

**Blaine Youth Hockey Association**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**April 18, 2011, 7:00 pm, Teamster's Local 120 Building**

Gretchen Sever called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. All board members were in attendance.

Gretchen Severin welcomed the membership and thanked them for their attendance. She then introduced the Board of Directors. Gretchen thanked Brad Slawson for providing the location of the meeting.

**Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Gilbert) to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried.**

Suzanne Slawson reported on the status of Charitable Gambling. The contributions in March totaled \$110,000 and the annual contribution this year was \$334,000 to date. This is up \$92,950 from last year. Our sites include Ole Piper, BeBop, Broadway, Bamboo Bettys, Hydrant, and Wild Bills. We are looking to add Fatboys and Hunters Inn. Gretchen Severin asked members to help support our sites.

The 04/19/2010 Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Stumo) to approve the 04/19/2010 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.**

**Directors Reports:**

**President's report:** Gretchen discussed her duties as the President: Ops meetings, District 10 meetings. The numbers in our association are slightly down from last year but consistent with numbers across the district. The mite numbers have stayed strong and the girl's numbers have gone up. BYHA is competitive at all levels. She wants to focus on recruiting and retention. She congratulated the teams that went on to District, Regional, and State tournaments. There is more work to be done on the Jr. Gold level and a coop potentially within the district. We are going to try and expand to also have U19 and U16 teams in addition to the Jr. Gold A and B levels. We are current on our ice bills. Gretchen thanked Susanne Slawson for her work on our Charitable Gambling group.

District 10 – There are no longer any split leagues at Districts. There is going to be some expansion of the District Tournaments. She passed on the information on the USA Hockey rules change for checking and our feedback on that ruling.

**Vice President's report:** Brad reviewed his duties on the board. He does whatever Gretchen doesn't want to do. He holds the Hockey Operations meetings where issues are discussed and ideas are brought for any changes on our operation of the association. He held a coaches meeting to review scheduling, ice issues and then recommended changes to correct the problems. We have added another ice scheduler so there are 2 people on that job now. We are working on additional ideas on how to use our ice and what options we have for selling ice and where we would like to sell (ie NSC vs Fogerty).

**Treasurer's report:** Chuck gave an overview of the finances. The accounting and bookkeeping systems are up and running. Our accountants have what they need now to provide accurate reports required by the financial institutions we owe money, the state, and federal entities. We have an A standing with banks now. He has been working on creating a scholarship program. The ice estimates and budget is right on target for the June 1<sup>st</sup> date. He noted we need to have a name change on some of our forms so that we are consistently named in reporting and finances. Chuck reviewed the Profit and Loss report and noted we broke even this year.

**Secretary's report:** Shannon reviewed her duties on the board. She is responsible for accurate reporting of the meeting minutes and keeping historical records. She also handles many other aspects of the board: The managers meetings, tryout evaluations and tracking scores, volunteer organization and tracking, Scheduling of District, Regional and/or State Tournaments held at the end of the year at Fogerty Arena, and the SKATE Program.

**Boys' Traveling Director report:** Mike gave an overview of his duties and pointed out that the biggest part of his job is the tryouts. He also is responsible for coaches selection process with parent vs non parent coaches always a consideration. The closed tryouts have worked well for the last few years. He hopes to have the A level coaches selected by July. He requested everyone interested in coaching get their application in to him. He spoke to the thought behind BYHA's player waive up policy. He stated that other associations are jealous of our program and how we push to play for the future benefit. He thanked the coaches for their time and commitment to the association. He gave a congratulations to Brian Nastrom on his State Tournament play.

**Girls' Traveling Director report:** Tom Johann thanked the members on the board for helping him throughout the year. He thanked Gretchen Severin for her work with the Girls' program. He thanked the coaches for their time and dedication to the Girls' program.

**Inhouse Director report:** Kraig Stumo thanked the coaches for their time working with the mites. He had 14 teams this last season and 181 kids in the program. There are usually 175-185 kids on average during a season. The girls numbers were slightly up this year and the boys numbers slightly down so they balanced each other out. The Mites had some fun programs this year: Skate with the Bengals, Jamborees, mentorship. At this level the score is not important but the focus is on development and having fun. He requested everyone complete the coaches evaluations and turn them in for the board to use in future selections. Kraig volunteered to be on the Centennial Arena board to present BYHA's opinions on the running of the arena since we own 26% of that arena.

**ACE/Development Director report:** Scott reported on the rule change in checking by USA Hockey at the PW level. He discussed the CEP program and noted there are also changes in that program coming. He is working on meeting with the coaches who have volunteered to help with the Academy. He has worked on a mentor program with the boys and girls on the HS teams. He has gone back to Flexx coach for designing practice plans. He has also been working with Andy B. and GDI on goalie development for our association.

**Equipment Director report:** Greg reported he got a grant for free practice jerseys for our association. He got 600 free practice jerseys. We have replaced the traveling jerseys. He has gotten new Mite goalie equipment and is pushing for more equipment to be available to mite level kids. All the jerseys have been returned and none are missing.

**Old Business:**

- ❖ The name of the association will be brought before the membership at the registration time.

**New Business:**

- ❖ Nominations for members running for open board positions.
- ❖ Gretchen spoke to the duties and responsibilities of the board and the time commitment. She explained the election process for nomination, election and then placement of board members in their positions.
- ❖ **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Ullan) to open nominations. Motion carried and nominations were opened:**
  - Brad Slawson
  - Gretchen Severin
  - Chuck Taylor
  - Brad Meehan
  - Scott Ullan
  - Jamie Chester
  - Todd Erne
  - Ben Vold
  - Scott Bilben
  - Bryan Driste
  - Brian Bunes
  - Darren Johnson
- ❖ **Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Broos) to close nominations. Motion carried.**
- ❖ All candidates gave speeches in reverse order of nomination.
- ❖ Ballots were cast.

**Open Forum:** During open forum the votes were counted.

The new board members were announced: Chuck Taylor, Gretchen Severin, Brad Slawson, and Brad Meehan.

**Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Gilbert) to adjourn the Annual Meeting. Motion Carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.