

BYHA Annual Membership Meeting
When: April 18th, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Where: National Sports Center – Grand Hall

Attendance: Ron Leathers, Brad Keogh, Jeff Meister, Lindsay Axelrod, Jason Kacures, Neal Verhulst, Jed Rohlf, Rick Japor, and Chris Pahl (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 (Jason Kacures) to approve the April 18th, 2022, Annual Meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

Charitable Gambling Manager: Suzanne Slawson reported that we had a record year, we hit the 1,060,000 this year. All four sites remain open and running well.

Motion made (Lindsay Axelrod) second (Jason Kacures) to approve the April 19th, 2021, annual meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

Equipment Director: Chris Pahl reported that we are working to get all of jerseys across the association in the same brand to assist with sizing. We will get new shells from K1 as well. Thanked the association for patience as he started his new role.

Hockey Director: Rick Japor reported that 445 hrs of training for 26 teams and \$140k+ spent. Thanked all our partners Hockey Lab, Pursuit Fitness, Acceleration, Traditions, PEP, Hartzel Goalie training. Survey data is in, and Rick will be working through those to determine what we will be doing moving forward and proactive training scheduling will be addressed this year. For the upcoming year, shooting will be a focus.

In-House Director: Jed Rohlf thank you to coaches and Nicki Barry and Nick Jacoby for all their help this season, we could not do it without them! 79 girls and 311 kids total, for 20 teams for this season and 86 signed up for academy this summer.

Boys Traveling Director: Jason Kacures thank you to the Coordinators Heather, Chris, T.J., Bryan, and coaches 229 registered boys that made for 16 teams' total. All teams that could make regions this year did and two went on to state! All teams did well at district playoffs this year!! All teams are moving in the right direction! Thank you to all parents and players.

Girls Traveling Director: Neal Verhulst reported that we had 65 girls in total in the traveling program making up 4 teams. The 15U team went to Champlin/Coon Rapids and they finished second in D10. We had some young teams and made some good progress in their development. The numbers for the upcoming years look good and we should have 5 teams for next year. Thank you to all the coaches and especially to the non-parent coaches. Thank you, Katie, and congrats on the new baby! Thank you to players and coaches and nice to see the B on their jersey's!

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 173 unique parent volunteers and 163 of those put in the time to receive their volunteer fee refund. Thank you, Christy for your partnership this season, I look forward to getting started on next season with you soon!
- 117 kids went through concussion training this fall, which is the most ever. 35% of traveling kids participated and only 12 and up are recommended to take the testing. This is an open role for next season, so if you are interested in getting involved, please let me know.
- Fundraising was a tremendous success this year for our families, who sold \$15,622 in items for a total credit to our families of \$4497! The 20-21 season totals were \$10,022 for a total credit of \$3289, so a significant increase over the prior season. We also added Mickman's wreaths this season and that was extremely popular! Thank you to Cami Mertz for taking the lead on all of this, you did an excellent job for the program. I am excited that Cami has agreed to come back for next season.
- BAAP was another win for BYHA after not having a party for the last two years. This year the kids got their goodie bags and a party at Bowlero! We had an amazing turnout of players and parents, and it was so good to see everyone out together again! Thank you, Nancy, and her team, for a job well done! This was Nancy's last year with this program, so this will also be an open role for next season, so if you are interested, please let me know.
- Finally, Apparel, which was also a big success for BYHA this season. The association purchased about \$55K in items which resulted in a \$7,503.23 credit back to BYHA. This is a little above what we have done the past couple of seasons. Thank you to Jody Dahlk and Nancy Burley for their hard work and their last year working on apparel. Nancy and Jody welcomed Alli Hasling to the team this year and she will take over for them for the next season, thank you, Alli!

Treasurer: Ron Leathers ran numbers to compare years, 1.6M more revenue over last year and the board was able to put that money to work on Jerseys, 90K in charitable donations, BAAP (BYHA Academic Achievement Program) party and goodie bags, are just a few examples of what we were able to do. We currently have 1.6M in the bank (1.5 M for rink upgrades and 140K working capital).

