

DYHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2008
6:00 P.M.
Suite 160

1. Call to Order by Mike Belmont

Current Board Members Present:

Mike Belmont, Bob Woodward, Kristie Pfiffner, Dawn Savary, Ben Kluesner, Brian McCoy, Brian Rieckens, Mark Wolff, Rick Zillig, and Dave Zillig

Future Board Members Present: Marilyn Snyder, Larry Nedder, and Duane Tucker.

Board Members Not Present and Approved: Lisa Thormann, and Tim Weber.

2. Motion by Mike Belmont to approve March minutes, seconded by Brian Rieckens and carried. (Motion was made to take out "table" from the section on "January and February Treasurer's Reports" from the March minutes.)
3. Treasurer's Report: March

March

Dawn talked about the current year income and what it will be once we have the TT credits taken off and the \$500.00 bill paid to the T-birds for the dasher boards. Year end party: Raffle profit: \$256.30 after taxes, Expenses: \$976.68. Ref Clinic reimbursement was given out to 7 refs for a total of \$245.00. Referrals were up from previous years. \$400.00 was given out for 16 new players that were referred.

Mike Belmont made a motion to approve the March treasurer's report, Ben Kluesner seconded and carried.

4. Monthly Checklists

March

Nothing further

April

Date for Board Member dinner was discussed. A final date will be set via email.

May

Committee assignments tabled until next meeting.

Newsletter for May – please provide information to Marilyn.

Golf outing date set for June 20 at Lacoma. Rick Zillig provided a list of last year's hole sponsors and donations.

5. Old Business

- A. New Board Member Information: all information from Kristi
 - B. PeeWee Tournament in Sparta: Mike Belmont reported he had a conversation with John Hoekstra the hotel manager. He admitted they have had problems with a lot of hockey groups and the recent incident was probably the last straw. He is still considering allowing us to stay at the hotel in the future. With some gains to be made by next year, we might be able to stay there, but didn't get into the details. Overall it was a positive conversation.
6. Committee Reports
- A. Apparel/Merchandise: Nothing to report from Dave. Dave did give Dawn the inventory to put it in the financials. There was discussion regarding selling the flags to the Mite travel team, or giving the flags to the travel teams and make it a positive to get them to be used as we do have 200 flags.
 - B. Bylaws: nothing to report. Kristi has the bylaws put together and Mike Belmont will make sure they are in order, sign them and then they will be put on the website.
 - C. Coaching/Evaluations: Bob Woodward said the results are in, but he doesn't have them downloaded yet. He will download the results and then send to Duane. The results were good, didn't get a lot of extra open ended responses. There are still some coaches being too intense, using bad language at the lower level when we should be keeping it fun for the kids. Bob will continue to coach youth hockey clinics. Mike Belmont agreed that we need to lay out the ground rules ahead of time. Duane Tucker agreed there should be guidelines for coaches to help out at practices with travel and house league so they can move over to travel league. Dave Zillig mentioned the Little Stars coaches were left off the survey, with Beth being the only one on there. Bob thought all the coaches were on the list. Brian Rickens wondered about a Coaching Director being a paid position of sorts, and Bob thought it would add consistency and be a positive. Several ideas were discussed to improve coaching drills, etc.
 - D. Equipment/Rental Program: Dave reported that he and Tim went through the jerseys and the equipment rental list. Dave also reported that several people have dropped off their equipment. Bob mentioned USA Hockey for new equipment to purchase for rental. Dave and Tim talked about it and we already have equipment. Discussion was had regarding the system of rental items and how to improve and manage it better for next season.
 - E. Fundraising: Lisa Thormann is not here. Golf outing - Rick Zillig handed out sheets with hole sponsors and a donation list, as some are going to be re-assigned. Dark shaded ones said "no" last year. A rough draft for the golf outing was sent out with two levels of sponsor - \$100 for hole sponsor, \$250 for the beverage cart. An earlier start time was suggested but the start time was given out at the year end party. Mike Belmont stated the need to identify out going board members on the list and see if they want to contact their ones from last year. New board members let us know if you see some businesses you want to contact. Kristi mentioned the ones that she will still contact for this year. Mike Belmont went through the list for the outgoing members that were present. Please send Rick an email as soon as

you know of any donations. Rick will finalize the list and email it to Mike. Rick also has emails for foursome groups from last year.

- F. House League: nothing to report
- G. Ice/Referee Schedules: nothing to report
- H. Pictures/Awards: nothing to report
- I. Elections: went well
- J. Public Relations/Promotions: Mike Belmont asked Kristie where are we on the TH community page/civic page to set it up for August? School flyers are coming around the corner, email the school and approve the flyer by Kristie and copy Brian McCoy on it.
- K. Newsletters: 250 printed and there are 270 on the list. Marilyn will confirm print quantity for May newsletter.
- L. Registration: Nothing to report
- M. Scholarships: Nothing to report
- N. Travel Team: Nothing to report

7. New Business

- A. Welcome New Members: Done
- B. New Committee Assignments: preliminary assignments (see hand out sheet), we do need a team moms supervisor and a registrar. Dawn went through the registration process. Much discussion was had regarding how to simplify the process. Decision at next meeting.
- C. Task Binder - Kristi has the binder that is not complete, that everyone has to give new member binders, Bob was to bring in one, make sure new members have the information, is it available electronic, one book that is extra. The extra one can go tonight, Amy Jo will have to bring in hers, with the secretary should keep the original one, old members hand their own binders to the new members. Bob and Amy Jo will find theirs.
- D. Caring Coach Award - Mike Belmont received a letter from the Iowa Games. They have a caring coach award. It was suggested that we nominate Beth Remakle for this award. It would be worthwhile to submit the nomination. Mike read the nomination form from the Iowa Games application due May 30. Mike will write it up and send it out for all to review before sending it in.
- E. Hotel Behavior Policy - Mike printed up one today, will send it out via email and we can vote on next meeting.
- F. Strategic Planning - Mike for the next meeting what we want to do for the next year, coaching chair director position, any other ideas for the year and beneficial to the next meeting. Bob - potential ice increase for the fall? Mike-don't know for sure but that would not be surprising. Bob-Price increase, plug in how many kids per group to figure out a budget. Lease with Five Flags?

Updates on new rink? \$940,000 left to raise and it is going well. Mike Belmont (Larrison & Associates) has nearly gotten the drawings/design for the rink down. \$1 million was received from DRA. We have asked for a 6 month extension from DRA and the Future Fund to do this in 3 month increments if we raise \$500,000

per three months. Mike has a letter for the hockey parents, asking people to consider \$100 a year over the 5 year period. There are a lot of businesses to talk to yet, and \$60,000 was raised just last week. Also state of Iowa CAT grant, it will take help from this board and coaches, youth hockey parents. People will not respond to an email or letter, most people will need to be asked personally. Mike said that coaches will be getting a letter in the mail. If you know someone who can contribute or consider an in-kind donation, let me Bob know. All kids will thank you.

Board dinner date and location was discussed. May 2, May 9, May 16, were suggested dates. An email will be sent out to pick a date for the dinner.

8. Recap.: Summer hours for meetings and available nights were discussed. Most available night is Tuesday and Monday. Second Tuesday of the month starting in May, and then the second Wednesday in June.
9. Next Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 6:00 p.m. at Dubuque Building, Duane will reserve this room, during the summer to meet here.
10. Adjournment: By motion duly made by Ben Kluesner and seconded by Bob Woodward, the meeting was adjourned.