

## BYHA Monthly Board Meeting

June 22, 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 Kelly Olson (Charitable Gambling Manager Back-Up)

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

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

**Charitable Gambling Report:** Kelly reported that our contribution was \$20,000. Kelly reported that pull tabs at Bonfire is slow but we need to give it time so word gets out. **Motion made (Taylor) second (Meehan) to approve the March Charitable Gambling Report. Motion carried. Motion made (Chester) second (Stumo) to approve the monthly expense report. Motion Carried.**

**Acceleration North Presentation:** Curt Carbaugh introduced himself to the group and talked about a couple items happening this summer and fall. The on-ice program is running. A Spring session was held and the numbers are a little low but more kids should sign up for Fall. He also talked about new shooting technology called an SST machine. It is based on resistance from the tension put on the stick and forces kids to use their body. It has a computer hooked up to it and measures the force produced on the hockey stick. They have 2 of them side by side. They can capture the numbers and give kids instant feedback. Curt also encouraged us to use their facility this Fall.

**Secretary's Report: Motion made (Meehan) Second (Sutherland) to approve the May minutes. Motion carried.** Fred received most of the electronic templates from Shannon Gilbert for tryouts and managers meetings. He still needs a few more things from her but we have made the transition. Fred would like to clean out the mail boxes soon so they are ready for Fall.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Taylor indicated that it was a quiet month. He is doing data entry and collecting payments. In July Chuck will start looking at outstanding bills from families that have quit making payments and also turning on registration the day after the July board meeting.

Chuck indicated that Rob from Fogerty Arena came in talked about some assessments needed to do necessary repairs around Fogerty arena. We either need to make a donation to take care of the needed repairs or ice bills will go up. Between now and this Fall Fogerty Arena will need about \$40,000 to replace all the doors which have been in here for more than 30 years. **Motion made (Taylor) second (Chester) for the special assessment improvements not to exceed \$50,000. Motion Carried**

**Vice President's Report:** Brian Hauck said a group of board members got together and formed a retention group and discussed what we can do better to retain our Blaine kids and not lose them to other programs. Brian also talked to Brian Abraham who is the tier I girls hockey coordinator who is

looking for sponsorship of a Minnesota Youth Hockey Association to allow their tournament to come into the Super Rink and play a tournament over Thanksgiving. They are willing to give us \$1,000 and give all the girls in BYHA access to all the tournament events. There is no commitment for Blaine to work the tournament. **Motion made (Hauck) second (Stumo) to sponsor the tournament. Motion carried**

**President's Report:** Gretchen said the next D10 President's meeting is July 6<sup>th</sup>. A significant amount of time was spent talking about the mite program at the last President's meeting and what we can do to try and move away from USA Hockey with the mites. There are pros and cons to doing this so they are trying to gather information on what some other programs have done.

There is also a proposal from Andover to run a U14 program similar to the Ice Dog's program. There was no decision or agreement from D10 that would require U14's to play in such a co-op program. Associations can still run their own programs.

**Open Forum:** Todd Erne asked BYHA for a donation to Blaine High School Volleyball. Last year we donated \$2,500 to them and the money was used for replacing water fountains at Blaine High School. This year the request is for nets, volleyballs and other necessary equipment so it benefits everyone.

Chuck also mentioned that One Hockey is in need of a sponsorship this Fall for a tournament here and would like Blaine Hockey to affiliate with them for the tournament. The level of work is minimal and they would donate \$1,000 to BYHA. There are no volunteer requirements. There was discussion about the risks associated with signing on with other programs. **Motion made (Taylor) second Chester to sponsor the One Hockey Tournament in September as long as we don't have to provide workers or volunteers. Motion carried.**

#### **Coordinators Reports:**

**Ice Scheduler** Bill Marshall informed us that he just got all the ice from the Super Rink. Bill asked when our tryouts were so he could figure out Fall ice. Jamie will let Bill know his tryout schedule. Bill will be getting Fogerty Arena's ice in the next couple days. Bill also indicated that league play will start November 9<sup>th</sup> and ends February 6<sup>th</sup>. The first scheduling meeting is October 22<sup>nd</sup> for Bantams (AA, A, B1) Peewees and U12A's. October 24<sup>th</sup> will be the rest of the teams except U14's which will have their scheduling meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**SKATE:** Gretchen informed us that Shannon Gilbert is willing to help out with the SKATE Program for this next season.

**Registrar:** Nancy had nothing to report. She is still waiting for her program to be up and running which should be July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Fundraising:** Nothing to report

**Sponsorships:** Nothing to report

**Tournaments:** Chuck mentioned that Connie told him that she was going to start working on the boy's tournaments. Kraig also said there is someone at U10's willing to help Connie out with the U10 tournaments. Erick said he spoke with Connie about some tournaments not to sign up for again at the squirt level.

**Girls Traveling Director's Report:** Kraig Stumo said we lost a U12 goalie and coach. He has been working with Spring Lake Park and St. Francis to figure out numbers. We are short on goalies and that is our big issue right now.

**Boys Traveling Director's Report:** Jamie Chester has been interviewing coaches for this upcoming season and is hoping to have his top level coaches in place by next month.

**In-House Director's Report: ACE Director's Report:** Brian Bunes mentioned that academy is on break and that our Blaine Festival is coming up. There are about 20 kids signed up for the parade. He is also trying to work on tryout dates and Taste of Hockey.

**ACE Director:** Brad Meehan is trying to wrap up discussions with both Acceleration North and MEGA for this upcoming season. There is a level 4 coaching class coming up sometime in September down in Bloomington. This is on the D10 website. There will be another one in October somewhere in Northwest Minnesota.

**Equipment Director's Report:** Eric is continuing to reorganize the equipment room and checking inventory levels. Erick also had Letterman Sports talk with the Board at the operations meeting earlier in the night. They are offering us an online store for apparel. All the apparel will be determined by the Board and a small committee who will pick apparel and organize this for teams. We will try this for a year and see how it goes. Teams also have the option to choose their own apparel and not use the online store.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Motion made (Chester) Second (Taylor) to close the session.** Session closed at 7:47 pm

**Closed Session:**

**Motion made (Bunes) second (Taylor) to donate \$2,500 to Wild Bill's Guns and Hoses charity event. Motion carried.**

**Motion made (Chester) second (Bunes) to donate \$3,000 to Blaine Volleyball. Motion carried.**

**Motion made (Meehan) second (Hauck) to run a BYHA coaching ad in Let's Play Hockey. Motion Carried.**

**Motion made (Taylor) Second (Stumo) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.