

**Blaine Youth Hockey Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 22, 2009, 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena**

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

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

**Motion made (Severin), seconded (Gilbert) to approve the June 22, 2009 agenda. Motion carried.**

**Charitable Gambling:** Amy Clochie reported that receipts are still down at all the sites. Broadway Pizza has been the hardest hit. BeBop is holding it's own right now as far in income. The new site in East Bethel's approval went through and they will open on 07/01/2009. They have hired the employees and will be training employees next week. The booth is almost done. Once they get settled in and running they are going to put in BINGO. The City of Blaine is looking for sponsorships for their Safety Camp. **Motion (Severin), seconded (Gilbert) to approve the May 2009 Charitable Gambling Report. Motion carried. Motion made (Severin), Seconded (Gilbert) to approve the July 2009 Charitable Gambling Expense Report. Motion carried.**

**Motion made (Severin), seconded (Broos) to approve the May18, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.**

**Secretary's Report:** Shannon Gilbert reported that the Blaine's Blazin' 4<sup>th</sup> Parade float has been cancelled as there were not enough volunteers to help with the float and to be around to go in the parade.

**Treasurer's Report** – Chuck Taylor reported that the accounts receivable are significantly down from last year. The accounts payable are also in line with the receivables and also down from where we were last year. The accounts not paid at this time will move to collections in July. We still owe \$39,370.70 to Fogerty and Schwan's for ice time. 116 collection letters went out and the outstanding balances were due in 7 days. Hardship cases will be discussed in closed session.

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

**President's Report** – Todd Erne reported that Chuck Taylor went to the District 10 meeting on his behalf. The district is doing some pre-planning and discussion on re-districting the area. They are also requesting associations pay attention to the cost of tournaments and the number each team is attending.

**Open Forum** – Troy Wolens spoke up on behalf of the Junior Gold teams. They have a spot in the Chicago tournament over 01/21/- 23/2010 but to actually sign up they have to have named coaches. Our association will be naming coaches at the next meeting. The Chicago Tournament costs \$1020. They need to send in the entry fee with the names of the coaches. District 10 approved the Junior Gold's trip to Chicago. They want to go to Moorhead also to a tournament. The Junior Gold also wants to sponsor a tournament in Blaine for 12 teams. Chuck Taylor indicated that District 10 is on board if Spring Lake Park and Blaine put together a separate association for the Junior Gold level so they can have bigger rosters and call them the wildcats or something different from either Bengals or Panthers.

Bill Marshall presented on behalf of Minnesota Special Hockey. He is requesting ice time for kids with developmental disabilities. They have 27 skaters and the association is run through Edina. They currently have 2 teams, the North Polars and the South Stingers. They have grown and are expecting 60 skaters so they are adding 2 more teams, the Woodbury Eagles and a team out of International Falls. They are requesting the 4:20 or 5:30 slots and are requesting we donate the ice time. The total amount in donated ice would be around \$2000 and if we could donate SR7 ice, that would be the best. The dates are all Sundays and there are 11 ice times total. **Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Severin) to donate the hours specified by Bill Marshall to Minnesota Special Hockey. Motion carried.**

**Sponsorship Coordinator** – Brad Thoreen reported that Dave's Sports shop wants to amend their contract for 4 years to have the start date beginning this year instead of last year as their sign was not put up and they did not get any advertising for their money. **Motion made (Taylor), seconded (Gilbert) to amend the contract for Dave's Sportshop to start this year instead of last year. Motion carried.** Brad Thoreen indicated the contract is not

well written and he would like to re-write the contract to make it more clear regarding the responsibilities of the signage. Letterman's needs ratification to become a sponsor. **Motion made (Severin), seconded (Broos) to approve the ratification of the contract for Letterman's. Motion carried.** Brad Thoreen indicated that the Super Rink has to know that BYHA has given Brad Thoreen the authority to review the sponsorship contract with the NSC. **Motion made (Severin), seconded (Taylor) to give Brad Thoreen authority to review the NSC Sponsorship contract. Motion carried.** Arrow sign has not paid their contract and their signage is still up at the SR7. **Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Broos) to remove all the Arrow Sign advertising from SR7. Motion carried.** Brad Thoreen has also had a difficult time locating a record of payment for American Pride. They share a sign with the Teamsters. Brad T. will check with Brad Slawson to find out what he knows regarding this sponsor. Kraig Stumo brought forward a fundraising opportunity with Chili's Restaurant. Brad Thoreen will look into this.

