

BYHA Annual Membership Meeting
April 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Schwan's Center, Blaine, MN

Attendance: Steve Dahlk, Jamie Chester, Jeff Mesiter, Nancy Burley, Erick Sutherland, Brian Bunes, Brett Quinn, Erik Johnson, Sebastian Canevari

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Steve Dahlk.

Motion made (Sutherland) and second (Canevari) to approve the April 22, 2019 Annual Meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

Charitable Gambling Coordinator: Suzanne Slawson reported that we still have 4 gambling sites in Blaine: Ole Piper, Broadway Pizza, Wild Bill's and Clives, which was new this year. The annual contributions for the year were \$843,000, our highest to date.

Motion made (Sutherland) second (Meister) to approve the April 23, 2018 annual meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

Equipment Director: Sebastian Canevari reported he held several open houses for equipment returns and is looking to implement a more streamlined process next season. He called for people to return remaining equipment right away or fines will be charged to accounts.

ACE and Development Director: Erik Johnson expressed his gratitude to Tradition Hockey, Katie Moe for power skating, ProHybrid Goalie training, FHiT for InHouse, Acceleration North, and Nancy Manthis for all the behind-the-scenes work she does to help coaches be compliant.

In-House Director: Brett Quinn started off by expressing his appreciation to all who have helped him throughout his tenure on the board: Nancy Manthis for her organization and checks and balances, Kraig Stumo for the Taste of Hockey and energy he brings, Dave Arthur who secures sponsors for the InHouse teams, Toni Rinehart for all her support and behind-the-scenes work, Chris Carroll for the integration of the HS program into the younger kids, the fellow board members, all the coaches and managers. Brett will not be running for another term.

Boys Traveling Director: Brian Bunes expressed his appreciation to: the Coaches for their dedication, his Coordinator Zak Spaniol, HS student volunteers, parent volunteers, mentors, SKATE representatives. He gave a review of the Boys traveling program. While the record was not reflective of where they wanted to be, there were still a lot of successes; several conversations have been had throughout the season and continue to go on, to get BYHA where they want to be. There are higher numbers coming up in the next few years and he looks forward to seeing where this program goes.

Girls Traveling Director: Erick Sutherland thanked Brett, Brian and Jamie for the enormous amount of time they have dedicated to this program during their tenures. He reviewed the Girls program and how it differs to the boys program; for the first time ever we had non-parent coaches at all the A levels: Molly, Katie and Angel were these coaches. Randy Hansen, Emily, Kraig Stumo. Roughly 10 - 10A's

and 9 - 10 B's will return next season, the largest numbers seen in Erick's time with the association. U12 A's, over half the roster will be back to play again next year . . . the development was huge from start to finish with 50% of games won. U12B's made it through the Regional tournaments. U15 A's won the District 10 season and made it to the regional tournament. He is working on player projections for next year and

Secretary: Nancy Burley reported that her support duties for the board include: record keeping both internally and publicly to the web site; membership communications; tracking details during traveling tryouts; the Faces over Time program and the Jim Scheid Memorial College Scholarship program; overseeing the volunteer program led by Lindsay Axelrod, the SKATE program led by Jessica Villa, the Fundraising program led by Heather Stencel, all the traveling and InHouse managers in the Association and acts as support throughout the year. She was part of the new website initiation and administration. She thanked all the volunteers that have stepped up throughout the year.

Treasurer: Jeff Meister reported on his first year on the board. He expressed his gratitude to the mentors and outgoing. He recognized Suzanne and team for all the hard work they put into running the Charitable Gambling program, we saw an increase of \$100k over last year, which will be used to help pay down large projects like the: Fogerty Improvements, the Veterans Memorial Park in Blaine. Program budgeting started last year has greatly helped. Current cash is at \$483, which will bring us into the start of the new season and go toward booking tournaments.

