

July 19, 2017

**Attendance:** Matt Crane (telephonic), Jason Kalin, Lenny Kleven-Schmitz, Kurt Krenz, Leslie Rimstad, John Rimstad, Mike Ryan, Renae Spencer

Guests: Josh Levine, Jeremy St. George

Meeting called to order by R. Spencer at 8:00 PM

**Motion made by K. Krenz and seconded by L. Kleven-Schmitz to approve June 13th, 2017 meeting minutes as amended.** Motion passed unanimously.

Colleen Thornburg was introduced as new communications/webmaster volunteer.

Josh Levine provided a recap of his observations of the season, focused on player development. Discussion of upcoming season hours was held.

**Ice Report.** Practice ice is scheduled through October, left the 24<sup>th</sup> open for a parent meeting, October 28<sup>th</sup> is the ice draw. The board needs to continue searching for a replacement for Jeremy's role on the board, it would be ideal to have a candidate in place by September.

#### **Association Updates:**

- **Bloomington Amateur Hockey Association:** Still working on concession volunteer shifts and how those will be coordinated. BAHA is outsourcing their treasurer role and are hiring an advertising firm (the same used at Braemar) to handle BIG advertising this season. New rink divider carts are available that make transportation between rinks easier to accomplish. BAHA is also looking to see if it can secure some space for dryland training that is not associated with E-Train. The BAHA payout to our association this year was \$12,800 (combination of advertising, concessions and tournament profits).
- **Jefferson Update:** Looking for B and C level coaches for upcoming season
- **Kennedy Update:** Project 20-20 summit, long range planning was the focus of a long meeting. They also have a recruiting effort in place with the Richfield police department for the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of November.
- **District 6 update:** No update

**Treasurer Update:** BGHC has about \$32,000 in cash, expect to earn about \$3,000 from the golf outing. The association expects to be net income positive at about \$7,000 of net income for this fiscal year, a result of a solid fundraising effort this year. There are still concerns about having to pay for unused ice, the board continues to seek an improvement in the process of reserving and scheduling ice for the upcoming season. BGHC will also seek to outsource the Treasurer functions for this year, Matt Crane who previously held this role will continue to serve on the board.

**Travel Team Report:** A few volunteer roles have been filled, still seeking to complete the roster of volunteers. BGHC is looking to partner with Kennedy on the Richfield Police recruiting effort. Leslie will work to assign some volunteers to help with jersey sizing in early August for the upcoming season so that Jerseys can be ordered earlier than in the past.

**Mite Report:** BIG improvement committee is looking to make a proposal to the city for \$1.6M worth of renovations which would likely include improvements to the entrance of the rinks, more space for viewing at the end boards in rinks 1 and 2. Still finalizing the try hockey for free dates.

**Fundraising Report:** Looking to offer the same price points of sponsorship again this year, expecting to have all sponsorships filled by Labor Day.

#### **Old Business:**

**BGHC Positions Available.** The board may have a volunteer to run the football concessions.

**Summer of Sunday's.** General discussion on what is going well, what could be improved at roughly the half way point

**Golf Tournament:** Quick recap, good response for the first attempt to do this, looking to replicate and/or improve for next year

**Tournaments:** Confirmed for Fargo, have one hotel for all Bloomington teams to stay at, association pins are in the works, considering a multi-part pin for all of the Bloomington teams.

**Picnic:** confirmed for 8/21 at Shelter 3, East Bush Lake. Maureen Gray is coordinating the event.

**New Marketing Banners:** Lenny will work on getting new banners, a draft was circulated for comments

#### **New Business**

**Rule Changes:** Icing will be called against teams when they are shorthanded, this will help players develop more confidence with handling the puck and skating it out of the zone as well as possibly some more shorthanded offensive opportunities. Also, USA hockey training needs to be completed before the season starts (in the past it was by 12/31). This training also includes Safesport.

**Motion made by L. Kleven-Schmitz and seconded by K. Krenz to keep the \$40 first year fee for 8U's in place, keep other incentives consistent for 10U and 12U with registration at \$175.** Motion passed unanimously.

**Yard Signs:** Will bring yard signs to the summer picnic and to BIG for Summer of Sundays to help get them distributed.

**Motion made by K. Krenz and seconded by M. Ryan to adjourn.** Motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 PM.