



## **BBLYHA Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 30, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.  
The HideOut – Becker, MN**

Board members present: Ben Rusin, Brian Kraft, Brady Borkoski, Justin Dugger, Steve Peterson, Becky Heitkamp, Danielle Gessell, Steph Hemmelgarn

Board members absent:

Association members present: Marie Nikle, Bridgettete Robinette, Nicole Klassen, Theron Draeger, Jim Kocherer, Justin Holm, Dan Hancock,

Meeting began at 7:31 p.m.

Ben asked if there were any changes needed for the February, March, and April board and emergency meeting minutes. None were made. Brian made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Becky, and all were in favor.

### **Treasurer Report**

Steve advised the treasurer report will be given at the next meeting.

### **Operations Director Interest Submissions**

Ben advised that Mike Peterson and Theron Draeger submitted letters of interest for the Operations Director position. This was tabled for voting during closed session.

### **D10 Update**

Ben provided an update from D10:

- Scott Meyer (D10 president) - 14 teams represented D10 at state tournament, thanked outgoing association presidents.
- Director Colleen Donovan – all board members are included in Safe Sports now.
- Mites –  $\frac{3}{4}$  ice – a downside was each team had to travel, ice scheduling was difficult, was it beneficial for the players and was it worth the full ice fee? Overall was a positive experience but can be better.
- No state tournament – just two regions. Ben will get clarification on this.
- D10 had 3600 games last season and every single ref showed up.

### **Waiver Requests**

Jim Kocherer and Bridgette Robinette and Justin Holm had submitted waiver requests for their daughters to look for another association to play 15U because it does not look like the the girls' co-op will have a 15U team next season, and so they can play at an age appropriate level – not high school level. After much discussion, the board agreed on a conditional waiver for them to look for another association to waive to for next season and will approve it when formal request is made with where they are requesting to waive to stated in it, as long as the co-op does not end up having a 15U team next season.

### **Ice Contract**

We are close to a contract with Princeton. Any contract that we would sign includes an out clause if we build our own arena in the Becker/Big Lake area. We extended our contract a year early to set pricing.

### **High School Coach Job Posting**

Ben advised the high school coach job position was officially posted last week. He expressed interest in being involved in the process of selecting a coach – possibly have a board member on the interview committee. He asked for a volunteer to assist with this. Justin and Brady will reach out to Dave Nemea in Becker to further express our interest, and to form a relationship with that new coach.

### **Trophy Case**

Ben advised we need more trophy case space. Steph will reach out to her husband's uncle as he is a woodworker to see if he would be interested in building one. Bridgette will check with her contact at a local furniture store.

### **Parades**

Steph and Danielle suggested putting together a parade committee of parent volunteers to update the float, potentially partnering with the ice board. The float is in the Association's storage shed. The float will be in the Becker, Big Lake, and Palmer parades this summer.

### **Ice Scheduling**

Nicole advised they met with Missy and submitted our ask for next season – she was very receptive. They asked for as many of the earlier hours as we can get when high school starts. The hours are tentatively more even from month to month. Final draft of ice time is due on May 15. Ben will find out when we can expect to get our official ice time back from Princeton.

### **Ice Board Update**

No Ice Board representative present.

### **Open Forum**

Open Forum opened and closed at 8:35 p.m.

### **Other Business**

Marie brought 100 registration yard signs.

Gage asked about recruiting opportunities. Floor hockey has been done in the past. Dan advised the association has floor hockey equipment. Pure Hockey has a program set up for floor hockey.

Brian provided information on the St. Cloud State summer hockey camp. Goalies are free. The camp is for girls and boys from Mites to Bantams.

Dan advised the bank information needs to be changed over and the bank will need a copy of the signed meeting minutes to show the elected positions.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Closed meeting began at 8:45 p.m.

Board voted on the operations director position

Theron – 5

Mike – 3

Theron was brought back into the meeting and accepted the position.

Contract was discussed.

Scheduled next meeting – budget meeting – Thursday, May 30 at 6:00 p.m., location to be determined.

The closed meeting adjourned at approximately 9:17 p.m.