

Bemidji Youth Hockey Association

September Regular Meeting

September 18, 2013

Bemidji Community Arena (BCA)

Board Members Present: Jim Fillipi, Corey Rupp, Kirk Malkowski, John Martens, Bruce Hasbargen, Kevin Waldhausen

Board Members Absent: Jim Marcotte

Age Group Reps Present: Brian Schaefer – Recruiting, Janee Hill-Termite, Amy Riley-Mite, Michelle Elting-Squirts, Jeff Lind - Bantams Doug Biggin-Termite, Nick Berg-PeeWees, Leslie Gessner – Mite

Age Group Reps Absent: Anny Laituri-10U, Amy Tobey-12U, Mike & Liz Engum – Mite, Betsey Olson – Squirt

Other Visitors: Tracy Pogue/website coordinator, Neil Huewe/scheduler, Chris Justice - parent

BCA Board Members present: Tom Forsythe

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

A. Administrative & Financial Matters

1. *Approval of Previous July and August Meeting minutes*

- a. Approved by Kevin
- b. Seconded by Corey with no discussion and passed

2. *President's Report*

- a. District 16 meeting held a week ago.
 1. Squirt B district now held in Bemidji
 2. Refs now have to use half shields
 3. Progressive suspension penalties now incorporated
 4. MN Wild program sale opportunities will continue – more info to come for age group reps
- b. Bemidji Youth Baseball wanting to build hitting cage for winter. Possible use and discussions for BYHA puck shooting use.
- c. Meeting held with BHS to combine scheduling and direction for youth sport direction and visions.
- d. Thank you to Jim Fillipi for spearheading the Kick Off Banquet held last week.
- e. Lacrosse program possibly starting up program in Spring.

3. *Treasurer Report/BCA Finance committee*

- a. Financials sent to board for review

1. Motion made by Corey to approve finances as is and expenses for August. Seconded by Jim F. No discussion and motion passed.
- b. Review of checks written
- c. 85 teams have signed up for tournaments thus far
- d. 201 skaters registered thus far
- e. 109 October hockey registrants so far
 1. Difficult to say whether on budget or not this early in the process

4. Concessions

- a. Jim Fillipi coordinating concessions and planning for upcoming season
- b. Looking for a concession manager for 2014 season.
- c. Would like to open concessions for October hockey with limited menu.

5. Registration:

- a. Registration up and running
- b. Number of registrants (currently 201) up over last year
- c. Recreation hockey and Squirt In-house registration will begin shortly

6. Scheduling

- a. Work in progress/underway
- b. Be sure to download the NGIN app to your iphone or android phone to follow your kid's hockey schedule
- c. New software proposed and discussed for ice scheduling for \$420
 1. Motion made by Kevin to purchase scheduling software. Motion seconded by John. No discussion and motion passed.

7. Grievance

- a. None

8. Policy and Procedure

- a. None

B. Hockey Matters

1. EMT's

- a. Possible acceptance of EMT coordinator position.

2. Equipment

- a. RFQ's sent out for Squirt and Mite/Termite jerseys

- b. Thank you to coaches and age reps for taking great care of jerseys and storage.

3. *HDC*

- a. New coaches and coaching assistants ready to go for upcoming year
- b. Coaches meeting 10/3
- c. Proposal made to create an “ASPECT” sportsmanship award for each age group
 - 1. Tracy P made it known that MN Hockey has a similar program – SKATE
 - 2. Difficult to choose a skater for each team – maybe best recognition lies within team’s coaches
- d. Tentative team numbers: 3 squirt, 2 peewee and 3 bantams
- e. AA/A discussion: HDC has discussed and BYHA board received email from Jason Meyer regarding moving PWAA down to A. Nick Berg provided the BYHA board some talking points. Chris Justice brought up the point that BHS qualifies as an A school and being A could provide a much better opportunity for success. Everyone agreed that this is a valid and important discussion and needs to be further discussed. Tracy P made the point that BYHA originally started at AA is because BHS is AA – no other reason. The season’s schedule has already been received into our district with the best timing for a possible change made after the state HS hockey tourney. BYHA would have to petition MN Hockey to go down to single A. However, this ultimately needs to be decided by the HDC.
 - 1. Kevin made the point that “hockey-minded” people need to get together with a proposal and plan for the HDC consideration. Plan needs to be decided by May district meeting.
 - 2. Multiple discussion meetings to be held in upcoming months with voices wanted from outside the HDC.
- f. Next HDC meeting 9/23.

4. *Referee’s*

- a. Concern with number of referees for tournaments

5. *Tournaments*

- a. Looking for tourney director trainee
- b. Tourneys filling up!

6. *Other Hockey Items*

- a. Concussion tests will be implemented and further research and costs being discussed.
- b. White helmets being implemented this season.

c.

7. District 16 report

a. None

C. Marketing

1. Season Kick Start Banquet

a. Completed and went well. Thanks for all who helped.

2. Raffle tickets

a. Planning for the upcoming season.

3. DIBS

- a. New PWB tourney added with mites providing DIBS
- b. Termite/Mite DIBS education for first week of November

4. Website

a. Registration live and running.

5. Recruiting/Marketing

a. Girls weekend at the BCA 10/12

6. Pictures

a. Pictures on 11/11

7. Other Marketing items

a. None

D. BCA

1. BCA Board Meeting

- a. New rink LED lights installed in (over) rink
- b. BCA ice being turned on 9/22
- c. Painting begins on Monday/Tuesday with line painting on Wednesday – volunteers needed – especially Wednesday

2. Other BCA items

a. Exploring web cam/web streaming opportunities for BCA

E. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kevin motion second by Jim.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

F. Next Board Meeting

October 16, 2013

Please attend and get involved in BYHA!