

BYHA Monthly Board Meeting

September 21, 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 Suzanne Slawson, Charitable Gambling Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Gretchen Severin.

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

Charitable Gambling Report: Suzanne said the contributions for August was \$80,000. **Motion made (Stumo) Second (Taylor) to approve the August charitable gambling report. Motion carried. Motion made (Hendrickson) Second (Stumo) approve the expenditure report for October. Motion carried.**

Secretary's Report: **Motion made (Hauck) Second (Meehan) to approve the August minutes. Motion carried. Motion by email (Chester) Second (Meehan) to appoint John Lafata and Alex Becker as the Bantam A coaches and Rod Stickler as the PeeWee A coach for this season. Motion Carried.** The minutes have been posted on the website so we are caught up for the year.

Treasurer's Report: The first round of collection letters will be going out soon. There are 3 letters that go out. The first letter is a warning, the second is final warning and the third letter is notifying the person that the debt is being referred to collections.

Vice President's Report: Brian reported that we had two operations meetings this month to go over tryouts, waive-ups and evaluations. Traveling boys tournaments are all booked and paid for. Tryouts will be closed this year as in years past.

President's Report: Gretchen attended the District 10 meeting last week. They went through team declarations. These are initial and not final. Blaine declared the following:

Bantams : AA, A, B1, B2

PeeWees: AA, A, B1, B2

Squirts: A, 2 B1's, B2, C

U14's: 1 U14A team

U12's: A, 2 B

U10's: A, 2B

Junior Gold: A, B, 2 U16, U19.

It doesn't appear that there will be a U14B league for District 10 this year. A lot of discussion was also held about waiving in and out of associations. Gretchen talked about the waiver process for tryouts.

Open Forum: Someone mentioned it would be nice to see an announcement about Riley Tufte and Emily Brown for their accomplishments with USA Hockey this summer. The Board is currently working on sending something out.

Petition Requests: Jamie and Kraig read off all the petitioners and the parents spoke about why they feel their player should be moved up. Gretchen also mentioned the rules surrounded around waive-ups. There can only be a certain amount of waive-ups on a team so this has to be taken into consideration when picking teams after tryouts and it could result in a player being sent back to the level they were waiving up from. These waive-ups are conditional based on the outcomes of registration and tryouts.

Ice Scheduler: Bill said everything is ready to go. When we know what our teams, Bill will load the practices for them. The start of the season will be November 9th except for U14A and B which will be November 16th. Game scheduling will start October 22nd for AA and A bantam and PeeWees and U12A's. October 24th will be everyone else except U14's which will be November 4th and 5th. Mites will be November 11th. Everything will be at Coon Rapids.

SKATE: No report

Volunteer: There are several opportunities posted on the website for tryouts which are coming up a week from tonight. There seems to be a lot of people signing up. Fred also has a meeting scheduled with someone interested being our volunteer coordinator.

Registrar: Nancy wants to make sure "consent to treat" forms are being turned by everyone and also reminded us that "Safe Sport" needs to be completed every two years. If you are a coach or volunteer you need to register with USA Hockey and with BYHA. This needs to be completed by October 24th.

Fundraising: Gretchen mentioned there are some fundraising options. If you were here for the open-house, information was given out on the different opportunities for people to sell items to help reduce the cost of hockey for the season.

Tournaments: Tournament requests are slowing down since most teams have been signed up for tournaments. BYHA has spent approximately \$80,000 on tournament fees. This would not be able to be done without our charitable gambling sites. The money accrued benefits all of our teams.

Girls Traveling Director's Report: Kraig reported that January 2nd will be youth night for the girls where there will be a teddy bear toss. There are 28 U10's right now plus waive up's so we should have 3 teams. U12's have 29 registered so it's looking like 2 teams. U 14's have 17 skaters registered. When we started the U14 process there were 34 girls eligible to play so this shows you how tough it is to figure out this level when some girls go to high school and some decide not to play. Coon Rapids and St. Francis are fielding U14A teams and neither of them had U14B or U12A teams last year. We will not put more than 15 skaters on a team. Kraig is talking with other associations to see how they are looking and trying to get some girls to come here at this level. Rick Swanstrom is the only coach named so far and he will be the U14A coach. There is one other non-parent coach that offered to take either the 12A or 10A team. Kraig will not name the other coaches until their kids go through tryouts and see where those kids are at

after 2 tryouts before he starts making decisions. Tryouts are scheduled and out on the website. Non-parent coaches will be evaluating the tryouts.

Boys Traveling Director's Report: Jamie reported that we are wrapping everything up and ready for tryouts. We are working hard on retention and keeping kids in Blaine vs. club teams. The Bengal Bash was last Saturday. There was a good turnout and a lot of money was raised. We will have 4 bantam teams and 4 peewee teams. Squirts is still undecided but there may be 4 to 5 teams. Pre-skates are still going plus "Taste of Hockey." Our high school coach is running those sessions. Once waive-ups are done the pools will start coming out.

There was a thank you from a member to the boy's high school coaches and kids who are coming out and skating with these boys and making it a positive experience for the youth players.

In-House Director's Report: Academy is wrapping up. Brian needs to reschedule a few sessions since they conflict with tryouts. Cub registration is open and the mite initiation schedule is almost done. Taste of Hockey starts this week. This is an introduction to hockey for anyone who wants to come out and skate. Flyers were sent home with all the elementary kids in hopes to get a good turnout. Chris Carroll will be running it. We are looking into what will make mites more attractive and retaining kids instead of losing kids to club teams. There is also a supplemental league happening that we are looking into. These are not USA Hockey certified so we are trying to find a way to get our kids into this league as a part of being in the mite program in addition to the regular mite schedule.

ACE Director's Report: Brad reported that there was a level 4 coaching certification this past weekend in Bloomington. We had several coaches attend. The next one is November 14th and 15th. Those times and locations will be posted on our website. There will be a coaches meeting right after tryouts. We will be mandating that one coach on each team be designated as the goalie coach.

Motion made (Meehan) Second (Bunes) that the parent goalie coach who attends at least 6 of the 8 goalies sessions put on by Mega will receive their registration fee back. Motion carried.

Brad also commented on the A mite and U8 teams will get some sessions at Acceleration North as an introduction to dryland training.

Equipment Director's Report: Erick said everything is in stock and ready to go for the season. All traveling teams will receive breezer covers this year with the Blaine logo on them. A hockey apparel store will be coming out from Letterman's and be posted on the website. Dave's Sport's is putting a similar store together for the girl's teams with different logos to represent Blaine and Spring Lake Park. We are also donating a lot of old equipment to the Minnesota Wild Hockey Drive so if you have old equipment, you can bring it in and we will send it to them.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion made (Meehan) Second (Hauck) to close the session. Motion carried.

Closed Session: Motion made (Stumo) second (Hendrickson) to waive up U8's to U10's conditionally. Motion carried.

Motion made (Stumo) second (Hauck) to waive up U10's to U12's unconditionally. Motion carried.

Motion made (Chester) second (Hauck) to waive up Mites to Squirts conditionally. Motion carried.

Motion made (Chester) second (Meehan) to waive up Squirts to Peewees conditionally. Motion carried.

Motion made (Chester) second (Hauck) to waive up Peewees to Bantams conditionally. Motion carried.

Motion made (Meehan) second (Hauck) to close the session and adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35.