

## **BYHA Annual Membership Board Meeting**

**April 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm**

**Schwan's Center, Blaine, MN**

Attendance: Gretchen Severin, Greg Broos, Jamie Chester, Brad Meehan, Shannon Gilbert, Chuck Taylor, Kraig Stumo, Tom Crowley and Brian Bunes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Gretchen Severin.

**Motion made (Gilbert) and seconded (Broos) to approve the 04/21/2015 Annual Meeting Agenda. Motion carried.**

**Charitable Gambling Coordinator:** Suzanne Slawson reported that March contributions were \$80,000. Annual contributions for the year were \$790,000. The only changes for the year is we are pulling out of Bebops as of March 30<sup>th</sup> and starting at Bonfire beginning in May.

Chris Carroll, head coach of the boys high school team wanted to thank the board and the youth program for the work they do. He spoke about representing our hockey community and also talked about the STP program. Gretchen thanked Chris and the players Luke Noterman and Riley Tufte for the opening communication.

**Motion made (Stumo) Second (Taylor) to approve the annual meeting minutes from last year. Motion Carried.**

**Equipment Director:** Tom Crowley spoke about a lot of new goalie equipment going out and wanted to thank everyone for working with him.

**ACE and Development Director:** Brad Meehan spoke about his role. The Acceleration program had good results this year. He went through the results with everyone. He might be looking into some changes for next year. MEGA also was successful but they need more coach participation and input. Academy is ready to go from April through June and then August through October. There is a level 4 clinic the weekend of May 16<sup>th</sup> in Rochester.

**In-House Director:** Brian Bunes reported that the season went well. He thanked the coaches, mentors and team managers. The in-house numbers are up and we had a co-op at the U8 level with Spring Lake Park. The co-op was well received. The main focus at the mites is to grow our numbers. We are recruiting through schools and participate in the Blaine parade. We are also trying to keep the costs down. Vouchers were given out this year to help reduce the costs of hockey. Academy numbers are high again for the summer and there are a lot of non-Blaine kids participating. We are raising the price for non-Blaine kids to make more room for our kids.

**Boys Traveling Director:** Jamie Chester ran through the year end results for the boys standings. The boys had a great year. Advertising on the boards were done this year for pull tabs. Blueline buddies was a success again this year. This was the 7<sup>th</sup> year it was done. Summer Skills camp is set for this summer and there is still room to sign up. Jamie is already getting coaching applications in for next season.

**Girls Traveling Director:** Kraig Stumo reported that the girl's youth teams won 11 tournaments this year which was great for the girl's program. He thanked Connie Sullivan for setting up all the tournaments and thanked the coaches. We combined with Spring Lake Park this year. A survey went out at the end of the year and out of 65 responses, 56 were positive. He thanked Fred Hendrickson for all the help with tryouts and putting B teams together. Kraig has to attend Board meetings for the Centennial Arena. They are looking at new locker rooms as well as some other upgrades. We can get 26% of Centennials ice. No decision has been made yet on merging with Spring Lake Park next year but we are leaning that way. Next year the numbers indicate that we will have 2 U14 teams, 3 U12 teams and 2 U10 teams. We are still working on recruiting more girls into the program.

**Secretary:** Shannon Gilbert explained her role as overseeing the SKATE program, holding managers meetings and is heavily involved with tryouts. Shannon gave her farewell after serving 9 years on the board.

**Treasurer:** Chuck Taylor reported about charitable gambling and how we used that money. There was also \$39,000 filed in bad debt this year. Chuck also went over our profit and loss statement and explained where it is located on the website. We spent \$459,000 in ice this year, \$104,000 on tournaments and \$86,000 on training. Much of this used to be billed back to parents but now the association pays for it. Chuck would like to subsidize cubs and in-house next year to some extent. He would like to keep it under \$249 total for the season.

**Vice President:** Greg Broos spoke about changes in the program and thanked charitable gambling. Additional perks are now available to us where that wasn't the case in the past. He talked about this being a feeder program to the high school and we are already planning for next year.

**President:** Gretchen Severin explained her role and how she oversees BYHA. She is also a liaison between BYHA and District 10. She has been in this position for 5 years and has 2 left. She deals with complaints from all over and spoke a little bit about disciplinary hearings. Overall Blaine has a good relationship with District 10. Gretchen will be hosting the District 10 president's meetings this summer. She also thanked Suzanne Slawson for doing such a great job with charitable gambling. She asked that when signing your bills at our pull tab sites to say thanks from BYHA.

**Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Taylor) to open the nominations. Motion carried.**

Brian Hauck  
Erick Sutherland  
Fred Hendrickson  
Brent Messerschmidt

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

Speeches from the candidates were heard in reverse order. Fred Hendrickson, Brian Hauck and Erick Sutherland were elected to the board.

**Open Forum:** Discussion was held on how coaches are selected.

**Motion made (Gilbert), seconded (Broos) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.**