

BYHA Monthly Board Meeting

May 18, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Fogerty Arena Blaine, MN

Attendance: Jamie Chester, Kraig Stumo, Gretchen Severin, Brian Bunes, Fred Hendrickson, Eric Sutherland, Brian Hauck, Chuck Taylor and Suzanne Slawson (Charitable Gambling Manager)

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

Motion made (Stumo) second (Taylor) to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Charitable Gambling Report: Suzanne Slawson reported that our contribution was \$45,000. Bonfire opened on Wednesday and everything is set up and going good. **Motion made (Taylor) second (Stumo) to approve the March Charitable Gambling Report. Motion carried. Motion made (Taylor) second (Hauck) to approve the monthly expense report. Motion Carried.**

Secretary's Report: Fred Hendrickson indicated that there were two motions by email that passed during the month. Brad Meehan proposed purchasing junior hockey nets. The cost of the 4x4 nets are \$250 each and will be split between BYHA, SLP and Fogerty Arena. The total cost to BYHA is \$666.00.

Motion made (Meehan) second (Bunes) to purchase 8 junior nets. Motion carried. The second motion was by Jamie Chester who met with Troy McCrady and is interested in coaching our Peewee AA's.

Motion made (Chester) Second (Meehan) to hire Troy McCrady as the Peewee AA coach for the 2015/16 season. Motion carried

Motion made (Sutherland) Second (Stumo) to approve the April minutes with the addition of Suzanne Slawson in attendance. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Taylor indicated that it was a quiet month doing data entry and collecting payments.

Vice President's Report: Brian Hauck Talked about the operation's meeting held the previous night. We went over the ACE Coordinators recommendation for training, discussed the coaches already hired for the upcoming season, discussed what was going on with the girls program and also talked about Positive Coaching Alliance.

President's Report: Gretchen is hosting the District 10 President's meetings during the summer. The presidents have been discussing the current issues with girl's numbers and they will continue discussing this through the summer.

There has been a lot of conversation about the mites program and other programs such as Minnesota Made coming into the Super Rink. We are losing some of our higher level mites to these programs because they can play more full ice games than what is allowed under Minnesota Hockey and USA

Hockey. All mite directors are being invited to the next president's meeting in June for further discussion. They have also been talking about changes to the District 10 rules to help things run more smoothly. All recommendations go to the District 10 board for approval. District 10 does not meet during the summer months.

Finally, Gretchen has been in contact with Positive Coaching Alliance. This is a national program that is partnering with Minnesota Hockey on parent education. They talk to parents about how to be a positive role model to their kids, how to have positive communication with coaches and also offer education for parents who receive discipline during the season. Minnesota Hockey is offering a \$500 grant to any organization who partners with Positive Coaching Alliance for parent education. We discussed doing a three year contract with them for a minimum of three workshops per season. There would be a mandatory format with a primary focus on the Mites/Squirrels/U8/U10 age groups. The cost is \$2,300 per year however, there is a significant reduction in cost if we agree to a three year contract vs. one year at a time. **Motion made (Stumo) Second (Chester) to agree to a 3 year contract with Positive Coaching Alliance. Motion carried.**

Coordinators Reports: We need to approve Nancy Manthis as our registrar and Connie Sullivan as our tournament coordinator. **Motion made (Chester) Second (Stumo) to name Nancy our Registrar and Connie our Tournament coordinator. Motion carried.**

Girls Traveling Director's Report: Kraig discussed the survey results from the merger with Spring Lake Park. There were about 80 responses and only 6 or 7 responses were negative. The rest were very positive. Kraig doesn't see a reason we shouldn't continue the merger with Spring Lake Park. Kraig also met with St. Francis in regards to the co-op. We might be able to bring in a few girls to help fill out teams. They only have four skaters at U-8's, and 9 at U 10's. St. Francis might field a U12B team but have a couple girls that are A level skaters that may want to come over and tryout. Their U14's have a goalie and 5 or 6 girls at that level.

Roseau wants our U14 A's to come up there on November 20th so Kraig is working with them on possibly setting this up. Kraig and Gretchen also met with Dave Clark from the City of Blaine about our gambling rules. We are only allowed 4 pull tab sites in Blaine and we would like to be able to increase that number.

Boys Traveling Director's Report: Jamie reported that Brad Keogh was hired as the Bantam AA coach and Troy McCrady was hired as the Peewee AA coach. Jamie has not heard back from the A coaches yet.

In-House Director's Report: Brian noted that academy is in full swing. Brian will be attending the upcoming mite meeting with the D10 President's to discuss the mite issues. Brian and Kraig met with the July 4th Coordinator, Jill Kruger and she is working on putting this event together. Mini sticks and cinch sacks have come in. The kids have T-shirts to wear this year so the kids aren't so hot wearing jerseys. Kraig also noted that Brian, Fred, Erick and himself should try and get flyers into the schools before the year is out.

ACE Director's Report: Brad was not present but sent out a proposal to work with FHIT Hockey for the Bantam AA's and U14 A's. Training would be once a week for ten weeks at the Herb Brooks Training Center. This would replace participating in the Acceleration North Training Program and would be for skaters only. The cost would be \$3,600 for both teams to participate. The sessions would be on Monday's or Tuesday's for 90 minutes. This will be a pilot program and we can analyze the effectiveness at the end of the year to decide if we want to continue with FHIT in the future. **Motion made (Stumo) Second (Hendrickson) to approve the pilot for 1 year. Motion carried.**

Equipment Director's Report: Erick spent 8-10 hours in the equipment room cleaning and doing inventory. He met with Scott from Dave's Sports Shop to understand the process for getting equipment primarily for goalies. Erick also spoke with Letterman's about apparel and will be attending their open house in a couple weeks and report back to the board.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion made (Bunes) Second (Taylor) to close the session. Session closed at 7:28pm

Closed Session: Discussion was held on merging with Spring Lake Park for two years. **Motion made (Stumo) Second (Hendrickson) to continue our merger with Spring Lake Park for girls hockey for 2 years. Motion Carried.**

Motion made (Stumo) Second (Sutherland) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.