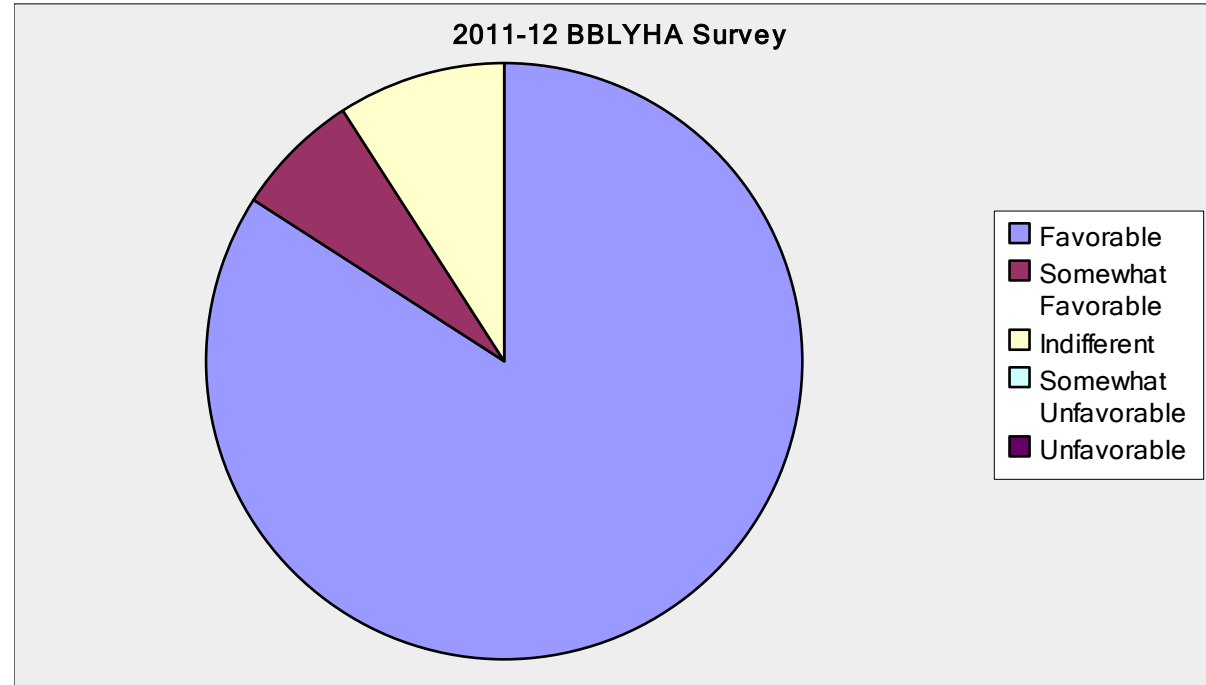


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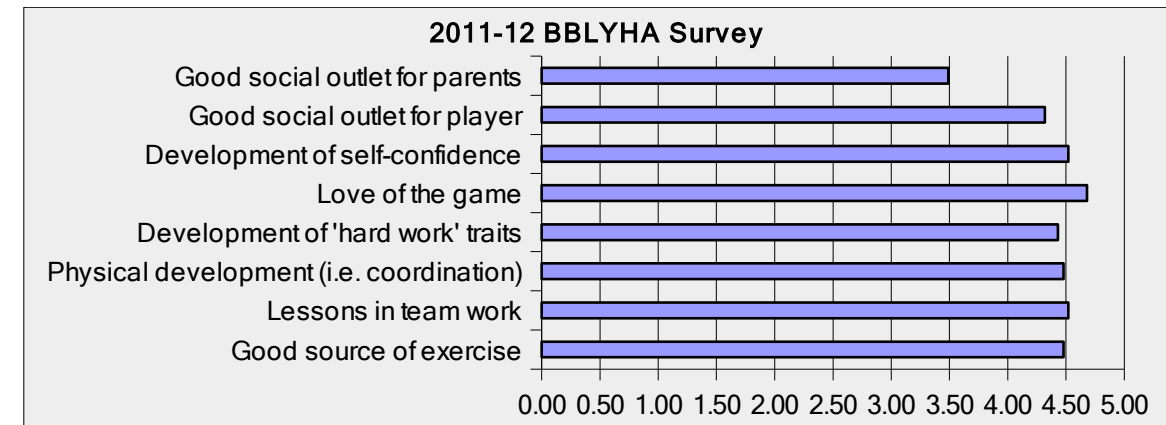
In general, what is your view of hockey?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Favorable	84.1%	37
Somewhat Favorable	6.8%	3
Indifferent	9.1%	4
Somewhat Unfavorable	0.0%	0
Unfavorable	0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		44
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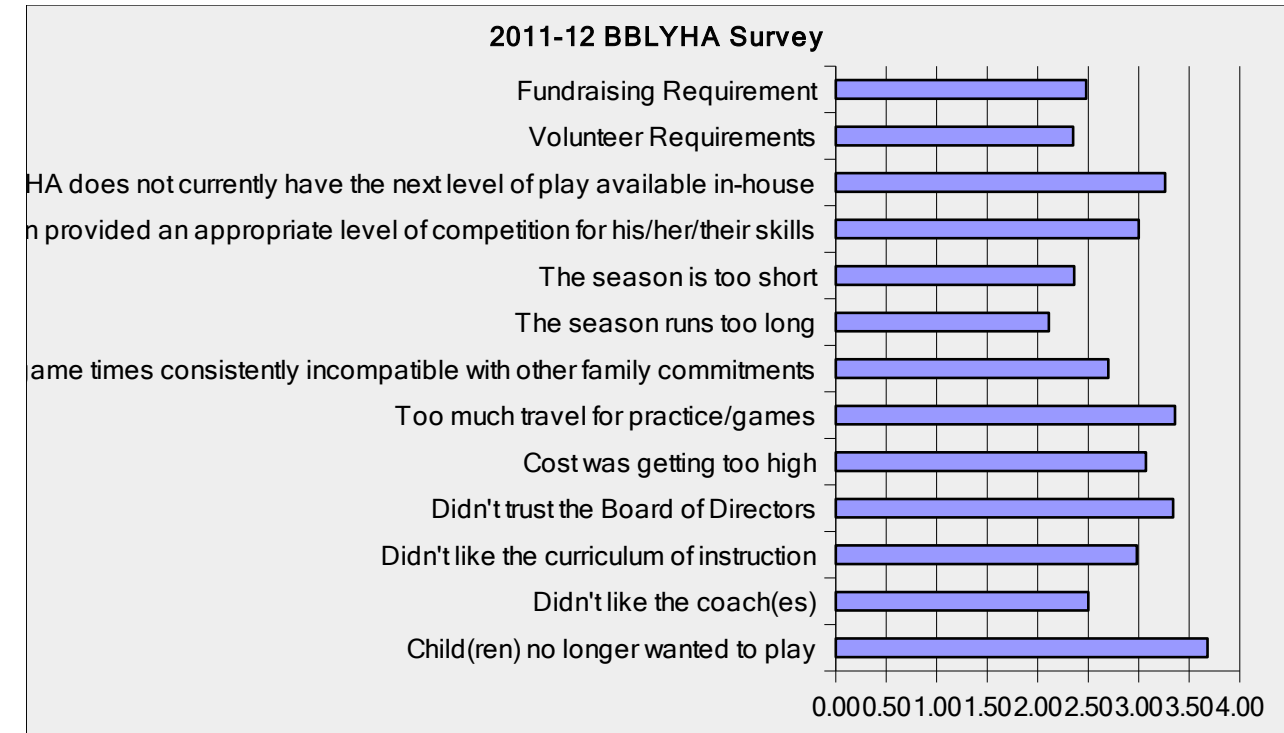
Please rate the following reasons for keeping your child(ren) enrolled in BBLHYA.								
Answer Options	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
Good source of exercise	1	0	2	15	26	0	4.48	44
Lessons in team work	1	0	0	17	26	0	4.52	44
coordination)	1	0	2	15	26	0	4.48	44
Development of 'hard work' traits	1	0	1	19	23	0	4.43	44
Love of the game	1	0	1	8	34	0	4.68	44
Development of self-confidence	2	0	1	11	30	0	4.52	44
Good social outlet for player	1	0	3	20	20	0	4.32	44
Good social outlet for parents	0	3	20	13	5	3	3.49	44
Other (please specify)								13
<i>answered question</i>								44
<i>skipped question</i>								0



Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Apr 4, 2011 12:34 AM	I would like to add that the answers to this question are the reasons i keep my children in hockey, not the reason why we keep them in BBLHYA. The only reason why we they are enrolled in BBLHYA is that this is where we live and they can not play anywhere else unless they change schools.	
2	Apr 4, 2011 1:03 AM	Son likes playing hockey with his classmates.	
3	Apr 4, 2011 1:49 AM	My son really enjoys playing hockey and I think it's really good for him in many ways. He is not interested in playing any other sports.	
4	Apr 4, 2011 2:11 AM	Great Coaches and Managers	
5	Apr 4, 2011 2:23 AM	N/A	
6	Apr 4, 2011 2:28 AM	Hockey is THE best sport!	
7	Apr 4, 2011 2:47 AM	n/a	
8	Apr 4, 2011 3:28 AM	Last season was not a positive hockey experience for my son or our family. The time and resources we invested in this last season was a waste and would have been better invested in camps, training and other activities. When the only benefit of participating in association hockey is the ice time, then the association has failed.	
9	Apr 4, 2011 1:04 PM	NA	
10	Apr 5, 2011 12:00 AM	We love the Becker school district and BBLHYA is our only local choice for hockey is why our kids are in BBLHYA.	
11	Apr 5, 2011 2:34 AM	Wants to play hockey with his friends.	
12	Apr 6, 2011 5:59 PM	The love of the game. And having great teammates and coaches. The one thing that i would like to see, when the coaches screw around and take slap shot and dont listen to what the drills are going to be, what makes you think the kids are going to listen. Some of the coaches are just out there for volunteer hours and not for the kids.	
13	Apr 11, 2011 1:57 AM	na	

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Please rate the following reason that would make you consider withdrawing from BBL YHA.									
Answer Options	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count	
play	6	3	3	11	15	6	3.68	44	
Didn't like the coach(es)	7	18	7	9	1	2	2.50	44	
instruction	3	16	6	15	3	1	2.98	44	
Directors	3	10	7	12	9	3	3.34	44	
Cost was getting too high	4	10	14	11	5	0	3.07	44	
Practice/game times	1	13	10	9	11	0	3.36	44	
consistently incompatible with other family commitments	4	19	11	6	4	0	2.70	44	
The season runs too long	11	19	12	2	0	0	2.11	44	
The season is too short	6	19	16	3	0	0	2.36	44	
provided an appropriate level of competition for his/her/their skills	8	12	6	8	10	0	3.00	44	
BBL YHA does not currently have the next level of play available in-house	3	11	6	9	9	6	3.26	44	
Volunteer Requirements	4	24	13	0	2	1	2.35	44	
Fundraising Requirement	4	20	13	4	1	2	2.48	44	
Other (please specify)								17	
								<i>answered question</i>	44
								<i>skipped question</i>	0



Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Apr 4, 2011 12:55 AM	What is the deal with volunteer hours this year? It was supposed to be online. Has that happened yet?	
2	Apr 4, 2011 1:15 AM	No Girl's program or Co op.	
3	Apr 4, 2011 1:49 AM	The above are reasons I would consider leaving hockey if needed. (We're not leaving and my son is really enjoying it.) I do think that it's a large time and financial commitment for our family. As long as we can afford both the time and money, we'll keep him in but if we couldn't, we'd be forced to quit. I would be willing to pay a little more to not have the hour and a half round trip drive time to games / practices. That definitely adds more stress to the activity.	
4	Apr 4, 2011 2:11 AM	CO-OPing with Monti	
5	Apr 4, 2011 2:23 AM	We are more interested in seeing BBL continue to provide in-house opportunities whenever possible. We consider one team at a level as possible. It is more important for these kids to play together year over year in order to improve the program than to worry about whether our kids are called A/B/C players in any given season. Hockey is a team sport. My son has played 5 years in the BBL association. Most of those years has been a "mish-mash" of C players, B players and even possibly A players.... on the same team.	
6	Apr 4, 2011 2:28 AM	We need to get kids on teams that fit their talents.	
7	Apr 4, 2011 2:47 AM	n/a	
8	Apr 4, 2011 3:03 AM	With my daughter the reason would be to go to school with the girls she will be playing with up to and in high school. With nothing in stone on what happens when the girls reach high school I am pulling my daughter out of BL schools and enrolling her else where. With my son who starts hockey this year. he already is enrolled else where for school so he will also be playing for that city too. The main reason with him though was better schooling but I can't see driving all over for practice. Not having a sheet of ice hurts. If the co-op goes through we may change our minds.	
9	Apr 4, 2011 3:28 AM	In my opinion, these questions should have been ranked between 1 and 5 rather than Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree	
10	Apr 4, 2011 1:04 PM	NA	
11	Apr 4, 2011 2:25 PM	More ice time....The more the kids touch the puck and skate the better off the whole program will be. If BBL plan to keep this program we need to focus on the Squirt, pee-wee and Mites levels now.	

- 12 Apr 4, 2011 11:43 PM Just wondering if there is a tie on any votes, how is that tie broken if the board is made up of an even number of people?
- 13 Apr 5, 2011 2:34 AM Is a treasurer's report ever posted? Just wondering how much \$ the association has now.
- 14 Apr 5, 2011 1:08 PM Association seems to be controlled by a select few. Tired of inconsistencies.
- 15 Apr 5, 2011 4:48 PM The program has come a long way since its conception but you as the board members i am assuming can agree that every year its gets tougher to continue without a rink. There is no future for the BBL program without a rink. We will continue to have player number problems without a rink.
- 16 Apr 6, 2011 5:59 PM In todays economey families are cutting back. Need to keep cost down! Not in favor of Co-Op!!
- 17 Apr 11, 2011 1:57 AM The only way i would have my child not play hockey is if we coop. I beleave BBL has a good organization, and we have had 2 great years of hockey that actualy make us want to come back. I beleave as the economy get better and we start to grow again we will get better number, that seems to be the big concern. instead of bailing on a good organization i beleave we should make it better. team work is not only on the ice. it also involves everyone off the ice from the kids to the parents to the board. i say lets make it better. and not give up on everything that so many people worked so hard to get.
- 17 Apr 11, 2011 1:57 AM Too much arguing among the parents and creating division. The association is not for the parents, but for the kids. The turning against the coaching staff by parents, if the parents do not like current coaches they have the choices of obtaining their coaching certification and volunteering their time or just keep quite and let the coaches coach and the kids play. Every year and on every team their are always parents who try to rally against the coaches and parents who support the program. These actions are very childish and must stop as this is a possible reason as to why people may leave.

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related to question 5, please provide us some insight into how the BBL program should be changed to address your concerns

Answer Options	Response Count
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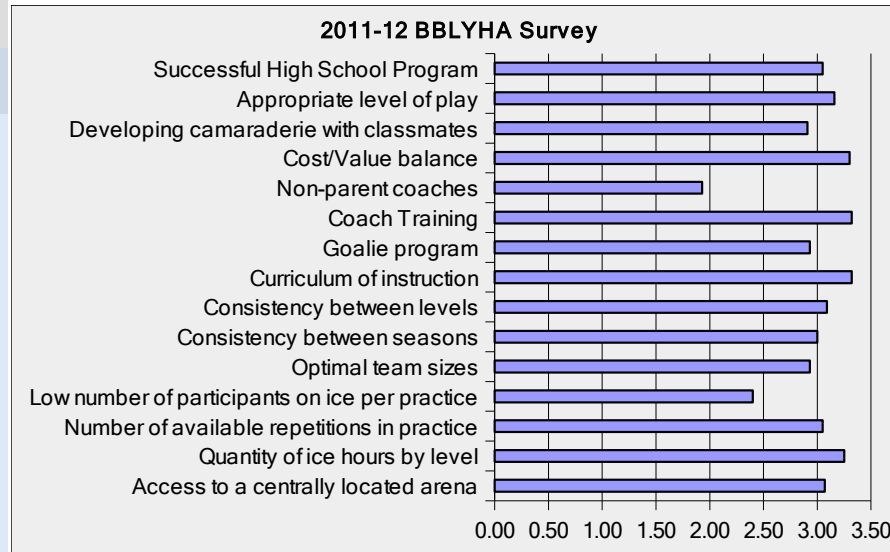
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1	Apr 4, 2011 12:34 AM	We do not believe that there is much that the association can do to effect the kind of change that needs to happen. We simply do not have the numbers at the higher levels to field competitive teams at levels that satisfy the majority of the participants. We need to look seriously at all options that would provide for a better experience for all of the kids. Especially when it comes to working with the rules of district 5 and taking a stand for our kids when we need to stand against decisions that we know will adversely affect our children.	
2	Apr 4, 2011 12:55 AM	It seems as if the BBL Board already has a plan, and they are just going through the motions to pacify its members.	
3	Apr 4, 2011 1:03 AM	Currently not focused on growing the association. Need a focus on the lower levels, termites/mites, instead of an arena or co-oping. "Numbers" seems to be what people are looking for but nothing has been, the past few years, to remediate that. Lose the thought of an arena until you have an association that can support it. Going to the same well year after year is not getting you anywhere.	
4	Apr 4, 2011 1:15 AM	Mitron program does not teach Mites how to skate. I had no problems with the coaches, but Mitron was confusing to the Mites. Too much time spent just figuring out where to go. A co-op with Monticello would help build the program. A girls Co-op and a U8 team is also needed for BBL and Dist 5.	
5	Apr 4, 2011 1:46 AM	Do not Co-Op	
6	Apr 4, 2011 1:49 AM	I would like the board to consider the co-op with MAML. I am not personally in favor of it definitively at this point because we do not have all the information but I would like the board to research the option. There are some definite pros of the merger (closer practices and games and potential to attract more kids at the upper levels) but I understand that there may be negatives as well and I want an informed good decision.	
7	Apr 4, 2011 2:11 AM	Keep BBL together. Create a different Arena Board or sub-committee to actively pursue raising money for Arena, ensuring NO money spent until all money necessary to close the deal has been raised or obligated by donors. This alone would probably near double our number of players...therefore creating a stronger association.	
8	Apr 4, 2011 2:23 AM	From our understanding, co-oping would mean that we're paying more for the program, still driving (at least some) to St. Cloud because of ice shortage (or maybe worse, cramming all the kids onto the same ice they had this year). We just don't see enough benefits to co-oping to make it worth giving up the opportunity our kids now have to play with their classmates.	
9	Apr 4, 2011 2:28 AM	Co-op. There is no other option. I grew up in the Anoka program, and I know what a "good" program entails. BBL is not a good program for hockey. It will never be a good program until we have a sheet of ice that our kids can call home.	
10	Apr 4, 2011 2:47 AM	Mite Program needs levels and off sides to keep kids from losing interest	
11	Apr 4, 2011 2:55 AM	The only things that would make me pull my son from hockey would be him no longer having a desire to play or if the costs got too ridiculous. The travel to St. Cloud for practices is frustrating and I'd love to have a closer home arena, but it's worth it to see him have as much fun as he does out there.	
12	Apr 4, 2011 3:03 AM	Get something in stone for our girls future. A co-op would be a great start. They have ice already and are looking to add a sheet.	
13	Apr 4, 2011 3:28 AM	BBL YHA currently does not have a local indoor ice arena. This has proven to be a challenge in growing a hockey program both in recruitment and retention. Mite level participation is typically higher than any other levels and those levels of participation drop dramatically at squirt, again at peewee and again at the bantam levels, which negatively impacts the high school program. BBL YHA loses quality coaches and players every year due to a lack of home ice, lack of competitive hockey and significant gaps in talent at each level of play. Historically BBL YHA has not made waivers for high level or low level players available, which forces parents and players to play only at the limited level of play offered (typically B level). BBL YHA is a feeder program for high school and if no players are provided an opportunity to develop at an A level, then there will never be an improvement to the high school program, which will eventually lead to its demise. Being raised in Canada and having played up to a collegiate level I have been part of and privy to some of the best hockey programs in North America as well as some of the absolute worst. BBL YHA is an infant organization in the grand scheme of things and has been managed and run very thoughtfully and deliberately with direction and steering towards the right goals and aims. The association has taken the time to research and invest in one of the best hockey development programs in the whole world with Mitron - I strongly believe that this investment can pay off for the association over time by creating a development program that far exceeds those of other associations. That being said, I find the implementation of the program somewhat lacking and this is an area I believe we have a great opportunity to improve going forward. The biggest obstacle the association faces is that of a local hockey arena within which to expand the grow the program - without an arena, no development	
14	Apr 4, 2011 6:06 AM	program, no board decisions, no merger into another association is going to move hockey in Big Lake/Becker forward. Costs are comparatively low in our association which is a bug plus in trying to grow.	
15	Apr 4, 2011 12:20 PM	The communication of information has been lacking and/or hard to find. The website needs to be utilized and updated more often.	
16	Apr 4, 2011 1:04 PM	Better communication with association	
17	Apr 4, 2011 1:24 PM	we need a rink, it could be a pull barn, but we need a sheet of ice	
18	Apr 4, 2011 2:25 PM	My biggest concern is ice time, last year at the Ter-mite level we only had games and practice on weekends. It's clear when games started that our younger kids were not getting enough ice. How about renting outdoor ice? the kids want to skate!! Bottom line.	
19	Apr 4, 2011 2:32 PM	I want my kids to have fun playing hockey more than anything. I want to keep the cost to where we can afford to have both our boys playing.	
20	Apr 4, 2011 3:09 PM	The only thing that I would say is that we need to get an arena built in the not so distant future. If we get an arena, you will see participation explode. Look at Sartel, Andover, etc.	
21	Apr 4, 2011 3:40 PM	Don't co-op. It hurts, not helps the program in the long run	
22	Apr 4, 2011 3:45 PM	we paid a 50.00 equipment fee last year, where did that money go? we did not even receive a general becker big lake hockey t shirt for the kids like we have had in the past. we had two fundraisers this year, what was that money used for since it is a "no" that we are not getting a rink. The pizza fundraiser should not have an exact amount each family must sell. for some, that is a hardship. also, we are NOT in favor of merging with Monticello, what would be the point if we would have to drive to St Cloud anyways for practices games, there would be more kids on teams thus meaning less playing times. we WILL lose a lot of players because of the merging with	
23	Apr 4, 2011 4:24 PM	talking to other parents	
24	Apr 4, 2011 5:04 PM	Would like closer arenas for games & practices	
25	Apr 4, 2011 5:04 PM	I feel it is important to keep BBL going as an entity - only co-op levels when necessary (normally bantam level)	
26	Apr 4, 2011 5:52 PM	It would be great to have an arena, but that is in large part beyond our control. That being said, I was very satisfied with the amount of ice time we had this year between Sauk Rapids and SAE.	
27	Apr 4, 2011 6:09 PM	The kids need to work on more basic skating skills so they can skate faster and move better. Drills are fine but maybe more just power skating and stopping and jumping	
28	Apr 4, 2011 11:43 PM	This is my child's second year in BBL Hockey. He has had a great time! I was a bit disappointed his first year that the basics were not emphasized enough (passing, dribbling). How are the kids supposed to do the Mitron drills when some of them who are new to the organized sport of hockey barely understand the importance of puck control? Not sure if we should continue w/Mitron...just my thought...if we do we really need to remember that not every kid comes from a family w/hockey experience and those kids need help w/the basics no matter which level of hockey they are participating in. My son really like Matt Freide as a coach this year!	
29	Apr 5, 2011 12:00 AM	Get more kids to join hockey. I feel closer arena will help. The parents all look horrified when you say St. Cloud practices. Get the mites to have fun again, so they tell their friends how great hockey is. Eliminate the 5 corrupt board members that only are looking out for their agendas. Not the interest of the majority of the kids of the association.	
30	Apr 5, 2011 2:24 AM	association.	
31	Apr 5, 2011 2:34 AM	Consider co-op. Maybe with more resources we could do more for the kids.	
32	Apr 5, 2011 1:08 PM	Concentrate on the good of the whole association, not a select few. Develop all players, not drive them away.	
33	Apr 5, 2011 4:48 PM	The program needs a rink, easier said than done right! A program that has been around for 20 years and no rink it is a joke! Rogers got one the first year they became a school. STMA with in a matter of a few years. I think everybody knows it but without a rink this program has no future.	
34	Apr 5, 2011 7:46 PM	Not in favor of Co-op. Make sure the agenda of the board members and the decision making of the board members reflect the good of the whole association not just a few kids.	
35	Apr 5, 2011 11:54 PM	They need to either build a rink or combine with another program that has an arena.	
36	Apr 6, 2011 4:12 AM	Review the effectiveness of development program....did nothing for either of my skaters, but cause frustration.	
37	Apr 6, 2011 5:59 PM	It would be nice to get our own rink.	
38	Apr 6, 2011 12:35 AM	It would also be nice to continue improving our program instead of trying to jump on to other programs. (Princeton or Monticello) It is nice to have that sense of community, seeing the same families and kids all the time. The kids get to grow up and improve together, playing a game that they love. What great friendships and memories that they will have of each other and the game of hockey.	
39	Apr 6, 2011 12:35 AM	Better communication on the web site, keep it up to date, and remove the stuff that has expired, a lot of parents don't look at it because they say it is always the same thing on the web site. and too much old info. not deleted. just make it easier for the parents. and make sure there is a team manager at each and every practice	
40	Apr 7, 2011 1:32 PM	and game so the parents know who to go to. once again I think it is all about the volunteer hours not the kids. I really noticed it this year over the other years.	
41	Apr 7, 2011 1:32 PM	Children need to be able to skate at a level that everyone else is at on the team. With one team at higher levels, too wide of a range of ability on 1 team.	
42	Apr 7, 2011 9:11 PM	We have only participated in one year of mini-mites so far, but the biggest problem would be the need to block out 3 hours of the day for a 1 hour practice. Travel was a huge concern, especially in the winter.	
43	Apr 9, 2011 1:57 AM	retain players past mites, recruit more players	
44	Apr 11, 2011 1:21 PM	Any time the parent feels they need to address the board on behalf of their children, they should bring their child with them. And remember if you do not have something nice to say ABOUT somebody do not say anything!	
45	Apr 11, 2011 1:21 PM	I would not mind combining with Monticello	
46	Apr 11, 2011 6:41 PM	Fundraiser-should pay fee during registration but do not run through account until end of the season if people did not complete their hours.	
47	Apr 12, 2011 11:44 AM	Price-I think BBL YH has reasonable pricing.	
48	Apr 17, 2011 1:32 PM	WORK ON IMPROVING OUR PROGRAM HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY, NO COOP	
49		Closer ice time.	
50		Merge with Larger association that can provide more resources for all kids involved	

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Please rate the following aspects of a youth hockey program in general.

