

Bemidji Youth Hockey Association Special Meeting

April 4, 2012

Bemidji Community Arena

Board Members Present: Tracy Pogue, Jill Andersen, Kevin Waldhausen, John Martens, Jana Norgaard, Mike Gregg

Board Members Absent: Cassie Maish

Age Group Reps Present: Brian & Lisa Schaefer-Mite 3, Nick Berg-Squirts, Jim Grimm-Peewees, & Steve Montgomery-Bantams.

Age Group Reps Absent: Amy Tobey-10U, Vance Corrington-Mite 1, Dan Conkle-Mite 2, Irene Folstrom-Mite 4, & Richard De La Hunt-12U

Other Visitors: Jeff Carr, Bryan Hammitt, Jim Fillipi, Bruce Hasbargen, Corey Rupp, Wayne Maish, Scott Andersen, Jeff Loewe, Mike Tatro, Erin Tatro, Steve Savard, Jason Meyer, Jim Marcotte

BCA Board Members: Hugh Welle, Tom Forseth, Clint Bruestle, Dale Thompson, Dan Dow

Meeting called to order by President at 6:03 p.m.

A. Administrative & Financial Matters

1. Approval of Miller McDonald as tax preparers

- a. Accepted Miller McDonald as our tax preparer for the current hockey season –this will be a budget item for next year's budget.
- b. Motion made by Jill A. to accept Miller McDonald as our tax preparer
- c. Second by Kevin W. Motion carried.

B. Presentation by the Bemidji Community Arena board

1. History of the BCA Board was presented. The BCA board was established 18 years ago in order to construct, fund, and consistently operate the rink. All money to construct the rink came from grants and private donations.
2. Tour of proposed next phase of construction was done by Clint. The layout of the proposed upstairs – concerns were brought up with regards to an area for kids to stick handle and shoot pucks.
3. Another concern was the playing of high school games and will need to coordinate with BYHA tournament schedules so the games do not conflict.
4. Capital Improvements Financial Summary was presented by Hugh Welle. (Attached Sheet)
5. This will be the final phase of this facility until the high school honors their commitment to complete a second sheet of ice.
6. The BCA board is requesting the support of the BYHA Board to increase our borrowings to \$480,000 with a corresponding increase in the annual payments over 7 years. This money to pay the loan will come from sign sales, Sanford Health Donation, PBIHT Contributions, Major Sponsors, and private donations.
7. Concerns were discussed in regards to a possibility of tournaments could be down due to restructuring of Minnesota Hockey which is a revenue source for BYHA.
8. Another concern was brought up with regards to using the money from the signs to pay for the building. It was suggested to have part of the money go for finishing the rink and part of the money to go for developing a better hockey program.
9. A motion was made by Kevin W. to accept the agreement as presented by the BCA board for the Capital Improvement of the BCA in the amount of a new bank loan for \$480,000 pending loan approval for a maximum of 7 years. Tracy Pogue will sign on behalf of the organization for the project and borrowing the new loan amount.
10. 2nd by Mike Gregg. 5 yes votes, 1 no vote. Motion passed/carried. Construction will begin as soon as possible.

C. Adjournment

Motion made by John M. to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Kevin W., motion passed/carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

D. Next Board Meeting

April 18, 2012 at Beltrami Electric at 5:00 p.m. Annual Meeting and Elections will be at 6pm.
Please attend and get involved in BYHA!