

**BYHA Annual Membership Meeting**  
**When: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 pm**  
**Where: National Sports Center – Grand Hall**

Attendance: Brad Keogh, Jeff Meister, Lindsay Axelrod, Jason Kacures, Neal Verhulst, Jed Rohlf, Rick Japor, Ron Leathers, 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 (Jason Kacures) and second (Lindsay Axelrod) to approve the April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Annual Meeting Agenda. Motion carried.**

**Charitable Gambling Manager:** Suzanne Slawson reported that \$940,000 for the year. Still have our 4 sites. E-tabs are now 50% of the spend. The biggest change is that rent has gone up over the last year for bar operations.

**Motion made (Brad Keogh) second (Ron Leathers) to approve the April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, annual meeting minutes. Motion Carried.**

**Equipment Director:** Chris Pahl reported that we got all of our equipment back for this year or the few things that we didn't have been invoiced.

**Hockey Director:** Rick Japor reported that tryouts this season resulted in the least number of conflicts of any recent seasons, and we will continue to evolve. There will be some league changes in football so we will make sure we keep an eye on that. Thank you to all of our training partners! Thank you to all the coaches for supporting the training partners! The training blocks have been a good addition this year. 389 hours of training this year for our traveling teams. 120 hours of training for the in-house teams. Hudl and Ice Hockey Systems, looking for ways to get coaches to utilize those tools more! Looking to evolve training for next year.

**In-House Director:** Jed Rohlf reported that this is the 5<sup>th</sup> year as the In-House director and he thanked coaches, Denni, and Nicki for their help. 220 Mites, 59 of those were girls. 107 cubs this year and of those there were 44 girls, that is the highest ever! It paid off to off the first year of hockey for girls! Some rule changes made the start of the season a little bumpy, but it all got figured out.

**Boys Traveling Director:** Jason Kacures thanked players, families, coaches, the level coordinators, and board. 247 boys traveling players, 17 teams, 6 were regional eligible and 4 made it to regions and two made a pretty good run at state! He us hoping to build on this and keep pushing the program forward.

**Girls Traveling Director:** Neal Verhulst reported that the girls had a great season, 67 girls played traveling with 5 teams, with a final record of 44-23-10 for the season. The two regional eligible teams made it, but the shining star was the 10U's! The A's won D10, The B team was the D10 runner-up and the B2 team the league runner-up and won the D10 championship! Thanked the board, players, families, coordinators, and everyone else that made the season such a success! Excited to see where the program goes next year with all the girls coming up through the in-house program!

**Secretary:** Lindsay Axelrod thank you to all the players and families, you made this year great! Thank you to our existing board members. We had a busy but successful year and here are some of the highlights:

- We had 221 (up 30 over last year) unique parent volunteers and 195 (up 26 over last year) of those

put in the time to receive their volunteer fee refund. This equated to 405 Dibs sessions being completed and 60 that were left unclaimed. Thank you, Sarah Kathman, for your partnership this season.

- Concussion training was a success this winter! Thank you, Laura Zachmann, for your work on this. It is appreciated!
- Fundraising was a tremendous success this year for our families, who sold \$18,197 in sales (Up \$5533 over last year) which resulted in credits to our families of \$6662 and this is almost double from last year! Thank you to Cami Mertz for taking the lead on all of this, you did an excellent job for the program. I am hoping that Cami will come back for next season.
- Bengal Aces was another win for BYHA. 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, Shannon Shutte, and her team, for a job well done!
- Finally, Apparel, which was also a considerable success for BYHA this season. The association purchased about \$59,374 in items which resulted in a \$7771.43 credit back to BYHA. This was \$554.50 less in sales and only 58.60 less in our credit from last season, so we kept on par with previous years. Thank you to Ali Hasling for her hard work, hoping you would like to come back again next year!

**Treasurer:** Ron Leathers reported that fundraising income was up, great to see families taking advantage of that! Charitable gambling was down a little from last year, which was expected. The cost of ice was up this year we spent \$500K and more teams also meant more tournaments and others. \$225k is what we made this year, that goes to the rink reserves, that investment helps us get prime ice time. We subsidized \$850/player this year. Overall, a great year, we ended up where we needed to be, we made investments where we needed to, and can keep this program running.

**Vice President:** Brad Keogh thanked the board for all their work and thank you to the exiting board members. It is great to see the change in the pride of the membership and overall culture is headed in the right direction. Thank you to the training partners, coaches, managers, volunteers, players, and families. We are already planning for next year and have many important things that we are adding to the program each year, which is exciting.

**President:** Jeff Meister thank you to the board, coaches, coordinators for this year, Nancy, Suzanne, and Chuck. We are looked up to, especially within D10. Thank you to the High School programs, we have new coaches in place there and we are so excited to be building those relationships between our programs. Culture has shifted in a positive direction. 60% increase in girls due to free first year of hockey. Parent meetings are something that we have on our list to do, but we have not had the bandwidth to make it happen. Good to see the teams doing so well! BYHA is a leader in the way that we manage the association as a business, which we should be proud of. D10 has historically been difficult to deal with, but that is changing as well, and they are listening to the President's feedback which is encouraging. This summer the Presidents will get together and work on some of the issues that we encountered with game times and other issues.

We have a new set of bylaws that were written and voted on by the membership, it passed and those will take effect today. This will help us include our non-parent coaches.

**Announcement of Candidates Voted In via Online Measures:** Jeff Meister, Chris Fore, and Shannon Shutte have been elected to the board.

**BHS Girls Hockey Program:** Girls Head Coach Calla Ottman, first year coaching the girls high school program. She is in awe of the hockey program that we have here. Thank you to the board and association for their work and support of the Girl's High School Hockey program! This season was good with a record of 11-12-4, 8 OT games this

season. Won first Section game and lost a close second section game. 31 girls in the program! New High School coordinator has been great getting the high school team out to the girls teams to support them. There were many girls that did more than their 1 hour, looking to get that more organized and contribute more with that.

**BHS Boys Hockey Program:** Head Coach, Trevor Frischmon – Thanked the board and BYHA for the strong program that he gets to reap the rewards from. The High School season did not go as planned but was proud of the effort that the team continued to give all season. They hope to build off the season, and we are excited for the program's future. We appreciate the relationship that we have built.

**Jr. Gold:** Chuck Taylor reported that he has 12 years of hockey experience in Blaine! 23 seniors graduating, 16A's made it to State! 51 players this year...Jr Gold is a great program for those that do not make a high school team but are able to compete at a level higher than rec league.

**Open Forum:**

**Sean Skahan** – excited to have the program think it went well and thank you for the partnership.

Rory Cardinal – third party evaluators for tryouts? What about mites?

**Motion made (Chris Pahl), seconded (Lindsay Axelrod) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm**

**Exhibit A - Attendees:**  
**Online:**



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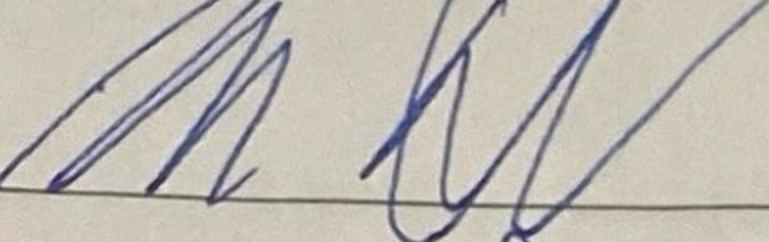
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