Answer Options	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	Rating Average	Response Count
arena	2	10	15	17	3.07	44
Quantity of ice hours by level	0	6	21	17	3.25	44
practice	1	8	23	12	3.05	44
per practice	8	15	15	5	2.40	43
Optimal team sizes	2	7	26	8	2.93	43
Consistency between seasons	1	10	19	12	3.00	42
Consistency between levels	1	6	24	12	3.09	43
Curriculum of instruction	1	5	17	21	3.32	44
Goalie program	1	8	27	7	2.93	43
Coach Training	2	2	20	20	3.32	44
Non-parent coaches	17	15	8	3	1.93	43
Developing camaraderie with classmates	0	6	19	19	3.30	44
Appropriate level of play	2	8	15	19	3.16	44
Successful High School Program	1	9	21	13	3.05	44
Other (please specify)						16
answered question						44
skipped question						0



Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Apr 4, 2011 1:15 AM	My child has been on teams with different associations and Breakaway and has always made friends and enjoyed herself.	
2	Apr 4, 2011 1:46 AM	Keeping kids with their neighbors...ie, not Monticello & Annandale We do not attend Big Lake or Becker schools so the camaraderie and High School program aren't a concern in our situation. The most important aspects are that the kids can have fun, be challenged, become better hockey players and learn how to work hard at something and see some success.	
3	Apr 4, 2011 1:49 AM	The time and money commitment just need to be reasonable.	
4	Apr 4, 2011 2:11 AM	Not joining Monti --- VERY IMPORTANT We feel it's much more important that our kids are well-rounded individuals who have the opportunity to develop good social skills with their classmates than it is to develop only their hockey skills. BBL is not likely to turn out the next NHLer from this area; neither is MAML, Princeton, or any other program in this area. If that's the expectation, there are other hockey programs for those on that track. This is supposed to be a community based program.	
5	Apr 4, 2011 2:23 AM	The High School program needs to go. A co-op with MAML is warranted. The fact we have parents complaining that their kids wont make the MAML HS team isnt relevant. Our kids need to work to make a team. Not be coddled and given a spot on a team because BBL wont cut anyone. Is there any pride in being ranked one of the worst AA teams in the state every year????	
6	Apr 4, 2011 2:28 AM	n/a	
7	Apr 4, 2011 2:47 AM	n/a	
8	Apr 4, 2011 6:06 AM	The mission, values and vision of the program must be clear and attainable to direct the program as a whole.	
9	Apr 4, 2011 1:04 PM	NA	
10	Apr 4, 2011 2:25 PM	Need more ice time at younger level. We need to start getting the younger kids more involved, they are the one's that need to turn this program around. This needs to start today! Youth hockey is a game not a spring board for the NHL. Parents & parent/coaches need to come to terms with that. All kids should be welcome to play and have their strengths developed, Not just the mites that can score goals. The Pee wee and Bantam levels should have paid, nonparent coaches. When kids are still playing hockey at that level, the costs of a well trained coach would balance (cost/value balance).	
11	Apr 5, 2011 2:34 AM	Parent Coaches = ok but verify hockey experience and background (saves money used towards a rink)	
12	Apr 5, 2011 1:08 PM	Cant do everything at once..... only concern of the program should be a rink. All the above questions will become easier and improvement in every aspect.....	
13	Apr 5, 2011 4:48 PM	Not sure as how to answer some of these as they are not real clear on what you are asking with the choice of responses given. I just think it would be great to continue improving our program in house. The kids will get that camaraderie with their classmates and make friendships that go beyond hockey. It is also nice to have a sense of community. I think when programs start gaining lots of towns, we loose the sense of community.	
14	Apr 6, 2011 4:12 AM	once again it comes down to the love of the game. and being able to play hockey. Have the coaches monitored by an outside person and you can find the people that really care about teaching the kids. and the coaches just out there for volunteer hours. there are some really great coaches that give up alot of there time for these kids and i know how much the kids appreciate it. when the coaches are there for everything it show determination and how proud they are of the kids and the kids do see that. and appreciate it.	
15	Apr 6, 2011 5:59 PM	na	
16	Apr 11, 2011 1:57 AM	na	

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hockey experience, what types of opportunities do you hope are available for them, related to

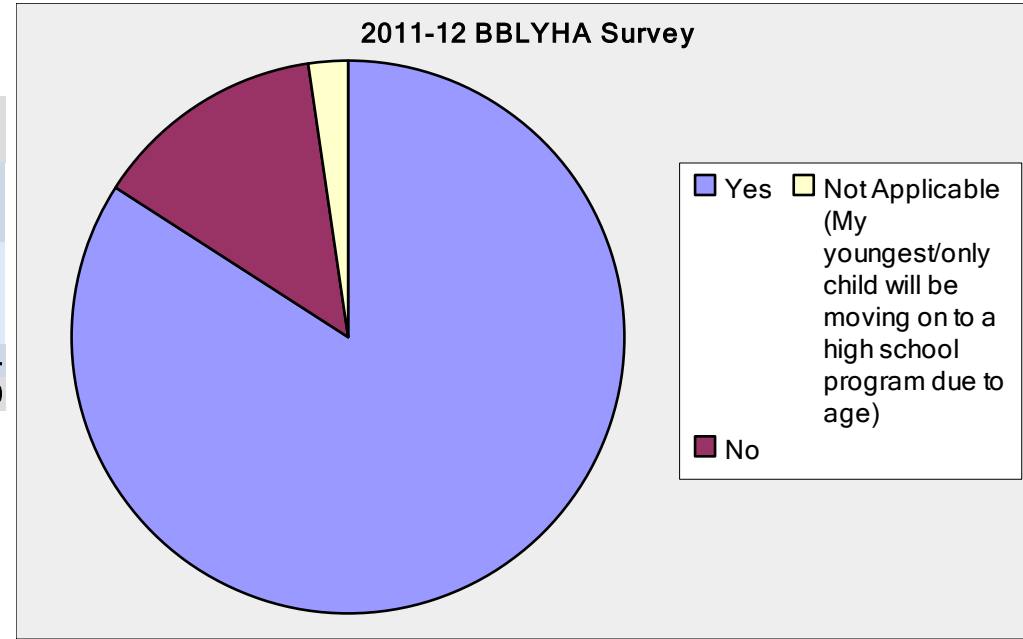
Answer Options	Response Count
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<i>skipped question</i>	0

