

**BYHA Monthly Meeting  
February 20, 2017 at 7:00pm  
Fogerty Arena, Blaine MN**

Attendance: Gretchen Severin, Brian Hauck, Chuck Taylor, Jamie Chester, Fred Hendrickson, Brian Bunes, Erick Sutherland, Brett Quinn, and Nancy Burley

This meeting was called order at 7:00pm by Brian Hauck.

**Motion made (Chester) second (Burley) to approve the 2/20/16 meeting agenda. Motion carried.**

**Charitable Gambling Report:** Suzanne reported that the contributions for the month of January were \$50,000. The February Charitable Gambling Report will come during the next meeting. The board will need to cover pull-tab inventory on March 31<sup>st</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion made (Sutherland) second (Hendrickson) to approve the March proposed expenditures. Motion carried.**

**Secretary's Report:** Nancy reported that the annual meeting has been scheduled for April 17 at 7pm and booked at the National Sports Center Grand Hall. S.K.A.T.E. event will be held on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at Brunswick XL.

**Motion made (Chester) second (Quinn) to approve January meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck reported that the financials for FY15 have been completed and are posted the BYHA.org web site. We received our FY16 audit letter and everything is confirmed to be running properly. The only minor adjustment that was suggested is to flag end of year ice invoices to March 31<sup>st</sup>. He provided the board with a profit & loss report to review before our next Ops meeting to review budgeting for the next season. A handful of final submissions/collections letters were sent out.

**Vice President's Report:** No report

**President's Report:** Gretchen reported that USA Hockey is talking about making senseless changes that are not being well-received by the Associations and District 10, more information will be forthcoming over the next several months. We are focusing on teams moving into playoffs. The Junior Gold A team is doing very well, these levels in general are having a lot of success.

**Open Forum:** No report

**Ice Scheduler:** Bill reported that all open ice is posted to the Ice Store. Teams can check with him as they make Districts to allocate additional practice ice.

**SKATE Coordinator:** Jessica reported that we have a record number of players eligible to participate this year with over 270 players. The party will be held on March 24th at Brunswick XL again, t-shirts are in the works, and donations are still coming in. She will work with Nancy to get vendors paid accordingly.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** No report

**Registrar Coordinator:** No report

**Recruitment & Retention Coordinator:** Kraig reported that he is getting Blue Line Buddies pictures distributed. He attended the Centennial Arena board meeting last month and notes that they have a lot of large expenses coming up, including new roof, coolant system, Zamboni, boards, etc. They may

need to use the "Mighty Ducks" funds to pay for some of the Zamboni, the School Board will help with a lot of the expenses. They inquired what we would contribute, Kraig noted we'd do approximately 26% of what Centennial Youth Hockey pays. They mentioned wanting to buy out BYHA to which Kraig said they didn't seem in a position to do, nor is BYHA interested in giving up the ice we have there; a buyout would cost them \$300k per contract plus whatever we would contribute to their capital improvement expenses. The girls coaches will not be running the BHS STP program this year, per Jamie's suggestion he will check with Chris Carroll to see if he wants to take over running it during the days.

**Fundraising Coordinator:** No Report

**Sponsorship Coordinator:** No Report

**Tournament Coordinator:** No Report

**Girls Traveling Director:** Fred reported that the Girls HS team is going to State, playing on Thursday morning this week. There has been a large turn-out of younger girls at the games that is great to see. All teams are in District playoffs: 10B White won the season but lost both District games, 15A and 12B Blue are in the District Championship games, 12B White is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place game, all coming up on Sunday. 15B's do not have District Tournaments, but they will make Regions based on their season standings. He has a draft of the Blaine-Spring Lake Park girls co-op program contract that the board needs to review thoroughly in an off-site meeting.

**Boys Traveling Director:** Jamie reported that the following teams are in District Playoff contention: AA Bantams will play in the championship game, A & B1 Bantams are playing in the consolation semi-finals games, B2 Bantams, AA Peewees, A & B1 Squirts are playing in the championship semi-final games. Regional news: AA Bantams were the #1 seed and received their Regional berth, A and B1 Bantams have a chance at a spot to go to regions. He is wrapping up a few complaints that have recently come in and is working to get post-season information from coaches before the team surveys go out.

**In-House Director:** Brian reported that the boys Skate with the Bengals was a big success. The Cubs graduation ceremony was last weekend and a few of the High School players came to join the players on the ice. He is working with Erick to get Academy schedules and fees worked out, it is almost ready to send out.

**ACE Coordinator/Development Director:** Erick reported that he is wrapping up the seasons training for FHIT, MEGA and Acceleration. Waiting to hear back on the goalie coaches attendance to apply appropriate ice credits. Katie McDonough, a power skating coach with the Diane Ness Pro Edge school, worked with about a dozen Squirt & U10 teams to test how it was received and if it's something we want to move with for next year. He had a meeting with Gemini regarding the jerseys, they want to figure out how to make it right with a replacement material. In working on Summer Academy, he and Brian decided to cut down some hours in mid-June based on feedback from coaches last year. The Nick Bjugstad camp is confirmed to be back this year, the first week of August, fees are being discussed.

**Equipment Director:** Brett reported that he is sending out emails calling in equipment and jerseys, and will set up drop-off times.

**Old Business:** No old business to report

**New Business:** No new business to report

**Motion made (Hendrickson) second (Taylor) to close the session. Motion carried.** Session closed at 7:40pm.

**Closed Session** (opened at 7:50pm):

**Motion made via text on February 18 (Hauck) second (Chester) to make a donation of \$2,500 to the District 10 Boys 15U team to go to Nationals, this supersedes any prior amount. Motion carried.**

**Motion made (Hendrickson) second (Sutherland) to approve a \$2,500 donation to the Blaine Girls High School hockey team to help with State Tournament costs. Motion carried.**

**Motion made (Bunes) second (Quinn) to approve extending the equipment voucher program through the 2017-2018 season, at a variable cost of approximately \$125 per player. Motion carried.**

**Motion made (Bunes) second (Hauck) to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Session closed at 8:48pm.**