

## Meeting Minutes for BYHA

May 9, 2012

- I. **Gambling Report:** Julie Prince provide a report on the March gambling numbers. A full report is on file for review. A request was made for \$41, 150 to cover May expenses. The motion was made by Jim DiOrio and seconded by Ed Roethke. Motion approved. In addition the following items were discussed:
  - A. Since we are already have an established gambling program, our new CEO will not need to attend the gambling manager's class.
  - B. Julie Prince, Stephanie Kohnen, and Jim DiOrio will be authorized on the account at Klein Bank to sign gambling checks.
  - C. The \$1000 bingo pay-out is still available. The cover-all number has been at 58 for several weeks without a winner. A motion was made by Cindy Loch with a second by Jim DiOrio to increase the cover-all number to 59 next week. If there is no winner this Monday, there will be an announcement made that night so that all people are aware of the change.
  - D. There was discussion on pursuing other local venues for gambling; Norm's Wayside and River Inn could be possible future venues to pursue.
- II. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by president, Joe Prince, at 7:34 p.m.
- III. **President's Report:** Joe welcomed all new board members to their first meeting. He brought attention to the many open volunteer positions that are critical to the success of the program. He recommended that each board member take on a responsibility of overseeing these positions to ensure volunteer positions are filled and assist with training and back-up. Joe discussed the importance of each new board member understanding the monthly gambling reports and process. This process is started at 6:30 on the second Wednesday of each month, prior to the start of the board meeting. Joe discussed the possibility of BYHA hosting the bantam A state tournament. Doug Kephart will be finalizing the decision

in June. Joe brought attention to Eric Lindvall presenting to the board an in house summer coaching event along with Jason Fairman & Scott Goodmanson's proposal to have the JV locker room expanded with financial assistance from BYHA. We would potentially vote on both these proposals in today's meeting. Recognizing that this was the first meeting for many new board members and everyone's passion to be involved and participating in discussions, Joe brought attention for the need to keep communication focused on the topic at hand and keep side discussion to a minimum. This will help keep meetings organized and completed in a respectable time frame. This is not a criticism, just a reminder of how to help keep meetings productive.

**IV. Secretary's Report:** The April minutes were approved.

**V. Treasurer's Report:** (waiting for balance from Kris). The annual 2011 tax return is done and available to download and review.

- A. It was recommended that the city contract and agreements we have with them for the civic center should be obtained and reviewed. We currently make an annual payment of \$50,000 to the city of Buffalo.
- B. Unpaid ice bills: The current policy is that volunteer checks will be cashed to cover any delinquent accounts, even if the family has completed their volunteer hours. This will again be the policy for 2012-2013, but will be clearly outlined at the time of registration. In addition, any player moving up to a high school level of play, will not be allowed to try-out until their ice bill has been paid. Both boys and girls high school staff were present and in agreement with this policy.

**VI. Registration Report:** We may want to reconsider the registration dates for fall registration. If at least one of the dates was after the school year started, we could send information home in the school folders.

- A. Ten more sets of one goal equipment have been acquired
- B. Options for on-line payment format was proposed and discussed. **This will be tabled for**

**future discussion when more information is available.**

**VII. Tournament Report:** No report.

**VIII. GOAL Report:** This has been run by Stephanie Golden. No report.

**IX. Fundraising Report:**

- A. BYHA received a \$2000.00 donation from the Symantec Group. Dale Hartmann is an employee of Symantec. He submitted his coaching hours (80/2011, 95/2012) and his company reimbursed BYHA with a donation of \$1000 each year for his volunteer efforts. If any other coaches work for companies that offer this type of program, please contact them and submit your hours.
- B. Annual Golf Tournament: Blake Palmer will be the chairperson of the golf tournament this year. He discussed the option of changing the date and start time in an effort to improve attendance. He will contact WILD MARSH and **bring options to the next board meeting.**

**X. Equipment Report:**

- A. Joe Prince has already ordered 17 sets of jerseys that are available free for the mite program.
- B. It has already been approved that U10 and Squirts will receive new jerseys. Erik Poncius will make recommendations for the jersey selection.