Number	Response Date	Response Text	Categories
1	Apr 4, 2011 12:34 AM	We would like them to have the opportunity to play at the high school level and on if they are capable of completing at those levels. and to continue enjoying hockey throughout their life.	
2	Apr 4, 2011 12:55 AM	To play on a high school team if they have the skills to play competitively. If not, I would like to see a Junior Gold team.	
3	Apr 4, 2011 1:03 AM	High School Hockey	
4	Apr 4, 2011 1:15 AM	I would like them to have the skills to compete for a position on a High School team.	
5	Apr 4, 2011 1:46 AM	Continuing on in HS & college if they are able & choose to	
6	Apr 4, 2011 1:49 AM	I hope that my son plays high school hockey.	
7	Apr 4, 2011 2:11 AM	Being able to continue to play if they so desire	
8	Apr 4, 2011 2:23 AM	High school hockey. Junior Gold is not the same and should not be considered a reasonable substitute. Our kids are students first, athletes second. It doesn't make sense to give up on the local high school program to cut our kids' chances of playing in half just to get in with another also-ran program.	
9	Apr 4, 2011 2:28 AM	Junior Gold is available to us. This question is irrelevant.	
10	Apr 4, 2011 2:47 AM	High school or junior gold	
11	Apr 4, 2011 2:55 AM	I'd like to have a successful high school program available for him to move on to.	
12	Apr 4, 2011 3:03 AM	High school hockey would be a start for girls.	
13	Apr 4, 2011 3:28 AM	Answering this question would assume that both the parent and player were satisfied with the opportunities available and provided at the youth level and that families did not quit prior to completing their youth hockey experience. Opportunities should begin at the youth level, not after. Continually holding back accelerated players and not allowing lower level players opportunities to play with a team of equal caliber takes the team aspect out of the game and makes teaching and learning hockey much more difficult. The goal of any youth sport program is NOT to develop DIV 1 or NHL hockey players bu rather to teach the great game of hockey to all who aspire to learn it. In doing so, teaching the value of hard work, dedication, sportsmanship and team work through the development of each players individual hockey abilities - to this end, I do not aspire for my children to achieve any more than these things from their youth hockey and consequently hope they are better people and players for having played the game in Big Lake/Becker - anything beyond this, is completely up to my children	
14	Apr 4, 2011 6:06 AM	Lake/Becker - anything beyond this, is completely up to my children	
15	Apr 4, 2011 12:20 PM	Sophmore, JV, & Varsity High School hockey and a "Park Board" opportunity	
16	Apr 4, 2011 1:04 PM	NA	
17	Apr 4, 2011 1:24 PM	to be a confident individual who has grown to love the game and what it offers	
18	Apr 4, 2011 2:25 PM	Be confident...learn team work...work ethic...build relationships that you will always remember and hopefully continue for a lifetime.	
19	Apr 4, 2011 2:32 PM	NA	
20	Apr 4, 2011 3:09 PM	Ability for my child to play on his High School hockey team.	
21	Apr 4, 2011 3:40 PM	They like the game enough to seek out avenues to play, coach, spectate and support hockey	
22	Apr 4, 2011 3:45 PM	a high school program	
23	Apr 4, 2011 4:24 PM	To play at the high school level and develop a life-long love of the game so that he can enjoy it as an adult (on a recreational team)	
24	Apr 4, 2011 5:04 PM	high school with team mates	
25	Apr 4, 2011 5:52 PM	If they so desire, the ability to continue playing the game at some level, the ability to stay engaged in the game via coaching or officiating.	
26	Apr 4, 2011 6:09 PM	That they can play more.	
27	Apr 4, 2011 11:43 PM	I would hope he would want to play on a high school team or Junior Gold.	
28	Apr 5, 2011 12:00 AM	Whatever is available for their talent levels. I would love for Becker to have their own Bulldogs high school team. I understand that will not happen being such a strong football town.	
29	Apr 5, 2011 2:24 AM	Way too early, high school would be great, but they would have to earn it.	
30	Apr 5, 2011 2:34 AM	High School then play in mens leagues or coach.	
31	Apr 5, 2011 1:08 PM	A life long love of the game in the State of hockey where there are adult fun leagues everywhere.	
32	Apr 5, 2011 4:48 PM	BBL Eagle High School Hockey	
33	Apr 5, 2011 7:46 PM	I would like them have the opportunity to play on a high school team if they want to.	
34	Apr 5, 2011 11:54 PM	Better understanding of the game & allow them to continue to play recreationally afterwards. I hope that my child has the opportunity to play High School Hockey. If we co-op and get too big, that opportunity may be lost. I would hate to have my child go through all those great seasons, to have them not be able to play with teammates for their communities in High School.	
35	Apr 6, 2011 4:12 AM	I hope they value hard work, and nothing comes easy, its not all about winning but the heart you put into experance of being able to participate in this program.	
36	Apr 6, 2011 5:59 PM	uncertain	
37	Apr 7, 2011 12:35 AM	The opportunity to "play" with friends on the ice and have a fun time.	
38	Apr 7, 2011 1:32 PM	He will be provided opportunities to reach his potential, provide he continues to show the same level of enthusaism and dedication to hard work	
39	Apr 9, 2011 9:11 PM	highschool hockey	
40	Apr 11, 2011 1:57 AM	confidence in them self, and possible enjoy the game if that is to continue play or just watching the game.	
41	Apr 11, 2011 1:21 PM	As long as he wants to keep playing Hockey, I would like to see him play at least through HS.	
42	Apr 11, 2011 6:41 PM	THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY THE GAME BECAUSE THEY LOVE IT	
43	Apr 12, 2011 11:44 AM	That will up to them -- I am not in this for scholarships or contracts. I want my kids to learn to skate, love the game, and have the chance to play with kids of their ability. Not be forced to be on a team that they may be under/over classed for. Need multiple teams at each level or it will not work long term.	
44	Apr 17, 2011 1:32 PM		

2011-12 BBLYHA Survey

Based on all of your previous experience with BBLYHA, do you intend to enroll your child(ren) with BBLYHA for 2011-12, if applicable?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	84.1%	37
No	13.6%	6
to a high school program due to age)	2.3%	1
<i>answered question</i>		44
<i>skipped question</i>		0



2011-12 BBLHYA Survey

share, such as opinions on the program or co-opping with another organization (for or against), please let

