

**BYHA Annual Membership Meeting**  
**When: April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 pm**  
**Where: National Sports Center – Grand Hall**

Attendance: Brad Keogh, Jeff Meister, Lindsay Axelrod, Jerry Anderson, Neal Verhulst, Jed Rohlf, Rick Japor, Chris Fore, and Shannon Schutte (See Exhibit A for list of additional attendees)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Jeff Meister.

**Motion made (Lindsay Axelrod) and second (Jerry Anderson) to approve the April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, Annual Meeting Agenda. Motion carried.**

**Charitable Gambling Manager:** Kelly reported that \$915,000 for the year. We still have our 4 sites, three with booths and one with a machine, all have BINGO, one has purse BINGO monthly, two that do meat raffles.

**Motion made (Chris Fore) second (Shannon Schutte) to approve the April 15th, 2024, annual meeting minutes. Motion Carried.**

**Equipment Director:** Jerry Anderson reported that we are due for a uniform update this year and we will be evaluating the photographer for the upcoming season. We had 116 equipment packages that go out to new players. Looking to update additional

**Hockey Director:** Rick Japor reported that we had the lowest amount of conflict at tryouts that we have ever had. This year football is going to a new league so there will be some challenges this year. We had 350 hours of player training and 150 hours of goalie training. The following trainers - Build Your Game, Hartzel Hockey, PEP (Loo and McMahon), Tradition Hockey, Hockey Lab, and Sean Skahan, and Katie, Tom, and Robert with power skating, thank you to you all! Looking to add on to pre-tryout camp and contact camps for next season. Thank you to the Board, Nancy and Neal, as he leaves the board.

**In-House Director:** Chris Fore reported that we were up 6 players in total from last year. The big jump was in girls we went from 59 to 70 girls this year, which is great for that program! Expanded the girl's culture by adding girls only teams and naming them after the WHL teams. Added reversible sublimated jerseys to A Mites which went over really well. Summer academy is open, we currently have 103 signed up, mostly at the cub and D mite level. We will see the A, B, and C's come back in the later summer/fall time frame. Goals for next year, add some on-ice training for the A's and B's, so that we can curb some bad habits and prepare players for traveling. Extend the sublimated jerseys to the B teams as well. Look to create a coaching committee to really articulate what players need to progress to C, then B, and A's. We always need more volunteers so if you have ideas, please let us know! We had 13 single team sponsors and 3 that sponsored more than one team. Bob did a great job and is helping us bring some of those on for our hosted tournaments. Thank you to Nicki Barry, Joe Pritzkow, and Denny Sanders. 20 head coaches, 45 assistance coaches, and 20 team managers. Thank you to Steve Miller for shadowing this year and taking over next year for our hosted tournaments. 16 teams in this year's tournament and we had great feedback on the program as we try to create an experience-based tournament that really got the teams excited to play. He is hoping to do a boy and a girl's tournaments next year in January of 2026. Thank you to Nancy and the Board.

**Boys Traveling Director:** Jed Rohlf reported that we played in 277 league games, and we won or tied 61% of the time and we had 94% of teams get their fair play points. Three teams went to regions - Bantam AA, Peewee AA, and Peewee B1. All teams went 1-2 in region play. We had 16 teams this past season and assume to stay at that for the upcoming season as well. Thank you to coaches, managers, parents, the board, and especially Nancy! Thank you also for completing the surveys as they play an important part in our ability to make needed changes to the

program.

**Girls Traveling Director:** Neal Verhulst reported that 5 teams for Blaine girls traveling, we had three 10U and two at 12U. We had 70 total players including those that played 15U's for Coon Rapids. The 15U made a run at regions and the three Blaine girls on that squad made an impact! Numbers are headed in the right direction for upcoming years! Hosted the first ever Blaine girls hockey day and it was a huge success! For next year there will be 3 or 4 10U teams and 2 or 3 12U teams and 15U's will continue to be an issue, so we will need to work with neighboring associations. Thank you to parents, coaches, managers, Nancy, Kathy, and the board. Also, big thank you to the high school players and coaches for all of your participation this season the girls love to see it!