Vice President: Jamie Chester gave a humorous review of how youth hockey has changed since his kids started playing, and in his 9 years serving on the board:

- Making A Mites the first year meant being on the lowest level of InHouse
- There was checking in Peewees
- Closed tryouts were implemented because individuals came with video cameras
- Teams were posted on Fogerty's door at midnight; parents drove to the rink to see results
- Rob Hall was the Assistant Manager at Fogerty
- Pete Carlson came to the board to pitch the idea to build the Super Rink
- Kraig Stumo was running Try-Hockey for free . . . and he still does
- Registration was handled in person and payment was cash & check only
- There was no web site until Chuck Taylor became Treasurer
- Amy Pijone was the Registrar before Nancy Manthis
- People whispered in the audience of who to vote for vs. texting each other
- There was no bar at Fogerty, parents had to drink in the parking lots during tryouts
- He was with BYHA before there were any Blaine Mr. Hockey's . . . now we have 3

President: Steve Dahlk thanked the exiting board members, and their collective 19 years of service leadership and dedication to BYHA, each Coordinators for their time, and Suzanne and her work with the Charitable Gambling sites. He stressed the importance of supporting our Charitable Gambling sites and how they support the BYHA program as well as others in the Blaine Community, including: BHSI boys and girls hockey, numerous other BHS programs, subsidizing new rubber mats at Happy Acres, and golf sponsorships. We are working to build a culture of inclusion in this association, 98% of our 478 families put in their volunteer hours to get their deposit back. The BHS Boys Hockey Tournament is Thursday, July 25th. He reviewed his role as president and as Blaine's District 10 Representative,

noting many rule changes, and helping create the adherence to those rules. Our success rate this year was very high. This year's year-end survey was an 80% return, giving great feedback to a few common themes that will be discussed in great deal on improvements to implement: Waive ups, how to best communicate new "rules", and training. BYHA buys over 2,100 hours of ice each season, and also pledges money to large rink improvement projects as a commitment to our neighborhood rinks. We are the largest association in District 10, larger than the 7 smallest associations combined, with 635 players in our program, including: 197 boys forming 15 teams, 94 girls (63 Blaine/31 SLP) forming 6 teams, 210 InHouse boys/girls forming 18 teams, 78 Cubs, and 56 Jr. Gold forming 3 teams (of which at least 23 were Blaine kids). The main goal is to ensure players are having fun, and developing.

Steve reviewed the Board election steps and process and read the By-Laws about who is eligible to vote and be elected.

Motion made (Burley), second (Sutherland) to open the nominations. Motion carried.

Nominations made for: Dave Lyons, Kirsten Erie, Jed Rolf, Neal Verhulst, Nick Jacoby, and Jason Kacures.

Motion made (Burley), seconded (Sutherland) to close nominations. Motion carried.

Speeches from the candidates were heard in reverse order of nominations.

BHS Boys Hockey Program: Head Coach, Chris Carroll expressed his appreciation for the board members, the community, the players and parents; the countless hours and Carson Richls and Cole Hansen, next years captains, were also present.

Jr. Gold: Chuck Taylor reported that the Ice Dogs has been present for 9 years. It is a co-op partnership that carried 56 players and 3 teams this year (U18 A, U18 B, and U16), it is a place to play high-level hockey, a home outside of playing HS. He expects to see 4 teams again in the near future, to keep this program strong.

Open Forum: Discussions were had about the improvements that will be made to Fogerty, including North Rink refrigeration and planning for a potential 3rd sheet of ice, to be started in the summer of 2021. Kraig Stumo spoke to questions about the changes being made to the Centennial rink, including many structural changes, both internal and external; BYHA has 26% ownership in this rink and we do support this (aggressive timeline to finish the project by December 31, 2019). We are looking into how to accomodate for the loss of ice at the beginning of the season, like: 30-60-30 ice sessions, etc. Erick Sutherland talked about the possibility of a One-Day Skills Clinic on August 1st with Nick Bjugstad & friends to come in and spend time with the younger players on up through Peewee/U12 levels. Discussion about the overlap of tryout icetime with early tournaments.

Jed Rohlf, Jason Kacures, Neal Verhulst were elected to the board.

Motion made (Chester), seconded (Bunes) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.