

**BYHA Monthly Board Meeting**

**December 21, 2015 7:00 pm**

**Fogerty Arena, Blaine, MN**

Attendance: Grethcen Severin, Brian Hauck, Fred Hendrickson, Jamie Chester, Brian Bunes, Brad Meehan, Kraig Stumo, Chuck Taylor

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

**Motion made (Stumo) and seconded (Taylor) to approve the 12/21/2015 Agenda. Motion carried.**

**Charitable Gambling Coordinator:** Suzanne Slawson reported the November contribution from Charitable Gambling was \$65,000. Suzanne reported that Wild Bills Bingo will start on January 7th.

**Motion made (Chester) and seconded (Hauck) to approve the November Charitable Gambling Report. Motion carried. Motion made (Hauck) and seconded (Taylor) to approve the proposed expense report for January. Motion carried.**

**Motion made (Meehan) and seconded (Hauck) to approve the November monthly board meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

**Secretary's Report:** No report

**Treasurer's Report:** All invoices are out finalizing collections. Nothing else to report.

**Vice President's Report:** Nothing to report.

**President's Report:** Gretchen attended the District 10 meeting. Invitational tournaments are now be handled by Colleen Donovan since Mark Asmundson is out. Major and match penalties are down.

**Open Forum:** Scott Oberg the Spring Lake Park Traveling Girls Director spoke on behalf of the Spring Lake Park Board for girls hockey. He said there is a lack of inclusiveness in terms of things off-ice. The message he wants to send from their board is that we need jerseys that represent both associations next year. Pictures that represent not just Blaine hockey and that Spring Lake Park be represented in tournament programs and that we just aren't listed as Blaine. We are doing a full jersey replacement next year and will consider this next year. We are also concerned that your high school merged with Coon Rapids. Scott mentioned that Spring Lake Park is willing to pay their fair share of the jerseys and since SLP represents 1/3 of the girls, they will pay for 1/3 of the jerseys. Scott also mentioned that he received complaints from parents about not buying apparel from certain sports shops and a team manager sending out an email for a vote on Blaine apparel when there were 4 SLP girls on the team. It was obvious how that vote turned out.

Scott also mentioned that he does not know what is going on with with the high school merger with Coon Rapids after next year. He did say that the merger with Blaine makes so much sense that they

would like to continue the merger long term. We noted that after the season we will discuss this much more but won't do much until this season is over. Scott asked what Blaine's perspective is on a long term agreement and we thought this is most likely what we should do given the poor numbers in girls hockey in both our associations. Kraig said he will start looking at projected numbers for next year.

It was also brought up where their boys program is at and if there is any chance they are talking about wanting to merge. Scott said that would not be in the near future.

Scott requested that we register our teams as Blaine/Spring Lake Park in the future. The Board asked that SLP help us out with scheduling tournaments since Blaine is doing the work right now.

Shannon Gilbert came and informed us that the youth night for the boys high school game against Centennial is January 14<sup>th</sup> and wondered if we were notified of it and asked that we send out a blast email to the teams and get two groups of mite teams to participate between periods. Shannon also requested a donation of \$500 for prizes to give out to the kids. We asked that Shannon turn in a form for a donation request.

A parent from the AA bantam team asked what the expectation is for goalies to attend MEGA goalie clinics. His son's commitment to the team was challenged by the coach because he was invited to participate in one of the individual sessions. This wasn't a conflict with a game or scrimmage but a practice. The Board clarified that we pay for this training and these sessions are a high priority and goalies are expected to attend the MEGA sessions.

**Ice Scheduler:** No Report

**SKATE Coordinator:** Fred reported that there was a SKATE meeting held on the 10th with all the coordinators. They will be looking for donations around town. The forms are updated on the website. Jessica also picked up some prizes on Black Friday.

**Registrar:** No report

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Lindsay reached out to the banner committee and they will be meeting after the first of the year. She wanted to clarify what the goal of this committee is. Fred said we are looking at the best way to display banners in Super Rink 7. The committee should get ideas from other rinks and bring back some recommendations to the Board.

Lindsay also wanted to verify that it was ok to start a Facebook page for BYHA. We confirmed this was ok to do.

**Fundraising:** No Report

**Tournaments:** No Report

**Girls' Traveling Director:** Kraig has been running the blue-line buddies with the high school team and that is going well. There is a "Skate with the Bengals" coming up on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Fogerty Arena.

**Boys' Traveling Director:** Jamie has dealt with a few complaints. He said he had a blue-line buddy become a blue-line buddy on the high school team so it was nice to see a kid come all the way through and return the favor to another kid.

**In-house Director:** Mite and Cub pictures are done. They had a "Skate with the Bengals", schedules are done and everything is running well.

**ACE Coordinator/Development Director:** All training is completed except goalie training. He is working with Nancy on some coaches that still need to be certified.

**Equipment Director:** No report

**Old Business:**

No Old Business noted.

**New Business:**

**Motion (Hendrickson) second (Hauck) to close the session. Motion carried.** Session closed at 8:02pm.

**Closed Session:** No motions made

**Motion Made (Hauck) second (Chester) to adjourn the meeting.** The meeting adjourned at 8:25.