**Registrar** – Amy Pigeon went to MN Hockey meeting. There will be mandatory online registration again this year for all players and coaches. Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> you can register for MN Hockey. You must register for USA Hockey first and then with MN Hockey. In order to be on the ice at all, the member must be registered to USA and MN Hockey. Amy will put together an article to post on the website about the registration. This year the only person able to sign off on rosters is Carol Carlson. The individual districts cannot sign off on rosters any longer. If we need an early sign off or Jr. Gold sign off to be able to attend tournaments, it will be more difficult this year. 11/14/2009 is the traveling team roster sign off. The Duluth Tournament and the Hall of Fame Tournaments are early and will need early roster sign off. To register and for the rosters, members need all the same forms as last year. There will be no birth certificates in the roster books this year. We will need 2 registration dates for Traveling players, one later date for Mites and one for Junior Gold. The registration dates will be 08/18/2009 from 6-9 pm; 09/09/2009 from 6-9 pm. Tryouts will be done for the traveling teams by 10/04/2009. The Mite registration will be held on 10/06/2009 from 6-9. Amy requested the tournament schedules as soon as possible so she knows dates she needs.

Gretchen Severin indicated the girls' coaches are willing to set up their own tournaments and put the money in themselves in order to get into quality tournaments this year.

**Boys Traveling Director** – Mike Brodzinski was not present.

**Girls Traveling Director** – Gretchen Severin reported that the Tryouts are the same time line as they were last year but shifted one date. The U14's may need to have tryouts this year and the last Sunday there are 4 tryout dates that we may leave as optional dates if we need them. She has spoken to Kim Osbeck and LeAnn Beebe are scheduling the tournaments and the coaches will pay for the tournaments. BYHA will reimburse the coaches for the tournaments. She has one non-parent coaching application for U14. Don Hallaway wants to coach this year and Gretchen requested he put in an application for the position. Chuck Taylor handed out the information and passwords to the email for board members.

**In-house Director** – Kraig Stumo sent an email to Darrin regarding the ice he needs for the Mite initiation skates. He wants to schedule them for the same weekends as last year. He reports we should have about 130 returning mites. Last year we had about 50 new kids sign up and we should be on target with similar numbers this year. He will continue to follow up with Darrin on the ice.

**ACE/Development Director** – Scott Ullan reports that there are currently 106 registered in the Hockey Academy. In that number there are 9 new families. The fall Academy program does not have the numbers interested in the PeeWee and Bantam levels to hold those levels. Gretchen will check into the numbers interested on the Girls side and report back to Scott to see if they could use those ice hours. We can still give back the ice at this time. We could possibly run a 3 on 3 or 4 on 4 pond hockey times too. This would be for kids who want to practice.

**Equipment Director** – Greg Broos reported he went to Letterman's, Dave's and Hockey Central for bids on equipment. He will bring his recommendations to the Ops meeting for review by the board. He is figuring about \$50 - \$60 per jersey. He is getting bids on the reversible tryout jerseys too and figures those will be about \$20 per jersey. We will need to budget in for the kids to keep their practice jerseys at the end of the season. We do need the reversible jerseys for this year's tryouts. Todd talked about the door covers and the District Championship banners and we will put a hold on these items.

## **Old Business**

No old business presented.

**New Business**

No new business presented.

**Motion made (Severin), seconded (Taylor) to close the session. Motion carried.** The outstanding ice accounts were discussed and the hardship requests brought up.

**Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Severin) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.** Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.