

BYHA Annual Membership Meeting
When: April 17th, 2023 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, and Chris Pahl (See Exhibit A for list of additional attendees) Online: Ron Leathers

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Jeff Meister.

Motion made (Brad Keogh) and second (Lindsay Axelrod) to approve the April 17th, 2023, Annual Meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

Charitable Gambling Manager: Suzanne Slawson reported that we had a really good year, donations totaled \$1.1M. All four sites are up and running, with BINGO and meat raffles at two sites each. There is a vote in the House tomorrow to get rid of fast play e-tabs, so go tell your representatives that you want to keep them! 616 players got a 794 subsidy on hockey due to charitable gambling.

Motion made (Lindsay Axelrod) second (Jason Kacures) to approve the April 18th, 2022, annual meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

Equipment Director: Chris Pahl reported that last year we set out on a mission to get all of our jerseys to one brand, which we tackled. Half of the room was cleaned out and work will begin on the other half this year. He will also work on our goalie equipment this upcoming season.

Hockey Director: Rick Japor reported that the push for this year was to get all of the training on one day. Overall, it went really well. Kathy and Rick made some notes for the upcoming season. We had over 300 hours of training across all seven training partners. The tryout schedule is done and will be posted soon. Pre-tryout camp is scheduled, and once curriculum is determined the registration will go out.

In-House Director: Jed Rohlf last year we had 20 teams across the inhouse program. We had 220 kids in the program and 57 of those were girls, really trying to grow that. Summer Academy started last week and there are 103 kids. Numbers are good! Thank you to all coaches, managers, and Coordinators, Nick Jacoby and Nicki Berry.

Boys Traveling Director: Jason Kacures thank you to all of the coordinators, coaches, managers, parents and players, for making the job as easy as it can be. 17 teams, 3 won districts, 4 out of 5 Region eligible teams went to regions and, 1 went to state and got 4th place. Overall, we finished just above 2nd place across the district.

Girls Traveling Director: Neal Verhulst that you to all of the coordinators, coaches, and managers. 4 out of 5 went to regions. 70 girls in the traveling programs. 15A's and B's went to regions and hit a hot team and didn't make it to regions. 12A 12B 10A 10B. Moving forward, girls' numbers are growing, looking like we will have 87 girls next year! 70 returning girls to the in-house program. We continue to need goalies and we need to continue to recruit girls to the program. Thank you to all of our training partners as well.

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 191 (up 18 over last year) unique parent volunteers and 169 (up 8 over last year) of those put in the time to receive their volunteer fee refund. Thank you, Christy, for your partnership this

season.

- Concussion training was a success this winter! Thank you, Laura Zachmann, for all of your work on this, it is greatly appreciated!
- Fundraising was a tremendous success this year for our families, who sold \$12,664 in sales which resulted in credits to our families of \$3356 and a donation to BYHA in the amount of 138.75. Slightly lower than our numbers from last year. The 2021-22 numbers were \$15,622 in items for a total credit to our families of \$4497!, so a significant increase over the prior season. We also had some team options to raise money and it was exciting to see! Specifically, our U10B Girls that raised \$4500 with the boards matching grant to Hockey Fight Cancer! 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 has agreed to 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 big success for BYHA this season. The association purchased about \$59,928.50 in items which resulted in a \$7,830.03 credit back to BYHA. This is a little above what we have done the past couple of seasons. Thank you to Jody Dahlk her hard work and we will miss her next year as this is last year working on apparel. 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 - BYAH raised \$1.2M, \$597 in registration dollars and \$1.3M in operating costs. Ice allocation is something that we spend a lot of money on to keep our ice time at Fogerty and NSC. We will be working on a page that will help explain what we can use our gambling money for and what we actually spend it on.

Vice President: Brad Keogh thank you to our players, parents, coaches, volunteers, managers, Nancy, Suzanne, and Kathy. Thank you to board members for the last three years. We are headed in the right direction, but we need to not let up. We need to get more people involved to make it even better. Coaches' meetings are happening, and we are planning for the next season. Congratulations to Ramsey Parent and Bryce Brodzinski on their runner up National Champs!

President: Jeff Meister thanked the board, the 40 coordinators, coaches, volunteers, and managers for all of your hard work. Especially to Kathy for ice scheduling, Suzanne for her work on Charitable Gambling, our Ice partners, we have more ice than any areas, we wouldn't have the program without them. Thank you to Chris Fore and Shannon Shutte on their work on the boys and girls tournaments that we hosted, we have gotten great feedback! We have touched on it already, but the shift in culture has been great, but we want to facilitate that with all of the players. Finally, at the high school level we are thankful for our partnership with the teams and coaching staff and build on that for the kids. 45 managers, 141 coaches, making us a medium business. 616 active players at season end! Get the word out in the community and build this program!

Announcement of Candidates Voted In via Online Measures: Brad Keogh, Rick Japor, and Lindsay Axelrod were re-elected to the board.

BHS Girls Hockey Program: Girls Booster club – Grace Chapman and Gracyn Knowles. Thank you everyone for being here. The record for the season was 13-13-1, made into sections and played one game in sections that went to 6 overtimes. Two academic all-state, 2 all conference and, all state goalie. We had a great youth night with goodie bags, but no one signed up for the ice time/party. We had blueline buddies, girls that attended youth practices, skate with the Bengals, volunteered at the tournaments, and we were able to invite more 7th and 8th

graders to our summer training programs. Girls program is looking to build on the High School and Youth programs. We were able to get brand new helmets this year, new home jerseys, and breezer covers for those that needed them. Also, they were able to get iPad and tripods for video equipment for taping the games. Sara from the booster club would like to help make sure that we have a good partnership and would be interested in coming to our board meetings to keep us updated on what is going on at the high school and how we can partner!

BHS Boys Hockey Program: Head Coach, Trevor Frischmon here to show their support and thank the association for their support. We are looking to give back in any way that we can, it is an area that he would like to work on in the upcoming season. Season recap we had only one returning varsity player, so it was a developing year, but we are looking forward to the seasons to come! It is essential for any program to have a good relationship with the youth program, so we will strive to improve that in the upcoming season.

Jr. Gold: Chuck Taylor reported that the Ice Dogs have been around for 12 years, and they partner with Anoka, Andover, Cambridge/Isanti, Coon Rapids areas to create 2-3 teams every year and touch 70 kids. Our 18UA and 16UB teams made it to state! Summer pond hockey will start soon and Chuck will forward for us to help blast out to members. They will be looking for a set of coaches for the third team for next season!

Open Forum:

- Chris Fore wanted to shout out to Michael Japor for his great partnership with the tournaments, he had a great atmosphere for our tournament's championship games! The kids were so excited!!
- Christy Resop stated that getting help all of the way to the Girls tournament was hard, so we need to think about how we incentivize people to volunteer throughout the season. Maybe we need to increase the number of credits, the dollar amount, require teams in the tournament to volunteer, or have the Mite A's included in preparation for their Squires.

Motion made (Brad Keogh), seconded (Lindsay Axelrod) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

Exhibit A - Attendees:



