

BYHA Annual Membership Board Meeting
April 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Schwan's Center, Blaine, MN

Attendance: Gretchen Severin, Brian Hauck, Chuck Taylor, Fred Hendrickson, Jamie Chester, Kraig Stumo, Brad Meehan, Brian Bunes, and Erick Sutherland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Gretchen Severin.

Motion made (Hendrickson) and second (Hauck) to approve the April 17, 2017 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 Bonfire. We received a five-star rating from the State of Minnesota because we give more than 50% of lawful expenditures, actual donations of 74.4%. The annual contributions for the year were \$810,000.

Motion made (Hauck) second (Taylor) to approve the April 18, 2016 annual meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

Equipment Director: Brett Quinn reported that goalie interests are up and we will continue to invest in goalie equipment to fit the growing needs of the Association.

ACE and Development Director: Erick Sutherland reported that he has worked diligently to ensure our 150+ coaches in the association have their certifications and paperwork in order and feel supported. He worked to schedule and coordinate the following training sessions during this season: 126 at Acceleration; 20 on-ice and 20 off-ice FHiT; 24 on-ice and 202 off-ice with MEGA. There are currently 140 Summer Academy players registered and 80+ players registered for our Summer Skills traveling program. Nick Bjugstad camp was a big success last summer with 98 kids attending during the week and 64 Mites during the one-hour session; Nick will be holding the camp again this summer. The Association made a \$5,000 donation to Feed My Starving Children in lieu of payment to Nick.

In-House Director: Brian Bunes started off by thanking the coaching staff, managers, youth referees and team mentors. We added a U8 Futures program to allow the girls to play together at a younger age, it helps with recruitment and retention of girls in the program. The A Mites and U8's took part in Acceleration again this year; A & B Mites were also registered in a supplemental hockey league to give more opportunities at full-ice games in preparation for moving into Squirts. Total numbers are up over 17% from last year with 352 kids in the Mites and Cubs programs; this allowed to adding two more teams on the year. He recognized Kraig Stumo for his recruitment and retention efforts.

Boys Traveling Director: Jamie Chester reported that he is working with the Blaine High School players and coaches to start off the STP program for this summer, available to all traveling players. Summer Skills camp numbers have greatly increased from last year. He has already done work to set up next seasons tryout and pre-skate schedules; using as many alumni and high school players to run the pre-skates. He was able to tap into the Bethel College athletes to fill in assistant and coaching needs. He noted this next season's Blue Line Buddies program will come full circle with the High School players having all been a Blue Line Buddy as a younger player. He spearheaded the second-

year Bantams and U15's getting the "Faces in Time" photos, showing their progression from youth hockey through now. Dasher boards were ordered to showcase our pull-tab sites.

Girls Traveling Director: Fred Hendrickson explained that he works with the Spring Lake Park Association with a co-op agreement to form the girls teams, as well as working with other Associations through District 10 to help balance numbers. He noted his appreciation to all the coaches who gave of their time throughout the season. He mentioned Randy Hansen's contributions to goalie training, Aaron Kreuger who schedules the tournaments and hotels, Kraig Stumo who does great work in the Elementary Schools, with Taste of Hockey, Blue Line Buddies and other programming throughout the year. The High School Girls team was not only fun to watch throughout the season, but dedicated to giving back to the younger players by skating with them as much as possible. The season overall was a success as we hosted 9 traveling teams, many of who went on through District tournaments into Regions and some to State. He is working to recap this season and look at how to keep it strong and/or improve for next year.

Secretary: Nancy Burley that she was appointed to this role after another member stepped down at the 2016 annual meeting. She explained her support duties on the board as record keeping both internally and publicly to the web site; assigning mailboxes; overseeing the volunteer program; tracking schedules, jersey assignments and postings during traveling tryouts. She oversees all the managers in the Association and acts as support throughout the year, noting how appreciative we are for their dedication. She oversees and keeps the checkbook for the S.K.A.T.E. program; we had a record number of traveling players eligible this year at 280+. She chaired a new program this year as coordinator for the Jim Scheid Memorial College Scholarship, awarding graduating BHS seniors who grew up through the BYHA program with a \$500 college scholarship. While she has fulfilled her 1-year term, she plans to run for a full 3-year term tonight.

Treasurer: Chuck Taylor spoke about how the \$810,000 charitable gambling contribution and how that breaks down to help cover programming costs. Throughout all the registrations, etc., we have brought in \$1.238MM, with expenses coming in at \$1.272MM, causing us to draw down our reserves about \$34k. Unaudited financials are posted to the web-site. Collections numbers were down this year from last. Our main goal is to keep hockey in the Blaine community affordable, with good training and tournament opportunities. He reminded members that they can set up "bill-pay" through their bank to make monthly payments; and noted people can help pay-down bills by working the Fogerty Arena Concessions stands.

Vice President: Brian Hauck thanked all the members for filling out the end of season surveys, results will be reviewed within the next month. He thanked our charitable gambling partners, coaches, manager, board members, volunteers and coordinators for the countless hours put in throughout the season; he thanks Gretchen for her years of service on the board and noted she will be missed.

President: Gretchen Severin stated her term is finishing up tonight, after nine years, seven as President. She reminisced how rewarding the board and hockey-parent experience has been, and some special memories she is taking away from it. She thanked Suzanne Slawson, Bill Marshall, Nancy Manthis and Marcy Benson for the continued work they do in their role. She thanked the non-parent coaches and alumni who love hockey enough and this program to bring their time back; Chris Carroll and Steve Guider for their support of our program; to the board members she has served with throughout her tenure with BYHA.

Jr. Gold: Chuck Taylor spoke about the Ice Dog program and how the U16 made it to state; Jr. Gold B and Jr. Gold A fought hard to get into tournaments. He announced that the 2018 Jr. Gold State Tournament will be held at Fogerty Arena. He recognized the U16 coaches who were present at the meeting. He aims to keep the program running strong.

Gretchen explained the bylaws in which BYHA board members are elected and the process that will take place tonight.

Motion made (Taylor), second (Quinn) to open the nominations. Motion carried.

Nominations made for: Erik Johnson, Steve Dahlk, Nancy Burley, Chuck Taylor, Tate Johnson, Bart Palmgren

Motion made (Hauck), seconded (Taylor) to close nominations. Motion carried.

Speeches from the candidates were heard in reverse order.

Open Forum: Head coaches of the Blaine High School hockey teams, Chris Carroll for the boys and Steve Guider for the girls, both expressed their appreciation for the support of the Blaine Youth Hockey Board and the Blaine community give to their programs. Questions were raised about the new jersey material and how the vendor is working with BYHA to replace the jerseys. Discussions were had about skating and training program options for the coming season. Gretchen fielded questions about and ice times/distributions across the levels and how we can better it for the coming season, especially with January and February weekday ice; she spoke about the Centennial Olympic sheet of ice and how BYHA pays 26% of the operating costs to keep it as a home sheet of ice for our Association. Kudos went to District 10 to get the Jr. Gold State Tournament.

Steve Dahlk, Erik Johnson and Nancy Burley were elected to the board.

Motion made (Sutherland), seconded (Hendrickson) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.