04/2010. The lease agreements are due at the end of February. From this point on they will be perpetual contracts. The only charitable gambling site that has not signed is BeBop so far. There is a 30 day escape clause in these perpetual contracts. **Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Brodzinski) to approve the December 2009 Charitable Gambling Report. Motion carried. Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Broos) to approve the February 2010 Charitable Gambling Expenses. Motion carried.**

Motion made (Ullan), seconded (Broos) to approve the December 25, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Shannon Gilbert reported that the second SKATE committee meeting will be held on 2/2/2010 at Fogerty to pull together the committees. The district 10 Tournament schedules have arrived and the volunteer needs will be out on the website shortly. There will be a lot of opportunity to volunteer.

Treasurer's Report – Chuck Taylor reported he is preparing the tournament billings for the traveling teams and they will go out shortly. He is then working on the Mite level billings. He has the past due list and that will be discussed in the closed session following this meeting. The ice is being billed at \$190.00 per hour.

Vice President's Report – Brad Slawson was not present.

President's Report – Todd Erne had no report. The District 10 President's meeting is scheduled for next Monday.

Open Forum – There was an issue brought up about the C-Mites having 2 hour practices. The parents are not happy with the length of the practices. Todd Erne reviewed what ice times we have available, weekday vs. weekend. The allocation of ice during the weekdays has decreased. We discussed the ice process for scheduling. There were 2 new people working with new programs so there were additional issues this year. It was suggested that the issues could be discussed with the parents in the future so they are aware and not complaining when it is out of the board and coordinators control.

Ice Scheduler – Darrin Johnson reported that the ice times have been given to Chuck to post for the rest of the season.

Tournament Coordinator – Kristi Huttenan reported she will be stepping down from the position next year so we will need someone to step up into that position. She wants to start planning the manual and back up for that time now. Gretchen Severin asked if Kristi could include all of the Girls' team tournament information in with the boys. Kristi will do that. Greg Broos asked if Kristi Huttenan could put together a listing of what tournaments require pre-pay amounts vs. allowing us to sign up and send in a check later. BYHA spent \$35,000 in prepaid tournament fees this year.

Registrar – Amy Pigeon indicated she will need the roster books back again this year. She will set a pick up date and let everyone know.

Girls' Traveling Director – Gretchen Severin reported that she has been working with Randy Thunstrom on the girls mentoring program. There has not been a ton of support from the HS team but he will try to find a couple of girls that will fit with the U10 at least. The U12A Girls team got some TV time when they were at the Duluth

Tournament. They are trying to get that put on the website. Chuck will help to get it on the streaming for the website. The U10 teams are doing really well as are the U14 girls.

Boys' Traveling Director – Mike Brodzinski reported that the boys mentoring program is going really well. The Skate with the Bengals has been a big hit too. The Squirts are skating out with the high school players for introductions. The A Bantams are doing really well.

In-house Director – Kraig Stumo reported the MITE skate with the Bengals has been going well too. They had 20 high school players and mites skating a practice and everyone had a great time. The girls' high school players did not show up. He will post some pictures on the website. The weather did not cooperate with the Hockey Day festivities that were planned but the fun had been moved to SR7. There is an A Mite skate coming up in the middle of the next HS boys' game and the B-Mites are skating with the Jr. Gold at their game.

Ace Coordinator – Scott Ullan reported that Jeanne Harper worked with him on the mentoring. FHIT's Chris Dion has 2 new flyers to post offering some different programs. Blaine Hockey Academy is being planned out. This year the academy will be Mites and U8. The numbers are looking great. The academy will be in April, May, August, and September. He is expecting 175 – 185 in the academy. FSN Youth night went well and there were a lot of kids that went to the game.

Equipment Director – Greg Broos reported he will coordinate with the managers for jersey collection this year. He will not accept the team jerseys unless they are all together. He will have the numbers for jersey replacement at the next meeting. We will have to replace some of the mite goalie equipment by next fall as well.

Amy Pigeon requested that if any kids got injured to report those kids to her too. She has all the USA Hockey Insurance information. She knows of at least 6 injuries this year. The USA Hockey insurance will pay for what your private insurance doesn't cover.

Motion made (Taylor), seconded (Severin) to close the session. Motion carried and the session was closed at 8:00 pm.

Outstanding ice bills were discussed. The bills must be paid in full by 02/15/2010 or the kids don't play in districts.

Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Ullan) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.