**Secretary:** Lindsay Axelrod thank you to all the players and families, you made this year great! Thank you to our exiting board members. We had a busy but successful year and here are some of the highlights:

- We had 232 (up 11 over last year) unique parent volunteers and 198 (up 3 over last year) of those put in the time to receive their volunteer fee refund. This equated to 408 Dibs sessions being completed (up 5 over last year) and 50 that were left unclaimed (Down 10 from last year). Thank you, Amanda Hepsen for your partnership this season.
- Concussion training was a success this winter! Thank you, Steve Churchill, for your work on this. It is appreciated! We switched to an online program and had 42 players of the 140 over the age of 12 complete their baseline testing. This is 30% of players. It is important to remember, testing only needs to be completed every other year.
- Fundraising was a tremendous success this year for our families, who sold \$17,315 in sales (which is down less than \$800 over last year) which resulted in credits to our families of \$5486 and this is down a little from last year, but we did stop selling the Sheldon's items! Thank you to Cami Mertz for taking the lead on all of this, you did an excellent job for the program. I am hoping that Cami will come back for next season again!
- Bengal Aces was another win for BYHA. This year the kids got their goodie bags and a party at Bowlero! We had a good turnout of players and parents, and it was so good to see everyone out together again! Thank you, Christie Resop, and her team, for a job well done!
- Finally, Apparel, which was also a considerable success for BYHA this season. The association purchased about \$68,816 (up almost \$10k over last year) in items which resulted in a \$9039.63 credit back to BYHA. This was \$9442 more in sales than last year and 1268.20 more in our credit from last season, so we increased it a little bit over the previous year. Thank you to Ali Hasling for her hard work, hoping you would like to come back again next year!

**Treasurer:** Shannon Schutte reported: **Income:** As an association, our two primary sources of income are from our program registrations and general income. The primary source of our general income is from charitable gambling contributions which totaled \$915M in 24-25 which was \$35M less than the prior year. Other general income comes from our donations (which are passed on to our inhouse teams) and fundraising which reduces the cost of hockey for families that participate. Interest Income of \$103M was up about \$20M as a result of higher rates and balances. Registration income was down from the prior year as we had about 10 less skaters in the program. The decrease was primarily in the traveling program.

**Expenses:** Decreased revenue was offset by a decrease in expenses. Our donations were down primarily due to some Facilities donations during the 23-24 season which we did not have this year. Largest expense is ice at \$605M (which is \$100M greater than the prior season), followed by training (\$170M) and tournaments (\$164M). We had 2 less traveling teams this year, so tournament expense was down. Spent additional funds this year for hockey equipment and saw more equipment vouchers with new participations in Cubs and InHouse. Overall expenses were down about \$100M We continued our First Year Girls Free program for girls in their first season of winter hockey. Subsidy per player was almost identical to last years (\$834) vs \$847 vs. \$875. Really important to helping families offset the cost of hockey We maintained a net

position of \$257M, just \$8M below the prior year which allowed us to keep our reserve intact and maintain our working capital position. Our reserve is necessary to get us to registrations/tryouts as we are at the bottom of our cash cycle. Thank you to Assistant Treasurer Ron Leathers for help this year and with the transition. Thanks to all of the Board, coaches, members, trainers. These jobs are a lot of work and they commit a lot of time and energy Ron also worked very hard on collecting prior year delinquent balances - continue to work with collection process to get old receivables cleaned up. Worked hard to get mite sponsorship mite out earlier this year and were able to get it out a month earlier than last year and 3 months earlier than year prior.

**Vice President:** Brad Keogh wanted to thank all the board members for their hard work, especially Neal as he exits after 6 years. Thank you to coaches and managers, and players. Thank you to Nancy for keeping us all in check. Thank you to the high school programs for their participation. Shout out to Trevor for getting coach of the year. We need volunteers so help if you can!

**President:** Jeff Meister thank you all the board members for all their hard work. Thank you to Suzanne raising close to a \$1M over the past few years, thank you to Nancy and Kathy for all of their hard work. Thank you to Chuck and Tim for your great Junior Gold program. 46 roles were filled by people, and this list grows every year. 142 coaches and 39 managers, 23 student coaches and 23 student referees all of which are records. We do need more people to show up to make this program work! Thank you to both High School Programs and their booster clubs as we saw the most engagement in a while! The numbers are looking solid year after year, and we are doing a lot of work recruiting! We are hoping to have parent meetings for the upcoming seasons as we had a few more team issues than previous seasons and we want to make sure we are doing the work to make sure that everyone is on the same page. Financially we are one of the strongest programs around, we have a great team that is making sure that we are financially responsible! \$834 player subsidy is not generally published but this is a large number that most associations can't give their members. Working with D10 is heading in the right direction as they are actually listening to the district member presidents as they make changes to rules. Hot topics for the summer will be Mite full ice games, double suspensions for out of district games, and a few others.