Vice President: Brad Keogh thank you to all the players and parents for a great season. Let's realign our training schedule and partnerships with the high school. Looking forward to how we can continue to build on this, we are headed in the right direction. COVID was still a little bit of an issue this season, but we had plans in place that kept all of our teams operating! Hopefully for the upcoming season, COVID will be a memory, but we are ready if needed. The heavy lifting starts now as we prepare for the upcoming season.

President: Jeff Meister reported that we have made a lot of progress and great work was done! We had 41 coordinator roles, 80 coaches, 11 student coaches, and 40 managers. Survey results are in, and we will be looking at that moving forward. Culture is headed in the right direction and participation has increased both in the program and our survey responses, 352 surveys to date with roughly 450 or so families out there. Challenge us if you see any issues with what we are doing or what you would like to see. Lots of money to pay for ice, training, and coaches. Tryouts have changed a lot over the last four years and that has helped us head the program in the right direction. Bengal pride is coming back to the program and that is good to see! Two years left in my term, please let me know your thoughts and thank you again to the board

Announcement of Candidates Voted In via Online Measures: Jason Kacures, Jed Rohlf, and Neal Verhulst were re-elected to the board.

BHS Girls Hockey Program: Girls Booster club here in the place of Coach Guider, wanted to thank BYHA Sara Brady and Sandy Hansen. Thank you for your donation this season. The JV program had the strongest season in years and the Varsity did well and lost in section to the eventual state champions. The girls did great academically and were recognized at the conference and state levels. The girls participated in tryouts and pre-skates, blue line buddies, youth night, and pizza party! Looking to build on this program for next year and looking to increase excitement and engagement of the youth and looking to do a skate with the Bengals around Christmas time 2022. Thank you to the board for all that you do, they are so grateful for the support, it is much appreciated.

BHS Boys Hockey Program: Head Coach, Chris Carroll wanted to thank the board and is encouraged by the consistency the current board has provided to the program. Excited about the STP program for the summer to help build that culture that the board was talking about. The fatigue of the season is gone as we all talked about the things that we have been doing this season at the youth level. The high school program is really encouraged by what is happening at the youth level. Thank you to the board!

Jr. Gold: Chuck Taylor reported that we are going into yr. 12 of the Ice Dogs program, it is for high school level players that either did not make the high school team or needed some additional playing time. They had three teams this year, and the 16's made it to state and won consolation! There were 50 kids in the program this year! People should come and watch the games as they are fun to watch! Tom was named coach of the year this year!!! Thank you for the support!

Open Forum:

Brandon from hockey lab: thank you to the families and board as our partnership really changed their view on association partnerships.

Cam from Pursuit: Excited to help the athletes train for the season and help with speed agility and strength training. Thank you for the support!

Katie VanAshe – Girls Coordinator – representation is important and wanted to thank you to our partners for embracing that and see the females out there. Katie was excited to hear about the partnership with the high school team as that representation is important for all the girls!! The longevity of the board is also important as it allows the players and families to know who to go to! Thank you to the board as a lot of the work took place in the summer and we are better for it and proud of this rebuilding year! Also, she wanted to talk about the voting for the board as we should allow the non-parent coaches to vote for and be members of the Blaine Youth Hockey Program! We would really feel valued if they were able to be voting members of the association.

Motion made (Lindsay Axelrod), seconded (Rick Japor) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Exhibit A - Attendees:

BYHA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SIGN-IN
(PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME)
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1	Brandon Moore	21
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3	Kev Martin	23
4	Tom Droschke	24
5	Kate Van Asch	25
6	Lykke Van Asch	26
7	Patrick Amason	27
8	Johanna Dawson	28
9	Amber Murray	29
10	Sandy Hansen	30
11	Sellberg	31
12	CHRIS FORE	32
13	Chris Carroll	33
14	Greg Schutte	34
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