

BYHA Annual Membership Meeting
When: April 19th, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Where: DSIT and via Microsoft Teams

Attendance: Erick Sutherland, Brad Keogh, Jeff Meister, Lindsay Axelrod, Jason Kacures, Neal Verhulst, Jed Rohlf, Rick Japor. (See Exhibit D for list of additional attendees)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Erick Sutherland.

Motion made (Rick Japor) and second (Jason Kacures) to approve the April 19th, 2021 Annual Meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

Charitable Gambling Coordinator: Suzanne Slawson reported that all four sites remain open (Broadway, Old Piper, Clives, and Wild Bills) and the yearly contribution to BYHA was \$490,000, down from previous years due to COVID shutdowns. Broadway has gone to e-tabs only due to COVID.

Motion made (Jason Kacures) second (Brad Keogh) to approve the May 18th, 2020 annual meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

Equipment Director: Sebastian Canevari was not on the call, no update provided. Still working to collect all jerseys and equipment from the season.

Hockey Director: Rick Japor reported that the year was touch and go. Tradition and Hartzell was able to get in all their sessions, Jermaine did a great job communicating and getting all the goalies in for some great training. Pursuit was at $\frac{3}{4}$ used. The Mites were able to pick up those extra hours to make up those missed at Pursuit. Only $\frac{1}{2}$ of the power skating was used as it was hard to get ice after the shutdown. Thank you also to Tara Mueller for providing free online training during the shutdown.

In-House Director: Jed Rohlf thank you to Tim Cunningham for the sponsorship processing. Thank you to Nick Jacoby and Nicki Reynolds Barry for helping as Mite coordinators. Able to use inside and outside ice to get all kids skating. There were 297 kids on all the teams this year. Academy is up and running with 98 kids skating which is great! Thank you to all board members finishing their terms tonight.

Erick added that these numbers are amazing as we have 6+ teams than we did 10 years ago which is amazing. This only makes our program stronger as these kids move through the system. The in-house role is one of the most vital to BYHA system.

Boys Traveling Director: Jason Kacures, started with a thank you to Brad Keogh for taking on the COVID Coordinator role. Thank you to Chris Pahl, Brian Guse, and Steve Dahlk for keeping the board informed about what was going on. Thank you to Managers, coaches, and assistant coaches for all of your help and time. 3 Bantam teams finished strong in districts. 7 Pee wee teams and all finished strong, no hardware won this year. All Squirt teams finished the season really well, with B1's taking the district. Thank you to outgoing board members.

Girls Traveling Director: Neal Verlhust great successful season, we had 8 teams. 66-50-19 is the total girls record for the season. 15A's finished 2nd in district, 15B's went to state and lost to the team that ended up winning the state. 12's finished...Thank you to coaches, assistant coaches, and managers for all their work. Thank you to Aaron Krueger for setting up all the tournaments. Thank you to parents and players for showing up this season, it was a tough one! Thank you to outgoing board members.

Secretary: Lindsay Axelrod thank you to Jodi and Heather for their time, they will be stepping down from their roles after this year. Thank you also to Nancy Burley and her team for their work on BAAP. I know pictures were interesting this year, please let me know if you have any issues still with your pictures as I am happy to get them fixed. There will be panoramic pictures available for sale, look for an email. Thank you to everyone that volunteered their time this year, we couldn't have done it without your help.

Treasurer: Jeff Meister COVID created challenges that we have never seen or could predict. Thank you to Brad for taking the lead on the COVID front. Thank you to the board members it is not a small role, thank you for taking on the commitment! Collectively we did a great job budgeting. We came in with a surplus that helped, and gambling spurts helped to balance the budget. All in all, everyone did a fantastic job managing their finances. We are coming out of the season with a small surplus that will go into next season. We optimized the season as best we could and most teams were able to get to at least one tournament, with the exception of two.

Vice President: Brad Keogh, big thank you to the board for helping get the association through COVID. We were ahead of the game because we planned in advance. COVID coordinators did a great job, as every team was affected by COVID. Big thank you to the membership for navigating through this COVID season. We did a great job after the shutdown. Thank you to outgoing board member's your time and commitment to BYHA is noticed and appreciated. Here's to being COVID free going into September.

