

Blaine Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2009, 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena

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

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

Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Severin) to approve the July 20, 2009 agenda. Motion carried.

Charitable Gambling: Susanne Slawson reported that receipts are still down at all the sites. The new premises permits don't have to be renewed and there is no additional cap. The federal minimum wage is increasing to \$7.25 effective 7/24/2009. There will be a change in the monthly expenses with the addition of the East Bethel site. There is an increase of \$1000 in advertising. Soderquists is providing the meat for the East Bethel Route 65 Pub & Grub meat raffle. The sponsorship coordinator will speak to Soderquists about sponsorship and possibly supplying the meat for the other sites. **Motion (Severin), seconded (Slawson) to approve the June 2009 Charitable Gambling Report. Motion carried. Motion made (Severin), Seconded (Gilbert) to approve the August 2009 Charitable Gambling Expense Report. Motion carried.**

Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Taylor) to approve the June 20, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Shannon Gilbert requested attendees sign the attendance sheet.

Treasurer's Report – Chuck Taylor reported that there is \$10,000 in the checking account and we still owe \$25,200 in ice to Fogerty and Schwan's Rink. The outstanding ice bills have been sent to collections. Brad Slawson requested that a short notice be sent to those going to collections. The members will not be able to sign up skaters unless their accounts are paid in full. Discussion was that the ice bills would have to be paid in full for the season or the skater is taken off the roster before final roster sign off on 12/31/2009. The billing will go out in October as an estimate. There will be information at registration indicating how much to expect to pay for each level of play. There is still \$20,000 in outstanding ice bills and of that about \$10,000 will be collectible and \$10,000 will be bad debt. We need to add to the bad debt into the budget going forward. Online registration goes live on 08/15/2009.

Vice President's Report – Brad Slawson reported that an Ops meeting was held. BYHA had 7 pieces of exercise equipment donated to the organization: 3 treadmills, 2 elliptical machines, 2 recumbent bikes. The equipment is top of the line and we need to find room for them at the arena. The coaching interviews are done and the recommendations will be made tonight. The Route 65 Pub and Grub progress was discussed.

President's Report – Todd Erne reported that Tim Timm has \$1800 for the Jr. Gold group for the gate fees from the tournament they worked in April.

Open Forum – Tom Dreshar asked about hiring a staff person to run all the administrative tasks for BYHA. Things like tournaments, promotions, volunteers, etc. Todd and Brad met with Jamie Chester about running all the BYHA sponsored tournaments. He was asked to present an outline of the tournament planning next month. There needs to be more discussion on hiring a staff person. Schwan's rink will work with us on planning a tournament. This will be discussed at the next Ops meeting.

Darin Johnson asked about what his pay is supposed to be and we agreed that he was to be paid the same as the last year's scheduler. **Motion made (Severin), seconded (Broos) to pay the ice scheduler \$3000 per season. Motion carried.**

Tom Dreshar asked about tryouts and if the people who know the kids should be involved in the choosing of teams. There should be a group of coaches involved with the choosing. The coaches input in picking the teams were discussed. The placement of injured players during tryouts was discussed. The injured players who can't tryout would be placed at the same level as the year before.

Ice Scheduler – Darin Johnson indicated that we have a contract for the amount of ice at the Super Rink. We have the same hours as last year. He hasn't received any ice from any of the rinks yet.

Tournament Coordinator – Kristi Huttunan attended the meeting and wanted to know what the number of tournaments each team should have and how many in town vs. out of town. The breakdown is as follows:

Squirt, PeeWee, and Bantam:

C level – 2 in town; B2 level – 2 in town and 1 out of town; B1/A levels – 2 in town and 2 out of town;

Jr. Gold B – 1 in town and 1 out of town

The key tournaments are now adding Gate fees and discussion proceeded regarding if BYHA should still sign up for those tournaments or not. These are typically the better tournaments and it was decided that BYHA would continue to sign up for the better tournaments whether there is a gate fee or not.

Darin Johnson will get the tournament schedule from Kristi so he can schedule ice around the tournaments.

Girl's Traveling Director – Gretchen Severin reported that the girls' coaches recommendations are done.

Motion made (Severin), seconded (Gilbert) to place Rick Swanstrom as the head coach of the U14A team. Motion carried. Motion made (Severin), seconded (Broos) to place Dennis Osbeck as head coach of the U12A team. Motion carried. Motion made (Severin), seconded (Gilbert) to place Todd Wylie as the head coach of the U10A team. Motion carried. The preliminary numbers for the U14 team are that we have 24-26 age eligible girls but some are going to the high school team. Gretchen will try to meet with that group and get a more firm number. We will need to discuss if we should have a U14B team or waive some girls out. It depends on how many will be going to the high school. We will need to pull some of the U10 girls to the U12 level to fill in the U12B team. We have 18 age eligible U12 girls.

Boy's Traveling Director – Mike Brodzinski reported that the recommendations for coaches have been finalized.

Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Slawson) to place Troy Wolens as the Jr. Gold A head coach. Motion carried. Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Slawson) to place John Ketola as the Jr. Gold B head coach. Motion carried. Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Slawson) to place Tim Frischmann as the Bantam A head coach. Motion carried. Motion made (Brodzinski), seconded (Slawson) to place Todd Erne as the Squirt A head coach. Motion carried. A hold was placed on naming the PeeWee A head coach as there is some question as to the level of play of the candidates skaters. The coach will be named at tryouts.

In-house Director – Kraig Stumo reported that the pictures have been scheduled and will be held at the high school cafeteria as they have been in the past. The high school will not charge for this use. The traveling pictures will be taken on 10/26/2009 and the In-house and Jr. Gold will be taken on 12/08/2009. We went with Sports Star photography.

Ice will be given back for MEA weekend, photo night, and Thanksgiving night. Each team at each level will have a high school skater as a liaison.

Equipment Director – Greg Broos reported that the bids on the jerseys are in and we need to decide how many we need and how many we can afford. Socks will be ordered. He is also working on the Mite jerseys and what is needed. We will be using 5 gallon buckets instead of puck bags this year. You can get 2 for \$5 at Menards.

Old Business

No old business presented.

New Business

No new business presented.

Motion made (Severin), seconded (Taylor) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.