

BYHA Monthly Board Meeting

June 20, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Fogerty Arena, Blaine, MN

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Gretchen Severin.

Board members present: Gretchen Severin, Chuck Taylor, Shannon Gilbert, Kraig Stumo, Greg Broos, Brad Meehan, Mike Brodzinski, and Tom Johann.

Motion made (Broos), seconded (Taylor) to approve this meeting's agenda. Motion carried.

Charitable Gambling Report: Amy Klochie reported that revenue was down slightly from April. Fatboy's has been struggling some since it opened last month. Wild Bills has been slowing down a bit too. They did put BINGO on the patio too. **Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Broos) to approve the May Charitable Gambling Report. The motion carried. Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Taylor) to approve the July Charitable Gambling Expense Report. Motion carried.**

Motion made (Broos), seconded (Taylor) to approve the May Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Shannon Gilbert had no report.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Taylor reviewed the current Balance Sheet. There is only about \$300 in payables currently. The Accounts Receivables are running about \$40,000. This is lower than last year but still higher than we would like to see them.

Vice President's Report: Brad Slawson was not present, no report.

President's Report: Gretchen Severin reported that USA Hockey approved the progressive checking change. MN Hockey did vote against this policy. 88% of the voting in USA Hockey were in favor of this change. We will be dealing with this in the upcoming season. In the 2012 – 2013 Season, MN Hockey is looking at the tournament organization and is moving toward an A and AA tournament division for the District tournaments. District 10 discussed a pilot program this season for the Bantam levels and the smaller associations are in favor of this division. The delayed offside's rule was passed for the Bantam, U14 level. The use of the orange puck was denied. There is still some discussion around using 3 officials at the Bantam/U14 level as well. The concern is the increased cost.

Gretchen received a request for a donation from the HS Lacrosse team. They requested \$2500 to put toward purchase of new equipment. **Motion made (Taylor), seconded (Broos) to donate \$500 to the Blaine High School Lacrosse Team. Motion carried.**

Gretchen received a request from the Stenstrom family for a donation to use at the Benefit for Tracy Stenstrom to be held on 07/24/2011 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Discussion on this tabled to Ops meeting and next board meeting.

Chuck has been doing all the bookkeeping tasks for the association during the billing and receipts of payments. Gretchen discussed this bookkeeping task is really outside the duties expected of the Treasurer. Payment of bookkeeping services to an outside service was considered. **Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Broos) to pay \$50.00 per hour for bookkeeping services provided by Chuck Taylor**

to the association. This would require a second signer on the check for payment of services and a review of the invoiced services and time by another board member. Motion carried.

The meeting with the Boys and Girls Blueline clubs is scheduled for 07/17/2011 to discuss the mentorship programs, skating between periods, and other ways the high school teams can be more involved in the BYHA program. There is also a meeting being scheduled with the HS coaching staff to ensure our association is teaching similar technique/play to our skaters to help with a transition to the HS game.

Open Forum:

Kurt was present from Acceleration North to discuss putting a treadmill in the dryland facility at Fogerty. He could get us a used machine for \$35,000 or so and then yearly maintenance would be about \$5000 for new slats. There would be a consultant on staff to aid in the use of the machine and that would be \$50 per hour or \$40,000 per year for consultant. Discussion on this was tabled until Jamie and Tom can get more information. Jamie Chester will continue to work on setting up a large tournament for BYHA.

Dennis Osbeck was present to discuss the putting together of a U19 team. There are 8-10 girls from Blaine interested. District 10 is open to this if it is run same as the U16/Jr. Gold program for the boys. If Champlin Park, Centennial, Elk River, and Andover approve of the program, District 10 will give us their full support. It would be run under the Ice Dogs name.

