

## **BYHA Annual Membership Meeting**

**April 22, 2013 at 7:00 pm**

**Blaine, MN**

Attendees: Gretchen Severin, Greg Broos, Jamie Chester, Kraig Stumo, Chuck Taylor, Brad Meehan, Shannon Gilbert, Mike Brodzinski, and Brad Slawson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Gretchen Severin.

**Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Slawson) to approve the April 22, 2013 meeting agenda. Motion carried.**

**Charitable Gambling Report:** Suzanne Slawson reported the donation for March is \$120,000. This is mainly a result of the unsold ticket refund we get. Charitable gambling has donated \$644,000 over the last year. It was announced that the Ole Piper is reopening on 04/24/2013. Gretchen Severin thanked Suzanne for her work and reminded the membership to go back and support Ole Piper again.

**Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Gilbert) to approve the April 2012 Annual Meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

**President's Report:** Gretchen Severin explained her duties as President. She announced that she has volunteered to host the D10 President's Meetings this year at Fogerty. She asked for input from the membership for any policy changes they would like to see at the District level. The issues being discussed will be the A vs AA levels at the Bantams and PeeWees and the Cross Ice games at the Mite level. MN Hockey is working on getting an exemption from this rule from USA Hockey. The comments made regarding these issues will go to MN Hockey. Gretchen thanked all the coordinators for their time and introduced them.

**Vice President's Report:** Brad Slawson explained his duties as Vice President. Oversight of the Operations Committee falls under those duties as well as tryouts and working as support to the President. He thanked the board members that were up for election. The One Hockey Tournament was talked about and that BYHA is still looking for a person to coordinate BYHA hosted tournaments.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Taylor reviewed the financials beginning with the cash reserve this year. He went over BYHA financial history since he came on board as the Treasurer. The Profit and Loss report is on the website (unaudited) as well as the balance sheet. We have \$458,000 in the bank. He explained that it was determined by the board that the Traveling Tournaments this year would be paid for by the Association and that is about \$85,000. The In house Jamborees were paid for by the Association too. We currently have the financial strength to pay our bills up front. 2012 – 2013 registration fees were also cut down because of our cash position.

**Secretary's Report:** Shannon Gilbert thanked Jenn Johnson for running the Volunteers this season. She thanked Jessica Villa for all her work on the SKATE Committee too. Team managers were thanked for

their time during this past season. She thanked the board members for their time and effort as well. Shannon reviewed the duties of Secretary for the membership.

**Traveling Boys Director:** Mike Brodzinski gave a brief history of the board and his position. He explained that tryouts are his biggest responsibility. He ran through the successes we had at the different traveling levels. He gave Kudos to the Junior Gold Program. Bantam AA and PW AA both went to Regions. Gretchen Severin also mentioned the success of the Ice Dogs and thanked the coaches that put in their time this year.

**Traveling Girls Director:** Kraig Stumo thanked the coaches and managers this year. He thanked Osbecks for their work with the U19 program. He thanked Kim Ganley for her work as the Girls Coordinator. He reviewed the girls successes: U14 A took 4<sup>th</sup> in the State, U14 B went to the State tournament, U12 A went to the Regional Tournament. Kraig spoke about growth and retention in the girls' program and noted that there are some holes at the U12 level and in the goalies. Kraig reported that he also attends the Centennial Board meeting to represent BYHA 26% ownership of that rink. They are not in as good a financial position as BYHA. They have many of the same issues as we do other than financially.

**In-house Director:** Brad Meehan thanked the in house coaches and managers for their time and commitment. He noted that the in house numbers have decreased slightly this year but some of that was a result of the Bengal Cubs program. Brad thanked the Cub coaches too and the Ice Dogs for coming out and skating with the Cubs. The Academy has 99 registered skaters this year. Those numbers are somewhat down too but they are competing with many AAA programs. He thinks the numbers will increase for the fall session. The coaches at the in house level used the American Development Model this year for practices and they were positive about that program. He is working to decrease the costs for the in house program next year. He thanked Brian Bunes for his help as the In house Coordinator this past season.

**ACE/Development Director:** Jamie Chester reported that he is supporting all the different levels of BYHA, Boys, Girls, inhouse, Jr. Gold, etc. He reviewed some of the development programs he has been working on as well as gave an update on the Dryland facility. He put together some clinics for teams over the season. He worked on the Blue Line Buddies and with skating with the HS during their games. He thanked Scott Ullan for his help during the last season.

**Equipment Director:** Greg Broos reviewed his duties. He is replacing the goalie equipment and will be checking that out this summer. He got a grant approved last spring for an additional 200 practice jerseys. He doesn't have any big purchases planned for the upcoming season. He thanked the coaches and managers for their time.

**Nominations: Motion made (Slawson), seconded (Gilbert) to open nominations. Motion carried.**

**Nominees:** Tom Crowley, Julie Sinner, Rob Schweiger, Mike Brodzinski, Brian Bunes, Kraig Stumo, Jamie Chester.

**Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Slawson) to close nominations. Motion carried.**

Speeches were given and voting took place. Shannon Gilbert, Nancy Manthis, Greg Broos, and Brad Slawson counted ballots.

**Open Forum:** Ken Kline from the HS Boosters thanked the association for their help over the season and confirmed he will continue to communicate with the Blue Liners. He thanked BYHA for the weight room and wants input from BYHA regarding anything we would like to see in the weight room for the younger kids. There was a question regarding the amount of ice time this season verses last season. Chuck explained that the estimated averages are based on a 3 year average. There was some concern in the amount of shared ice and a decrease in the amount of hours. John Markham reviewed the Jr. Gold program, camps for off season and their boot camp. He reviewed the golf tournament being held June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Majestic Oaks. Sign up will be emailed out. It is a scramble style tournament. \$55 for youth to play. Hole in one is a Lund Boat and there are par 4 prizes too. A question was raised on the goal tending and if goalies received any credit. Gretchen Severin explained the credit and some of the goalie programs we promote. There was discussion on goalie promotion and ideas on recruiting.

The newly elected board members were Kraig Stumo, Jamie Chester, and Brian Bunes.

**Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Taylor) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.