

## **BYHA Monthly Board Meeting**

**August 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm**

**Fogerty Arena Blaine, MN**

Attendance: Jamie Chester, Gretchen Severin, Brian Bunes, Erick Sutherland, Chuck Taylor, Brad Meehan, Fred Hendrickson, Kraig Stumo and Kelli Olson (Assistant Charitable Gambling Manager)

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

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

**Charitable Gambling Report:** Kelly reported that contribution for last month was \$60,000. Bonfire is really slow so Suzanne is going to put an ad in the paper. **Motion made (Stumo) Second (Meehan) approve the Expenditure Report for September.**

**Secretary's Report: Motion made (Meehan) Second (Stumo) to approve the June minutes. Motion carried.** Fred mentioned that he cleaned out the mailboxes for the upcoming season. He noticed several Christmas cards from high school players to kids so managers apparently weren't checking their mail box. Fred will make sure he talks with the managers about checking these regularly for the upcoming season. Fred also cleaned up spreadsheets for the upcoming tryouts so those are ready to go. Fred is still waiting for chuck to show him how to get the minutes posted on the website. Minutes haven't been posted since last year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck is doing his first run of money overdue and setting up collections so those letters can go out. We have \$27,000 overdue and about a third of this is from the year before last. He is also working on getting dates set up for open house.

**Vice President's Report:** Brian was not present. Gretchen mentioned that Brian has been primarily working with Jamie getting coach interviews set up.

**President's Report:** Gretchen reported that she has been working with everyone to get ready for the upcoming season.

**Open Forum:** Chris Carroll, Amy Noterman and Wayne Fussy from the boy's high school program asked for a donation of \$25,000 for the program. Chris presented an outline of what the donation would go for and how the money would be allocated which included items such as locker room upkeep, equipment, team meals, video equipment etc... some of their fundraising options have changed. They are no longer having a golf tournament since it wasn't producing enough money. Wayne talked about new fundraising events this year such as a 4 wheeler raffle and a booster bash in September. He encouraged everyone to come out and support the high school team.

A question was asked about numbers for the upcoming season so we talked about how many teams we would have at each level but this was all speculative based on last year's numbers. Waive-ups are not in this year's projections. Discussion was held about how waive-ups work. The Board explained the waive-up process and we also discussed the difference between Blaine and Spring Lake Park on the girls side since they always allow grade appropriate girls to play up.

### **Coordinators Reports:**

**Ice Scheduler:** No report from Bill Marshall. Kraig said he spoke with Spring Lake Park and they are working on getting us some of their Fogerty ice to account for the Spring Lake Park girls playing in Blaine.

**SKATE:** No report

**Volunteer:** Fred said that volunteer hours will be the same this year. We are asking for a 5 hour commitment from families. He is starting to add opportunities to the website for tryouts.

**Registrar:** Nancy said she is waiting to hear about changes from District 10. People are registering for the upcoming season. The deadline to get everyone registered, background checks completed, and paperwork turned in will be October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Fundraising:** Andrea informed us that Sherry Jenkins will be taking over. We will be going with Pastry Puffins this year. They will be sending someone to the open house on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Sponsorships:** Nothing to report

**Tournaments:** Connie was not present but Aaron Krueger was and he scheduled several tournaments for the girls. Chuck mentioned that these tournaments need to be place-marked on the calendar so we know for scheduling purposes. Chuck will show Aaron how to do this.

**Girls Traveling Director's Report:** Kraig reported that we are looking at having a U19 team, 2 U14 teams, 3 U12 teams and 3 U10 teams. Kraig talked about us fielding 2 U14A teams instead of having a U14B team. The reason is because there are no other U14B teams in our district or even on the north side of the metro. St. Francis and Coon Rapids will be fielding U14A teams this year and those programs did not field a U14B or 12A program last year. We would rather have a U14B team but we would have to travel a long ways just to play other 14B teams. Last year our 14B team scrimmaged 10 U14A teams and went 500 against them. If we do this we will have a top U14A team vs. making to even teams.

Spring Lake Park is very short on high school numbers and they are trying to recruit many of our youth kids. We are concerned about this but SLP high school has decided they are merging with Coon Rapids for the upcoming season. This could possibly put our merger in jeopardy in the future. Pre-skates are also set up for September.

Kraig also talked about coaches interviews. He has some good non-parent coaches that applied. He also noted they he will hire the most qualified coach whether they are a parent or non-parent coach. He will not hire a coach based on the fact that they are a non-parent coach if they are not the most qualified.

The U19's have a new logo for their jerseys. They will be called the "Ice Cats." The logo looks really good and it is a spin-off of the "Ice-Dogs" which is our junior gold team. We also talked about jerseys for the girls and might put an SLP logo on the sleeve. We are not going to purchase new jerseys this year because the entire program is due for new jerseys next year.

**Boys Traveling Director's Report:** Jamie is trying to finish up interviews for coaches this week. He is hiring for Peewee A and Bantam A and then will focus on the other coaches. He also reiterated what Kraig said that he wants to hire the most qualified coach whether they are a parent or non-parent.

Pre-skates are set up. Chris Carroll is going to run them. He is going to be on the ice along with some of the AA and A coaches. They are going to focus on confidence since this is what kids are going to need going into tryouts. Chris is also going to take the kids into the HS locker room and do an off-ice session with them. Chris is also going to run "Taste of Hockey." Evaluators are also set for tryouts.

Jamie has been working hard on retention and trying to keep kids in Blaine. He is also trying to figure out high school and junior gold projections.

**In-House Director's Report:** Brian has initiation skates scheduled as well as "Taste of Hockey." Registration is open and Brian is putting flyers together to put into schools.

**ACE Director's Report:** Brad has everything together. He did contact "Let's Play Hockey" to make sure our subscription for boys and girls coaches is still good for the next year. We also talked about how there are too many kids in academy and need a different plan for next year.

**Equipment Director's Report:** Erick said the "Let's Play Hockey" equipment drive is going to start on August 31<sup>st</sup>. He has a call into him and we are going to donate a lot of old stuff sitting in the equipment room to the equipment drive. All the miscellaneous items like pucks, puck bags, first aid kits have been ordered. Breezer covers have been ordered. All traveling teams will get them this year and they will have the Blaine logo on them. We decided to order the Bauer breezers.

We will have an apparel store coming out on the website soon. There has been a committee formed to organize this. We will have a store through Letterman's and Dave's. Teams can use the store if they wish or they can go out on their own and order their own apparel. Nothing is mandatory.

Goalie gear has been organized. Everything used to be tracked on post cards so Erick moved everything over to a spreadsheet.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Motion made (Stumo) Second (Sutherland) to close the session.**

**Closed Session: Motion made (Stumo) second (Sutherland) to donate \$20,000 to the Blaine Boys High School Hockey Program and an addition \$2,500 if they make the state tournament.**

**Motion made (Bunes) second (Meehan) to close the session and adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.