

**Blaine Youth Hockey Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 23, 2009, 7:00 pm, Fogerty Arena**

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

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

**Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Taylor) to approve the November 23, 2009 agenda. Motion carried.**

**Charitable Gambling:** Suzanne Slawson reported that the last month sales were good but we are struggling this month. Suzanne and Amy Klochie attended the Allied Charities convention. They took away some good information from the meetings. Suzanne met with Brunswick and they have indicated they would be willing to have a meat raffle in there but no pull tabs. Their corporate office won't allow pull tabs. The meat raffle alone is not worth the money it would cost to have an employee there and run a site. Suzanne brought up the year end bonuses for the employees. Last year the employees were given a choice between the Christmas party or a bonus and they took the bonus. Todd Erne requested Suzanne provide an outline of what was done last year and what her recommendations are for what is wanted this year. The expenses would increase as there would be the cost of the wheel at Route 65. **Motion made (Severin), seconded (Broos) to approve the October 2009 Charitable Gambling Report. Motion carried. Motion made (Severin), seconded (Broos) to approve the December 2009 Charitable Gambling Expenses. Motion carried.**

**Motion made (Broos), seconded (Taylor) to approve the October 19, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.**

**Secretary's Report:** Shannon Gilbert reported that the SKATE Program is tentatively scheduled for 03/23/2010 at the High School Auditorium. At this point, the person who had expressed an interest in the SKATE Coordinator position has not responded to any of my emails or calls. The position is still open. Shannon noted two motions that were done over the email. **Motion made (Broos), seconded (Ullan) to sell the exercise equipment that was donated to us for the best price we can get based on the investigation done by Greg Broos. Motion carried. Motion made (Ullan), seconded (Gilbert) to merge the Fogerty Dryland schedules for BYHA and SLPYHA and have the coaches schedule their time through Fogerty. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report** – Chuck Taylor reported the 11/09 billing is going out soon. \$30,000 was sent to collections. \$12,000 of the money sent to collections was new money owed. He will be getting a report from the collections agency. He has set up a separate checking account for the Junior Gold teams.

**Vice President's Report** – Brad Slawson reported that the final payment for sponsorship for the Teamsters has been paid. The Junior Gold tryouts began that Monday. There will be a Jr. Gold A and B team. There are 29 skaters and 3 goalies. The A Bantam coaches had approached him about their pay and they were under the impression when they took the job that the pay was going to be the same as the year before. The board agreed to review the approved pay and confirm for them what the pay is for those positions.

**President's Report** – Todd Erne reported that there was nothing new to report from District 10.

**Open Forum** – The Girls' High School Hockey team presented their request for donations. They are asking for \$2500 this year. Gretchen will speak with Randy Thunstrom about a mentorship program for the girls' teams.

Suzanne Slawson presented a request for sponsorship for a Miss Team program for one of the pull tabs employee's daughters. She goes to Anoka High School. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Severin) to donate \$200 to the Miss Teen Contest for the daughter of the pull tab worker. Motion carried.**

Jr. Gold was present and reported that their tournament is full for this year and that next year we should run 12 teams instead of 8 teams. We had to turn away 4 teams this year. There are 29 skaters at the Jr. Gold level with 3 goalies. 3 of the skaters are from other associations this year. District 10 wants us to coop at this level for next year. We would sign a 3 year contract to coop.

**Fundraising** – Julie Milligan reported that \$13,000 was made in fundraising this year with the frozen foods. 46 families participated in the fundraising. Of that \$13,000, \$5100 went back to the families. We can call for a membership vote on mandatory fundraising at the Annual meeting this next April. Julie submitted a form from Broadway Pizza for a one day BYHA day where we would get 10% of the profit back for the pizza sales that day. Chili's also has a similar program.

**Tournaments** – Kristi Huttenen reported that she is just getting the refunds wrapped up for the tournaments she had to back out of due to the level changes that were made. She will continue to update the board on the tournaments throughout the season.

**Girls' Traveling Director** – Gretchen Severin reported that all of the girls' teams have been worked out. The U14 team waived in 3 girls from Anoka. The U10B coop with Coon Rapids is also working at this time. The Mite numbers for girls are strong and Gretchen will be meeting with some of the girls' parents to work over some recruiting ideas including using the High School program.

**In-house Director** – Shannon Gilbert reported for Kraig Stumo.

We currently have 185 mites signed up, late registrations are trickling in still.

In-house pictures are scheduled for 12/8.

Manager/ coaches meeting 12/29 for in-house.

I have the A mites skate in between periods of the high school games scheduled for 1/9, 1/28, 2/4. I am still working on the Mite open skates with the high school team.

I am in the process of getting the mite teams registered for the jamborees. I will need a check made out to SLP youth hockey for \$5,450. I will also need a check made out to Sauk Rapids youth hockey for \$1300.

**ACE/Development Director** – Shannon Gilbert reported for Scott Ullan.

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GDI is going very good! The training sessions are very close to 100% + / - a few missing because of sickness, games and/or even the occasional deer hunting expeditions. From what I can tell between watching the GDI sessions and a few games so far this young season, our goalies are doing a great job at all levels. The goalies really like going to GDI.

Andy Berthuime our goalie coordinator is out and about visiting GDI sessions and a few BYHA practices and games. (Andy might be at this meeting with an update)...So I just wanted to say THANK YOU ANDY! If not, I think everything is going very good!

Dryland schedule has been posted on the Fogerty website as BYHA and SLPYHA have merged together to provide a better opportunity to our teams to utilize the dryland room. All teams in both associations (including Jr. Gold teams) can reserve date/time in advance and/or even when at the rink before or after practices and games. All the details are on the home page of byha.org.

HEP and ADM materials will be handed out to all in-house teams during the coaches and managers meeting on Sunday, November 29.

HEP - Hockey Education Program (MN & USA Hockey)

ADM - American Development Model (USA)

I have had my first email discussion with Jeanne Harper on the Boys

High School Hockey mentoring program. Should have this finalized after Thanksgiving holiday.

**Equipment Director** – Greg Broos reported that the jerseys for the Mites are ordered and due in by the end of the week. The Jr. Gold socks and equipment is in but he is waiting for the numbers to order the jerseys. There are only 5 jerseys left of the traveling sets. Jersey replacement needs to be discussed at one of the next Ops meetings. Kristi Huttenen suggested we sell the old jerseys to help pay for the new jerseys. Greg is going to check with Lettermen's regarding how much repair work they have done for us.

**Boys' Traveling Director** – Mike Brodzinski reported that all of the teams are playing now and he has not heard many complaints.

#### **Old Business**

No old business presented.

#### **New Business**

No new business presented.

**Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Gilbert) to close the session at 7:55 pm. Motion carried.**

**Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Severin) to donate \$2500 to the Girls' High School Hockey Team and if they go to state, we will donate another \$500.00 to the program. Motion carried.**

Coaches' fees were discussed and the amounts were confirmed as well as the hotel reimbursement policy for non-parent coaches.

Discussion of the donation to the Blaine Youth Basketball. A \$200 donation was requested and they will submit a form requesting the donation.

**Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Severin) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.