**XI. Volunteer Report:** Volunteer positions for 2012-2013 are currently being updated and filled. Stephanie Kohnen is the volunteer coordinator, please contact her with any changes to current positions or if you have an interest in filling an existing opening. These positions do count towards your volunteer hours.

**XII. Metro Report:** No Report.

**XIII. Hockey Operations Report:** The board voted on the following positions for HOC: Shawn Oberg (president), Brett Wittenberg (Player Development Coordinator), Brian Lotthammer and Brad Rasmussen (U8 Coordinators); Motion to approve these positions by Joe Prince and second by Ed Roethke. Motion approved.

\*Discussion on clarifying term of squirt coordinator and a change in try-out process

HOC report by Shawn Oberg:

- A. Euro-American hockey numbers are down. If the numbers don't increase, age groups will need to be combined. Another communication letter will go out to parents reminding them to sign-up.
- B. A request for more information to be shared from the high school staff: nutrition, etc.
- C. A recommendation that dryland be scheduled more regularly and have more specific guidelines to follow.
- D. Ice Times and Lengths: Discussion on 75 and 90 minute practices, but fewer days. Questions that were brought up for future discussion included: "How do ice hours compare to previous years" and "How do our on ice hours compare to other programs in the area"
- E. Bantams and PeeWees will be moving to AA and A classification for regions and state. Refer to Minnesota State Hockey Association website for more details.

**XIV. Sponsor Report:** No report.

## **XV. Old Business:**

- A. Jason Fairman and Scott Goodmanson presented a drawing and proposed estimate to remodel the JV locker room. The estimate for the project is \$2100 and was provided by Mark Levine. The estimate would cover the cost of materials only. All of the work would be done by the players with Mark's supervision.

\*Discussion followed the presentation of the plan. The board questioned why this would be covered by BYHA instead of the hockey booster club. It was also noted that if we approve these improvements for the boys, that we may be approached by the girl's team for funds. The high school coaches were willing to commit to helping with skills clinics as needed and to encourage their players to serve as mentors with the youth teams. In general BYHA would like to see more of a partnership between the boosters and the high school programs. A motion was made by Stephanie Kohnen to approve the \$2100 in funds from BYHA for the remodeling of the JV locker room with a second by Kris Holthaus. Motion approved.

## **XVI. New Business:**

- A. Eric Lindvall presented two requests for the board to consider. His first request was for BYHA to pay for the ice time and pizza and refreshments for coaching sessions. There would be one session for the girls and one for the boy's youth coaching staff. The high school coaching staff would provide the instruction for the youth coaching staff. The second request by Eric was to approve funds to generate an ad in Let's Play Hockey. The ad is seeking any potential traveling coaches interesting in applying for a job with BYHA. The motion to approve funds for both of these requests was made by Jim DiOrio and seconded by Ed Roethke. Motion approved.

**Eric also asked for allocation of funds for reimbursement of non-parent coaches that would help cover travel expenses. This was tabled for future discussion.**

- B. Mark Fairman presented an overview of his summer program for Bantam and High School

players. The program is Sunday through Thursday night. It includes two ice sessions, two dryland sessions and one game each week. The goal is to provide players transitioning from a youth to high school level of hockey consistency of terminology, plays and expectations. There will also be a Summerfest tournament with 8 teams participating. Priority to play will be given first to players that participated in this summer program. There was also some discussion with Coach Fairman regarding his plans for practice times during the next season.

**XVII. Metro Report:** No report.

**XVIII. District 5 Report:** No report.

**XIX. Marketing Report:** No report.

**XX. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m. The motion to adjourn was by Dave Nylander and seconded by Stephanie Kohnen

**Present:** Julie Prince, Joe Prince, Stephanie Kohnen, Kris Holthaus, Sally O'Borsky, Blake Palmer, Erik Poncius, Eric Pederson, Dave Nylander, Ed, Roethke, Shawn Oberg, Eric Lindvall, Mark Fairman, Scott Goodmanson

