

Blaine Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2010, 7:30 pm, Fogerty Arena

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

Todd Erne called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Motion made (Severin), seconded (Broos) to approve the March 22, 2010 agenda. Motion carried.

Charitable Gambling: Suzanne Slawson reported that they contributed \$25,000 to BYHA. All the lease agreements have now been signed with our sites and the fees paid. The cash count audit has to be done on 03/31/2010 by 2 board members and turned in to Suzanne. The wheel at Route 65 opened on 02/04/2010. **Motion made (Severin), seconded (Ullan) to approve the February 2010 Charitable Gambling Report. Motion carried. Motion made (Severin), seconded (Slawson) to approve the March 2010 Charitable Gambling Expenses. Motion carried.**

Motion made (Severin), seconded (Ullan) to approve the February 15, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Shannon Gilbert reported that there would be a SKATE committee meeting will be held on 3/2/2010 at Fogerty. The SKATE program will be held on 03/23/2010 at the BHS Auditorium. Everything is coming along nicely. She presented the SKATE budget for review and approval by the board. **Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Severin) to approve the SKATE budget as presented. Motion carried.** Shannon also reviewed the volunteer progress and reviewed the opportunities still available before the end of the season deadline on 4/19/2010.

Treasurer's Report – Chuck Taylor reported he has not gotten the Inhouse billing out yet but that should bring in another \$28,000. He also reported that the Blaine Hockey Academy was in the negative last year. This means the Academy either has to decrease some ice or raise it's fees for this summer. Chuck also reviewed what the definition of a non-profit organization is

Vice President's Report – Brad Slawson read a letter from a Jr. Gold parent. The letter held some complaints about the goalie issues, why they paid an extra \$100, and the money or cost of the program overall. The suggestion was made that the costs be laid out next year so the parents know what they are paying for up front. Brad will check into what the extra \$100 was for in the registration fees. BYHA will also look into non-member tryout evaluators for next year. Brad also noted that Irondale will now be a part of District 10 hockey. Chuck Taylor reviewed the Jr. Gold program.

President's Report – Todd Erne reported that Sauk Rapids, St. Cloud, Becker-Big Lake will no longer be a part of District 10 this year and Irondale will be joining next year. There was also some discussion on the PeeWee split for the District bracket at the last meeting.

Open Forum – The question was raised as to why some girls are allowed to play on the boys teams. BYHA does not restrict the girls from playing with the boys teams. This policy can be reviewed for next season.

The question was raised as to why only the Jr. Gold A team were named the Ice Dogs and not the B team too. It was confirmed that BYHA had voted not to be a coop this season. The Jr. Gold teams are still BYHA teams.

It was suggested that the meeting agendas be put out before the meetings to let the membership know what will be discussed at each meeting.

Ice Scheduler – Darrin Johnson reported that the ice will be scheduled based on the District lists for practice times for the teams making the District tournaments.

Fundraising Coordinator – Julie Milligan reported that the last fundraiser made \$4500.

Registrar – Amy Pigeon reported that she is starting to collect the books from some of the teams that did not make district tournaments.

Girls' Traveling Director – Gretchen Severin reported that she has gotten to watch all of the girls' teams play this season. The U10 girls had great seasons as did the U12 girls. The U14A team is currently ranked 4th in the state. She is starting to look at the numbers for next year to see what BYHA will have for teams.

Boys' Traveling Director – Mike Brodzinski was not present.

In-house Director – Kraig Stumo reported that all the MITE teams are signed up for their respective Jamboree tournaments.

Ace Coordinator – Scott Ullan reported that he is working on the Academy. There will no longer be a Bantam or PeeWee program with the academy. He is working on setting the schedules for the Mite – Squirt levels.

Equipment Director – Greg Broos reported that BYHA needs to consider jersey replacement for this next season. There are many worn out jerseys at the Bantam and PeeWee levels. **Motion made (Broos), seconded (Gilbert) to purchase new traveling jerseys next year and to sell the used jerseys at \$30.00 per set to the kids this year. Motion carried.**

Old Business: None

New Business: The annual meeting will be held on 04/19/2010 at 7:00 pm. Some of the agenda items include: Jr. Gold Program, fundraising, volunteer hours and fees, payment structure for next season.

Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Severin) to close the session. Motion carried and the session was closed at 8:50 pm.

Outstanding ice bills were discussed. The plan was outlined for catching the families that have not paid their ice bills and district tournament play suspension.

Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Severin) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.