President: Erick Sutherland, planning for next season is well underway, so we are feeling a little behind this off season. The first presidents meeting for D10 are coming up already in May for the 2021-22 season. BYHA is on the right track. Thank you for the past and present board members, I have learned a lot and hopefully provided some wisdom. Thank you to Suzanne for running our gambling program so well!!! Thank you to Nancy Mathis, it is a tedious job and we couldn't do the season without her. Thank you to Bill Marshall, he has been with BYHA for 20 years. He has coached and most recently has been the ice scheduler, that will be a big role for the association to fill in his absence. He would love to see more involvement from the membership. He is hopeful that these meetings will go back to the rink soon and more people will be involved. He hopes that all on the call will look into getting involved any way that you can. Bengal pride, he grew up in Rochester and moved to Blaine in 2001, and it is something really special. The landscape of hockey is changing with private schools and Tier 1, he is hopeful that this board can continue to push Bengal pride into the future. His favorite memory is our Summer Fest program we had two summers ago, it was a really special time and showed the kids how important it is for the kids to see that community pride. Finally, Erick expressed concerned about what he is seeing at the rink. Parents need to let the coaches coach and let the kids play and get back to the game. He forgot to thank Brad Keogh for navigating us through the COVID year, we couldn't have done it without him. Final Thank YOU!

Announcement of Candidates Voted In via Online Measures because of COVID-19 Restrictions: **Jeff Meister, Chris Pahl, and Jermaine Davis** were elected to the board.

BHS Boys Hockey Program: Head Coach, Chris Carroll expressed his appreciation in being invited and as a conclusion to the season and a fresh start for the next season. Excited about the numbers of upcoming kids! Really hopes that COVID was an eye opener for people that what we have in Blaine is really great, as COVID gave people a chance to try other opportunities. Thank you to our board and youth program going back through the years as it has created a special thing here in Blaine. Couldn't do what we do without all of you!

Jr. Gold: Chuck Taylor reported that Junior Gold had 56 kids and three teams this year. Brad Keogh big thanks for helping Tami keeping the sanity for all teams. Blaine Ice Dogs is a Co-Op program for 10 years now, serving Blaine, Anoka, Andover, Coon Rapids, Champlin Park, and SLP. Proud to say that both Andover and Blaine took players to the Varsity. The A team made it to State this year and the other teams had very successful seasons. Happy to have all the support from the Youth organization and the high school coaches. They are planning to have a pond hockey ice this summer and would like to have 2nd year Bantams attend just to give them a taste so they are aware of their options.

Open Forum: A question was asked in the chat to provide feedback on the parent surveys. Jeff M answered by saying that we are in the process of looking at those and will work as a board to address. Jed R said that the biggest InHouse concern was scheduling, that is something that he wanted to fix when he took the role and we as a board will work on it over the summer. Jeff added that scheduling is hard for us to lay out far in advance due to certain blocks of ice that we have to keep open. Neal and Jason have read all the survey information and are meeting with the coaches to go over some of the feedback so all can grow and learn from the information. Jason said that tryouts were the biggest concern this season and we will look at that a little bit moving into next season. Jeff said that if we look at the positives vs the negatives, we are doing a pretty good job. He feels that some of the concerns could have been alleviated with better communication from the board which we will work on moving forward.

Motion made (Lindsay Axelrod), seconded (Jed Rohlf) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

Attendees:

Jeff Meister
Nancy Manthis
Chuck Taylor (Guest)
Lindsay Axelrod
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Suzanne Slawson (Guest)
Schweninger, Haley J
Kim Therres (Guest)
Jesse Schwartz
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Jesse Sullivan (Guest)
Tim Cunningham
Amanda Hespen
Chris Carroll
Burley, Nancy (Aveda)
Michael Gilpin (Guest)
Kristina Gilpin
Christy
Stoltz, Thomas
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Ashley Schwartz
Ron Leathers
Ron Leathers
Davis, Ashley