Answer Options	Response Count
	36
answered question	36
skipped question	8

Number	Response Date	Response Text	Categorie
1	Apr 4, 2011 12:34 AM	Our decision to enroll our children in the BBLHYA will be dictated by how our board proceeds with the investigation of looking into a possible co-op with another association. We believe that under the right circumstances we would be better off as a group to play with a larger group of kids to provide better playing opportunities for kids at all levels that our association just can not provide on a year in and year out basis.	
2	Apr 4, 2011 12:55 AM	May do last year of mites somewhere else. This year was a waste of time and money. Questions can be taken in many ways depending on your expectations. I am against co-opping. If you are indeed considering it you should consider/look at other associations also. I know Sauk Rapids have been interested in BBL joining there association since BBL has been buying ice from them. People in the association who think their child is not playing at the level they should be playing at should ask the family who moved to MAML last year so their son could play on "A" team. It didn't work out the way they expected. Their son ended up on what they said was the worst of the "B" teams. People need be careful for what they wish for as the outcome may not be what they had wished for. I consider myself realistic on level of play. If a parent's think their son/daughter is above the rest of the kids and the association is not meeting their child's needs it's time to move.	
3	Apr 4, 2011 1:03 AM	Please Co op with Monticello to build the program and allow kids to play on "A" teams. Let's get stronger, not find weaker teams to play.	
4	Apr 4, 2011 1:15 AM	if we will lose ice time or have to travel outside Monti for practice, then Co-Op should not even be an option. I'd rather continue driving to SiC & SR than give our money to Monti.	
5	Apr 4, 2011 1:46 AM	I have been disappointed in the "noise" and some of the board member's actions related to this issue. I would not be honest if I didn't tell you that it has taken away some of the fun from the hockey season for me. We don't need this kind of drama and political game playing to put together a good hockey program. I'm hopeful that the board will come together as a team and either make the best decision for the association or provide the association with the information to vote for the best decision.	
6	Apr 4, 2011 1:49 AM	Thank you for all of the time you put in and the passion that the board has for the association. It is appreciated.	
7	Apr 4, 2011 2:11 AM	100% against Co-Op with Monticello	
8	Apr 4, 2011 2:23 AM	In short, we don't feel co-opping is a good solution at all levels, or for a long-term commitment. Any gains in enrollment will be artificial because it's not our rink or program. Once the agreement is gone and we're back to skating in St. Cloud full-time, will those new players stick with the program or leave? Related to this, what is the impact to the school districts? In this economy, our schools can't afford to lose kids to open enrollment, especially if the reason they leave is outside the control of the schools. Even though we're planning on enrolling our kids in the program again next year, if this co-op idea goes through and it impacts the Squirt and Termite levels, we plan to find an option other than BBL for them to play hockey going forward. We just can't see having to be in St. Cloud for one kid's practice, then Monti for the other, each weekend day. Our current set-up works very well for families with multiple players at different levels. This idea just doesn't make sense for anything other than keeping some kids playing at the upper levels where numbers really are an issue. Co-opping with MAML seems to be more beneficial for MAML than BBL. Regarding question number 9. Yes, my children will play hockey regardless of whats going on. But we can only hope that BBL decides to co-op with MAML. BBLHYA growth is stagnant.....There are 2 ways to grow a "company". You grow organically..... that means you grow within your own means.... BBLHYA has proven this is not working. Or you grow via buyouts, mergers, co-ops....	
9	Apr 4, 2011 2:28 AM	Also, Mitron should not be renewed. USA hockey has free information for practice plans. My close friend is a coach in St Cloud, and they use the USA hockey "free" information for all their youth hockey teams. Why does BBLHYA choose to pay for something when free practice plans are available?????????	
10	Apr 4, 2011 2:47 AM	The answer to Number 9 will change depending on the Mite program.	
11	Apr 4, 2011 2:55 AM	I think the co-op idea needs to be shared in detail with the parents at a meeting. I don't feel that I have enough details on the possible co-op to be strongly for or against it at this point. While having Monticello as home ice would be great as there would be much less driving, I worry that having 5 towns together will limit available play time for some kids. I also would like my son to be able to continue to play with all of the friends he's been playing with for the past 5 years and not have them broken up and spread out among numerous teams.	
12	Apr 4, 2011 3:28 AM	I do not have enough information to offer an opinion for or against the subject of co-opping, but I am 100% confident that if something drastic does not change with the BBLHYA, then nothing will ever improve and numbers may actually begin to decline at some point. In my opinion, a local indoor ice arena would be more beneficial to the program than other option available. Unfortunately, that option has been explored and exhausted without success and other options to help improve the association must be explored and pursued.	
13	Apr 4, 2011 6:08 AM	I honestly cannot see what co-opping is going to accomplish for Big Lake/Becker. It may give the few players at each level the opportunity to play on A level teams but the cold hard reality is that about 1% of MN youth hockey player ever play Div 1 hockey and far less than that every make the NHL. Hockey used to be about the game, learning it, developing as a player and having fun - not about ensuring your child has the best chances of being scouted by college and professional teams. I'm all for giving a child the best opportunity to play the game they love at a challenging level in a competitive environment and I would hold nothing against any parent who chose to open enroll their child in a longer developed association - that is what open enrollment is for. However, co-opping an entire association serves no serious purpose but for those parents and players who don't want to change schools to play on a better team. I strongly believe that you would see not only costs increase, and drive times for practice and games stay as they are now - Monticello doesn't have enough ice for their teams as it is - but you would see a significant decrease in the number of Big Lake/Becker kids playing the great game of hockey - If I had a vote, and I don't it would be to maintain our identity as Becker Big Lake Youth Hockey and continue to develop a strong small town hockey program for not only the kids playing now, but the kids of tomorrow.	
14	Apr 4, 2011 12:20 PM	We need more information to make a fact base decision that will benefit the association as a whole.	
15	Apr 4, 2011 1:04 PM	NA	
16	Apr 4, 2011 1:24 PM	It is my opinion that our program is strong at the mite level. if we continue to run our program we will have a strong hockey program. we need our own ice (very important) I can go either way on this whole co-op. I would like to grow and build a program here, but without ice I don't ever see it. We need to start winning at a level in order to bring more kids in and continue to build the program. It's needs to start at the HS level. I came from two very large programs in the cities, and unless your HS and Batams win it's tuff to drum up excitement at younger levels. I will have 4 kids in the program in the next two years and I want to focus on hockey and not if we are going to have a program. I would also motion to discontinue Mitron and use USA hockey which is free. I love coaching and working with the kids, but why are we spending dollars if we can use USA for a lower fee if not free?	
17	Apr 4, 2011 2:25 PM	My concern is that if Becker/BigLake joins with Monti there will be so many kids and it will get very competitive. I just want my kids to have fun and not be stressed about hockey. If Becker remains the way it is I think we should try to grow our program by improving recruitment efforts and begin a new attempt at getting an arena, both of which I would be willing to help with.	
