

Blaine Youth Hockey Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2012, 7:00 pm, Teamster's Local 120 Building

Gretchen Sever called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 we currently have 7 Charitable Gambling sites. Ole Piper, Broadway, Wild Bills, Bamboo Betty's, Hydrant, BeBop, and Route 65. The March contribution was the largest ever at \$140,000. The bingo program is making a few changes to try and draw more people in to a couple of our sites. We have another new site coming on board, SRO in Oak Grove. The city has approved the site and we are waiting on the state to approve the site. Our compliance review went smoothly this year and we had no problems. Our fiscal year runs from 04/01 to 03/31. The total contribution for the last year was \$648,625. Last year's contribution was \$334,200. Gretchen Severin spoke about what a fabulous job Suzanne has done with our charitable gambling organization and our program shows it. Suzanne has done a great job recruiting, communicating, and asking for what is needed at the sites.

The 04/18/2011 Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed. **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Gilbert) to approve the 04/18/2011 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.**

Directors Reports:

President's report: Gretchen thanked Suzanne Slawson again and she thanked the membership for all their volunteer time and a special thanks to those who have put in extra hours for the district and state tournaments we hosted. She thanked James Argeros for all the time he put in at the state tournament announcing. Gretchen reviewed her duties as a president. She went over the D10 responsibilities. She discussed some of the issues that D10 has been discussing recently and requested our membership let her know if they have any suggestions to send on to D10 regarding these issues. The issues included: Bantam/PW A vs AA levels, playdowns for leagues with more than 16 teams at their level. Gretchen will take those suggestions to the D10 President's meetings which start on 05/07/2012. Gretchen gave an overview of the placement of the Blaine teams in post season tournament play: Jr. Gold A, B & U16 went to state and A placed 2nd in state, U16 placed 5th in state; U19 took 2nd in state this year; U14A took 3rd in state; U14B took 2nd in state; U12A Blue took 5th place in state.

Vice President's report: Brad reviewed his duties on the board. Brad discussed the volunteer policy and the fact that we need volunteers year round for hockey related activities. He reviewed our charitable gambling and how well we are doing in that aspect. Given all the money that has been coming in, one of the board's items of business is to figure out how to wisely use that money. There are 2 seats open for election this year, Equipment and Secretary. He thanked Mark Klaussen for the outstanding job Fogerty does at keeping fees down and running the arena.

Treasurer's report: Chuck gave an overview of the finances. He reported that our Profit and Loss worksheet is up on the website. Last year we were \$97,000 in the hole at the end of the year. This year we have a net income of \$453,500 and have cash in the bank. Charitable Gambling made up 59% of our income this year. July first we will start paying tournament fees. Last year we paid \$80,000 in tournament fees and we like to be able to pay up front so we can hold our spot in some of the better tournaments. The contracts require payment up front. D10 fees are due in Sept. and that is usually about \$30,000. Our financial goal this year is to build a cash buffer this year. We are current on our bills this year. Last year at this time we were \$90,000 out in outstanding ice bills.

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 scheduling and tracking, scheduling for the end of the year tournaments, and the SKATE Program. Shannon reviewed the SKATE Program and the duties related to that position. She indicated she has enjoyed her time on the board for the most part.

Boys' Traveling Director report: Mike gave an overview of his duties. Mike spoke about the Jr. Gold program and how he sees that continuing to grow within our association. He thanked all the coaches for the time they put into this program for the kids. He noted that the deadline for the coaches applications this year will be sometime in July. We had the most non-parent coaches this year than ever before and he will continue to attempt increasing the number in our association. Gretchen spoke to the number of teams D10 can send on to Regionals and D10 can only send 2 teams this year. Minnesota Hockey determines this number.

Girls' Traveling Director report: Kraig Stumo thanked all the coaches and then he ran through all the teams and how their seasons went. He thanked Kim and Dennis Osbeck for getting the U19 team up and running. Next season we should have higher numbers of girls if they all come back and we are hoping to not have to coop next season. The girls program had a pre-season kick off and went to the Gopher game. They had a lot of fun. They are looking at a goalie shortage this upcoming season. They have non-parent coaches for the U14 teams both A & B. The Centennial Arena Board indicated that BYHA cannot put a banner up in their arena because the school board shot them down. We will be in the Centennial ice arena for a long time to come unless they are willing to pay full price. This is not all bad because that sheet of ice is the Olympic size sheet. Gretchen thanked Kraig for attending the Arena Board meetings at Centennial and representing our interests there.

Inhouse Director report: Brad Meehan thanked the coaches for their time working with the mites. This was the first year he had implemented the ADM model at the Mite level. The in-house program had 1 A mite team, 2 B Mite teams, 4 C Mite teams, and 5 D Mite teams. In the upcoming season he will be trying to add a U6 team but that depends on the numbers. He is planning on continuing with the ADM program. Academy is going smoothly at the time. They have 136 registered kids. He thanked Brian Bunes for his help with the in-house program.

ACE/Development Director report: Tom Johann thanked all the coaches for their time and dedication to the hockey program. He is going to try and schedule the CEP classes earlier this year. Brandon Koontz is recruiting goalies for our program. Tom thanked Jamie Chester for his time and all his help over the season.

Equipment Director report: Greg Broos reported all the jerseys have been returned and he thanked the team managers. He has gotten more goalie equipment so he can have it available to try out. There have not been any other major purchases. He was able to get another USA Hockey grant and we got another 357 practice jerseys for free.

Gretchen indicated that USA Hockey was looking for feedback from the parents of PW aged skaters on the checking issue. She urged those parents to complete the survey they were going to get from USA Hockey and then let Gretchen know how you responded so she can support the opinions.

Old Business:

- ❖ There is an inconsistency in our association name and it is causing problems with varying state and financial agencies. We need to amend the name to Blaine Youth Hockey Association and make it uniform across all our financials and state and federal filings. Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Slawson) to change the legal name of the association in the Articles of Incorporation to Blaine Youth Hockey Association. Motion voted on by ballot by membership.
- ❖ John Markham spoke about the Golf Tournament and registration this year will be online through our website. You can print off the form and mail it in. They are trying to get a boat for the hole in one contest. They will know more in a week. Gretchen thanked the Golf Committee for all they work and she asked for volunteers to help with this event going forward.
- ❖ Mark Klaussen gave an update on the Curling Club and the restaurant. He also gave an update on the dryland room. It will cost them the same to run both the south rink and the curling club with the new cooling system as it did to just run the South rink on the old cooling system. They have picked up 5 new tournaments this spring. They have added 100 new parking spots and the water tower park has been cleaned up.

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 (Taylor) to open nominations. Motion carried and nominations were opened:**
 - Shannon Gilbert
 - Greg Broos
 - James Argeros
 - Brian Hauck

- ❖ **Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Taylor) 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: Shannon Gilbert and Greg Broos.

Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Gilbert) to adjourn the Annual Meeting. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.