Registration dates for the in person registration are tentatively set for 08/16/2011 and 08/24/2011 from 6 – 9 pm at Fogerty Arena. Online registration will open around July 1 or shortly after the holiday. The registration fees will be kept the same: \$325 for Traveling and \$199 for Inhouse. **Motion made (Taylor), seconded (Gilbert) to keep the same registration rates as last season \$325 for Traveling and \$199 for Inhouse. Motion carried.**

Ice Scheduler: Gretchen Severin presented for Bill Marshall. The ice is just starting to come in from the arenas. The ice schedulers got a new computer. They are meeting with the arenas on 07/20/2001 to discuss ice allocation and billing.

Fundraising Coordinator: Julie Milligan and Joan Penn reported they placed the same order as last year for the candy bars. They have only 1 box left from last years order. There won't be mandatory fundraising this year but Clubs Choice will be available to members for fundraising to their own accounts.

Girls Traveling Director: Kraig Stumo reported that 2 candidates were interviewed for the U14 coaching position. He has 2 applications for U12 A and B positions. He would like to discuss placing ads for girls assistant coaches in Let's Play Hockey.

Boys Traveling Director: Mike Brodzinski reported that he has only a few applications for the PW level. There is some interest from Aaron Lewicki from Moundsview. **Motion made (Brodzinski), second (Gilbert) to name Brad Keogh as the head coach of the A Bantams. Motion carried.** Tryout dates are set and he will get those to Chuck to be posted on the website. He will discuss adding comments to the evaluations with the evaluation company for the tryouts this year.

Inhouse Director: Brad Meehan reports he is working on jerseys and getting 3 bids for jerseys. He is putting together a FAQ for new players and their families. All the elementary schools got flyers for the

academy and he will continue to hand them out. He is working on organizing a "Play Hockey for Free" day on 11/5/2011, Saturday. The registration has to be in by 07/01/2011. With this registration the kids get a jersey, goodie bags and printed information. We would need to provide 1 hour of ice, helmets, skates, gloves. He asked if we could borrow used skates from Hockey Central to use for this program. He will also check if Fogerty will allow bike helmets if there is no contact allowed. This program is for 4 – 9 year olds. He continues to look into the ADM model. He did get a letter from Elk River and they do their own program. They have it run into March. He would like to do something like this for the mites.

ACE/Development Director: Tom Johann reported he is trying to advertise for the academy. He is working with Jamie on a coach's clinic that would include the Chief Ref for the district to go over the changes in the rules for checking. There would also be an on ice training with Bjugstad. **Motion made (Johann), second (Broos) to spend up to \$1000 to organize a coaches clinic. Motion carried.** There was also discussion regarding a goalie and coaches clinic. Tom will discuss the clinic with GDI (Mitch) and also speak with him regarding Mite involvement. **Motion made (Meehan), second (Broos) to eliminate the Goalie Coordinator position this season. Motion carried.** He is also working with District 10 on the scheduling of the CEP training classes.

Equipment Director: Greg Broos reported that he is gearing up for this upcoming season. He is proposing we stay with the solid color socks. We have a couple of couple of boxes left over. He is also going to order some more jerseys in the larger sizes. We have extra sets in the smaller sizes and may have enough for the A Mites to use them during the season. He is thinking that at registration we could run something like an equipment donation requesting smaller equipment so maybe some of the new kids could try out hockey with little investment into the initial equipment. He also would like to discuss providing some of the younger kids with goalie equipment through the squirt level so they can use it through the summer too. He discussed limited tournaments this year to 3 per team; 2 in town and 1 out of town. Each team would be responsible for any other tournaments they wish to attend. The exception to this is the Bantam A/U14A and they would have 2 in town and 2 out and again coaches' discretion.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: No new business.

Motion made (Broos), seconded (Gilbert) to close the session. Motion carried, session closed at 8:40 pm.

Coaching interviews for the PW and U12 will be held on 07/06/2011. **Motion made (Stumo), seconded (Gilbert) to hire Rick Swanstrom as the U14A head coach. Motion carried.**

Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Broos) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.