**Announcement of Candidates Voted In via Online Measures:** Jed Rohlf, Jerry Anderson, and Jake Geisler have been elected to the board.

**BHS Girls Hockey Program:** Girls Head Coach Calla Ottman, second year coaching the girls high school program, but been with the high school program for 15 years. 10 new players to the program this year of the 34 players. Also, we have 8 seniors this year, so we have a good balance of new and old. Most wins this year since 2019-20 season, our goalie ended 4<sup>th</sup> in the state and ended 17<sup>th</sup> in the state. We were ranked third in sections and had a tough game, and it didn't run out the way we wanted this season. We had lots of engagement with the youth program with blue line buddies, girls' hockey day, and skate with the Bengals program!

**BHS Boys Hockey Program:** Head Coach, Trevor Frischmon – this year was extra tough, we had a great group of seniors and team, 17 wins this season which is up from only 6 last year. Ended 4<sup>th</sup> in the section. We return all 7 of our top point producers from this season for next year, so we are excited for the upcoming season. Thank you to the board members for all of your work and we will continue to help with the youth program and build the culture. This year we started a mentorship program where each player had a team that practiced some with the team and attended games as able. This was great for the youth and the high school players. Helped engage the youth in the high school team as well and helped as they played their games too!

**Jr. Gold:** Chuck Taylor reported that this is his 13<sup>th</sup> year with Junior Gold. This year there were over 1000 players in the state in the Junior Gold program. This year we had three teams; we were close to having 4 this past season and we expect to have four next year. One of the teams at 16UB made a run at state, losing to Moorehead, who ended up winning it all! Looking to pass it off to Tim next season, we may need to lean on the BYHA board for a little help

next season. Not all players make the team, but we do work to find every player a place to play. Goalies are usually the limiting factor!

**Open Forum:** Dave Perry from Build Your Game stated that he loved working with the mites this year and would love to work with teams at the higher levels as well!

Heather Caven stated that she wanted to thank Neal for his work and Jake for his help this season. Also, thank you to Jeff for all of your help. The booster club is working on Girls Hockey Day this year and she is looking forward to working with the new Girls director as we head towards the season. Thank you to the board for all that you do! Jerry Anderson as the goalie coordinator, stated that one of his big goals is to get some additional new goalie equipment to help outfit anyone that is looking to try being goalie. Hopefully, we can still drive players to be a goalie!

**Motion made (Lindsay Axelrod), seconded (Neal Verhulst) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm**

**Exhibit A - Attendees:  
IN-PERSON ATTENDEE:**

### BYHA Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Date: 4/21/2025

- 1 Kelli Olson
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### BYHA Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Date: 4/21/2025

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**ONLINE ATTENDEES:**

2. Participants				
Name	First Join	In-Meeting Duration	Email	Role
Jeff Meister	4/21/25, 6:41:59 PM	1h 40m 51s	<a href="mailto:president@byha.org">president@byha.org</a>	Organizer
Chris Fore	4/21/25, 6:45:15 PM	1h 37m 15s	<a href="mailto:inhousedirector@byha.org">inhousedirector@byha.org</a>	Organizer
Lindsay Axelrod	4/21/25, 6:55:32 PM	1h 27m 18s	<a href="mailto:secretary@byha.org">secretary@byha.org</a>	Organizer
Rick Japor	4/21/25,	1h 9m 45s	<a href="mailto:hockeydirector@byha.org">hockeydirector@byha.org</a>	Organizer

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Ken Manthis (External)	4/21/25, 6:41:47 PM	1h 25m 54s	<a href="mailto:Ken.Manthis@newbrightonmn.gov">Ken.Manthis@newbrightonmn.gov</a>	Attendee
Jennifer (Unverified)	4/21/25, 6:55:18 PM	8s		Attendee
Jennifer (Unverified)	4/21/25, 6:58:05 PM	1h 17m 29s		Attendee
Hoehn (Unverified)	4/21/25, 7:13:21 PM	1h 9m 2s		Attendee





