

## **BETHLEHEM BLAST® Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** March 11, 2010

Attendees: Board members: John Kerr, Amy Spease, Sandy Steidel, Kristin Buehl, Tom Ashley, Jen Ducaleo, Becky Miller, Mark Gutekunst, Mark Spease, Allison Civitella, Lisa Nolan, Wendy LeDuc  
SIC Representative: Rik McKinnon

Guests: Dr. Michael Schwartz, Dr. Thomas Campbell; Sports Concussion Management of the Lehigh Valley

### **Approval of Jan. 2010 Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes was made by Jen Ducaleo. Amy Spease seconded. January minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

A suggestion was made to hold a 50/50 raffle at the Awards Banquet to raise funds. The Treasurer's report was not approved pending further review.

### **DVHL Meeting Report:**

Submitted by Tom Ashley. Monthly meeting dates are posted on DVHL website.  
2 scholarships (\$1000 each) will be awarded. 32 applicants, name will be announced in May.  
Outstanding financials (including past years) need to be submitted by 3/12.  
All-star game is 3/28; Blast has 2 players who were chosen to participate.  
Sept. 10 & 11- Level 4 Coaches meeting  
Sept. 11- Levels 1-3  
Rizzo has disbanded and dropped out of the DVHL.  
Nationals- still need volunteers. Team ad needs to be submitted by 3/15, the ad can be sold to a business or used for a Blast ad.  
Registrations for players who are already registered with another DVHL team cannot be accepted by the Blast until after 5:00 PM April 20 (Girls Team, 4/19)

### **Hockey Operations:**

Team awards and Coach of the Year nominees for banquet are needed by 3/15. So far, 11 of 15 teams have submitted their awards. Evaluations guidelines will be e-mailed to all members before the start of evaluations.  
16 ice slots will be needed to be scheduled for evaluations.  
A suggestion was made to buy pinneys, which can be collected and used year after year, for evaluations instead of buying jerseys yearly.  
A motion was made by Sandy Steidel to apply \$75.00 for squirt-midget, of the registration fee to cover the cost of evaluations. It will be non-refundable unless the player is not placed on a Blast team. Mark Spease seconded the motion.  
The remaining registration fee will be applied to season fees.  
There have been several thefts of personal property from the locker rooms. Team managers need to be informed that locker rooms are to be locked during practices and games.  
18A ended the season 3 home games short. At \$600/game = \$1800.  
A motion was made by Tom Ashley to erase the team account deficit (\$420), reimburse coaches Rochester tournament expenses (\$348.18) and add an additional tournament (\$850). Total comes to \$1618.18. Motion seconded by Mark Gutekunst.  
Dave Marlin Goalie Clinic will be cancelled due to lack of interest.  
Steel Ice Center Scholarship will be given out at the banquet. Sam Henderson and Klyde Smoll will assist in choosing the recipient.  
Next year, a more formal process will be adopted.  
Team projections for next season: 1 girls, 1 cross-ice, 2 mite, 2 squirt, 2 peewee, 4 bantam, 2 U16, 1 U18  
An e-mail will be sent to all member families asking for volunteers (2 from each team) for Nationals.

### **Registrar:**

### **Scheduler:**

Allison Civitella reported that practice for 2010-11 season will start August 16.

### **New Player Report**

Becky Miller reported that there were several e-mails from new potential players, mostly U8, and a few peewee and bantam.

### **Vice President of Administration**

Amy Spease reported that are 2 board positions up for vote: VP of Administration and Treasurer. An e-mail will be sent to member families announcing the positions.

Appointed positions up for reappointment are: New Player Coordinator, Director of Hockey Operations, Registrar, ACE Coordinator, Head of Coaches, and Scheduler.

Any changes to the by-laws need to be made at the April Board meeting.

A suggestion was made to add a new position, Associate Director of Tournaments (non-voting appointment) to the board.

### **Vice President of External Affairs**

Mark Gutekunst and Lisa Nolan reported that medals will be awarded to all players at the banquet. All teams will be called to the stage and the Head Coach will announce the player names. Team awards will be announced at the end of the banquet along with the 50/50 winner.

Open houses- turnout was low at the first open house due to bad weather, turnout was better at the second and promising for the final open house.

### **Member Comments:**

DVHL Meeting attendees were reminded of dates:

- April 14           Sandy Steidel
- May 12            Jen Ducalo

### **Guest Presentation:**

Drs. Schwartz and Campbell gave a presentation to educate the Board as to the importance of ImPACT, a research-based computer test developed to help clinicians evaluate an athlete's recovery following a concussion.

Athletes would take a 20-minute computer test at the beginning of the season that measures reaction, recovery time and memory.

Following a head trauma, the athlete would retake the test. As the healing process continues, the test will be retaken until the test results return to the original score (before injury).

It is recommended that athletes under 15 years of age be tested annually, over 15 tested every 2 years.

Coaches can be made aware of symptoms of head trauma through training. The suggestion was made to hold a coaches clinic during the summer.

Upon Blast team selections, the ImPACT information will be e-mailed to parents. The ImPACT test will be strongly recommended by the Blast.

There will be more communication with the DVHL about ImPACT.

Respectively submitted

Wendy LeDuc