

Bemidji Youth Hockey Association Special Meeting  
November 4, 2008  
BCA  
8:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Tom Forseth, Jeff Lind, Jay Lehman, Rod Starkey, Gina Olson, Kris Hammitt, Tara Baker, Mike Gregg, Beth Black, Judy Mackenroth, Clint Bruestle, Dave Larson, Shannon Heifort, Jari Hanson

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**Visitors:**

Joe Bofferding, Kim Schulz, Mark Elliott, Hugh Welle

- President, Dave Larson, called meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

**A. 2007/2008 Audit**

- a. Hugh handed out the Regular Audit and Gambling Audit for the Board to review and discuss at the BYHA Board's next regular meeting. Hugh recommends that we segregate duties. Some recommendations were given and will be discussed at the next meeting.
- b. Hugh reviewed the information to the Board of the current audit.
- c. The filing date for the audit is November 15, 2008. We are now officially up-to-date with our audits for the Federal and State Tax return filings.
  - i. Motion to approve information being sent to the Attorney General's office by Mike, Second by Clint, no discussion, motion carried

**B. Coach Reinstatement**

- a. BCA and BYHA handouts discussed
- b. Due to an incident that occurred at the BCA in February 2007 Matt Copsiskey was suspended until September 2008 from coaching duties. At this time, Matt is now requesting that he be reinstated as a coach.
- c. Before Matt can be reinstated by District 16 it must be approved by the BYHA Board.
- d. Several lengthy discussions took place regarding this specific incident.
  - i. Motion to accept Matt to coach at the Mite 2 level with acceptance of passing the screening and will face disciplinary action with any further incidents by Clint.
  - ii. Discussions took place regarding board members who have contacted parents in their age group.
  - iii. New motion by Clint to accept Matt to coach at the Mite 2 level with acceptance of passing the screening and will face disciplinary action with any further incidents, Matt will be on probation for this current hockey season. The Board will meet at the end of the year to review and either dissolve his rights as a coach or allow Matt to continue coaching with BYHA at any level.
    1. With a vote of 11-3 the motion passes.

**C. HDC Player Movement – Informational only**

- a. 14U – One 12U will move to 14U due to lack of numbers at the 14U level
- b. New coach will be Matt Curry and Asst. Coach will be Carly Swenson

- c. A Pee Wee player will be moving to Bantams. After tryouts the assessment was made that this would not be a detriment to either level.
  - d. Current Bantam B coaching issue was discussed and will be further discussed with the HDC.
- D. Adjournment** – 9:36 pm; Motion to adjourn by Shannon, Second by Rod, motion carried