18	Apr 4, 2011 2:32 PM	I do not believe that co-opping with another association is in the best interest of this association. I believe that if a co-op situation develops, it will hurt more than help this organization. I believe that we need to grow this organization from within, not co-opping with another association for short-sighted reasons. I believe that if we co-op with another organization we will never get an arena built, and BBL hockey could cease to exist. Just my thoughts.	
19	Apr 4, 2011 3:09 PM	Don't co-op, it's not worth it	
20	Apr 4, 2011 3:40 PM	Would like to co-op with Monticello, but are concerned that if that happens, there will be fewer positions available at the high school level.	
21	Apr 4, 2011 4:24 PM	I am neutral on the co-opping issue at this time, I see positives and negatives on both sides. I certainly agree that with a relatively small association like ours, there are level of play issues at all levels Squirt and above. This could be remedied to a certain extent by joining with another association, but it raises serious issues with fairness and equal opportunity in the tryout process that would need to be addressed and clarified. We would also need to determine what would be done with our high school players, specifically whether they would continue to play with BBL or with the association that we co-op with the HS team. Finally, we need to determine if the association that we co-op with has the ice available to absorb our players. As I stated previously, I was very satisfied with the amount of practice time my kids received this year, and wouldn't want to see it decline due to lack of ice availability with a new association. I believe it is incumbent on the Board to exercise due diligence in exploring the co-opping option and make sure we do what's best for all kids in our program.	
22	Apr 4, 2011 5:52 PM	isnt there a way that we can combine with someone other than monticello. Maybe Elk River. Monticello already has maple lake and annandale. 5 schools for 1 team. That is crazy.	
23	Apr 4, 2011 6:09 PM	I would really like to see BBLHYA as BBLHYA and not part of another program. It is hard enough now to get our kids to hang together with just 2 different school districts, imagine bringing them in w/kids from Monti, Annandale & Maple Lake-kids who have been playing together already for a couple of years. I believe the board should bring this decision to a vote of the members of the association once all the information has been gathered and posted on the website for all members to read and make an informed decision. Thank you for your consideration.	
24	Apr 4, 2011 11:43 PM	At this point we are not sure what our Squirt is going to do for Fall. We are not excited about the upcoming squirt team size and varied talent level.	
25	Apr 5, 2011 12:00 AM	Maybe we will enroll. We are undecided at this time, and we really love, grew up with hockey so it is most unfortunate to feel this way. All we really want is for the co-op to be explored with open minds, and let us know why you are so against it. We may all surprise you if we have the facts. Sincerely wish you luck.	
26	Apr 5, 2011 2:24 AM	If a co-op were to be successful, it should be long term and for all levels to grow the association. We were at Princeton short term because of parents with unrealistic expectations, we don't want that repeated. We're not for it or against it as long as its for the right reasons.	
27	Apr 5, 2011 2:34 AM	We will lose the identity of BBL by combining with Monticello. As a parent with a child in the youth program its our only choice since the lack of our communities and program ability to provide a rink in the last twenty years. Gas/time is to expensive to ask people to continue to travel to St. Cloud we need both towns in a unified effort to get a rink in between the towns like the Salidas area. All youth programs go to outdoor practice and we take our Zamboni back to maintain our outdoor ice for a few yrs. Charging the same amount but saving that money for a rink. Only games indoors at a location. The money shouldn't be spent on property taxes either it is for a rink only (Key words RINK ONLY DEDICATED FUNDING). In-between the town's maybe we would be able to get more funding, needs some serious political work to pass the local political bs but the money needs to come from us to get a rink. Another great idea, hmmm we use the outdoor rinks for a couple years in both towns if the cities allow us but than we also run them. We are already there anyways practicing. Use it as volunteer hours for a couple years and instead of the city to pay workers to watch the rinks we work it and the city pays us and we put it in a dedicated format for a rink and track our progress in public locations so people can watch and see our progress. Yes I understand the worry (Headache) and the work involved maintaining volunteer schedules but look how much money we could save for a rink if plan works out in one year alone just from this one act without further. All speculative estimations: Money from city: 2 Employees for one ice season (1 per town)assuming \$10/hr Dec, Jan, Feb (3 monthsor 12 weeks) M-F 5pm to 10pm (5x5=25x12=300x10= 3000 Sat/Sun noon to 10pm (10x2=20x12=240x 10= 2400 (3000+2400)= 5400 1 Season of Hockey (Maintaining Price but utilizing outdoor ice) 100 Youth players estimate save \$50 a/yr (100x50= 5000 5400+5000= \$10,400a year	
28	Apr 5, 2011 1:08 PM	I believe people, the community, businesses will be willing to donate more if we promise dedicated funding for a rink and not squander it on association fees and ice time costs like in the past. Prime examples go ask the Snow Cruisers alone how much money they have donated in the past 15 years and not a dime of it went for rink.	
29	Apr 5, 2011 4:48 PM	Not in favor of Co-opping. Not real sure what the advantage is to our association as a whole. Lower fees if possible. Without the taxes on the land this year it should be possible.	
30	Apr 6, 2011 4:12 AM	I think we need to make sure that all the facts get out there for all parents to see. I think ice time issues and pay increases (if we co-op) need to be address. I think everyone needs all the information so that parents will be able to make an informed choice and just no follow the squeaky wheel that makes all the noise. Just because a few people are very vocal for co-opping, I don't believe that is what we all want for our children. My main concern is that we, as an association, do not jump in with all the facts.	
31	Apr 6, 2011 5:59 PM	I beleave this cooping is for all the wrong reasons, it seems to be more about how the parents feel about there kids not how the kids feel about it. it just seems like all the wrong reasons. And a big push from just one parent. I hope this survey works and people realize this is a good program.	
32	Apr 7, 2011 12:35 AM	We feel this is definitely something worth looking into. With low number we need to look at opportunities for our skaters.	
33	Apr 9, 2011 9:11 PM	We believe our organization would benefit from a long term co-op. It has taken 10 years of hard work to get us as close as we were to an arena, it's time to consider following the lead of the ice board and trust that they have exhausted all viable options at this time. Given the lack of support from our high school and the cities, we believe a 5 year outlook for an arena is optimistic, and 10 is a more realistic expectation. In the meantime, we need to grow. The organization has come this far, co-opping or merging would be a mistake. Let the kids open enroll in a program of their choosing is what we would do. The Monti rep who was at the meeting stated that there current arena could not handle the extra skaters and ice rentals in St Cloud, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, etc. would be necessary so the benefit would be nothing. Also at the HS level 60-70 skaters competing for 25 sports basically would eliminate our kids chances.	
34	Apr 11, 2011 1:57 AM	NO COOP, WE NEED TO BUILD THRE PROGRAM WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY!!	
35	Apr 12, 2011 11:44 AM	Absolutly need to look at CO-OP. There is not enough kids in our program at the youngest ages. When kids start to drop out having 1 team with players from A level to C level on 1 sheet of ice for Games and practices does not work long term. IT has to be addressed.	
36	Apr 17, 2011 1:32 PM		