

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

**Meeting Date:** March 10, 2011

Attendees: Board members: Sandy Steidel, Amy Spease, Kristin Buehl, Jen Ducalo, Mark Gutekunst, Mark Spease, Allison Civitella, Bob Fyrer, Jeanine Garafola, Chris Manganiello, Wendy LeDuc

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Sandy Steidel

The next board meeting, scheduled for April 14, will be the first board meeting for the new Lehigh Valley Flames.

### **DVHL Meeting Report**

Submitted by Bob Fyrer. Monthly meeting dates are posted on DVHL website.

There were 22 applicants for the DVHL scholarships. 2 winners will be announced in April and presented with the awards at the May meeting.

Clubs need to review the suspension list to be sent out on Fri, 3/11, since names will carry over to next season.

Next meeting (April):

- Regency Panthers will be attending to present
- Pond Penguins will be voted on for permanent membership
- Dynamites will petition for Associate membership
- New DVHL logo will be chosen

New coaching accreditation by-laws will go into effect this year. Levels will be posted on the website.

Outstanding debt list needs to be submitted to Colleen by 3/15. Anyone who still owes from previous years must be included on list.

First team projections must be submitted in April.

Any by-law proposals/changes must be submitted to Colleen in April.

NJYHL will vote at their April meeting to start their Midget season in August and end 11/15 (scholastic starts after that) 4 teams would like to play in the DVHL.

Reading Jr. Royals and Berks Blue Lions have proposed to become one larger organization renamed the Royal Berks Battalion. Colors will be white (home) and navy (away). They were approved under roster restrictions according to by-laws.

A letter will be sent to the Jr. Knights outlining:

- Missed 7 meetings
- Did not participate in conference calls
- They are now on probation for the upcoming season for by-law and constitution violations

The letter will be a follow-up to the April DVHL meeting where the membership will vote to terminate their membership from the DVHL.

The position of Director of the Atlantic District is vacant. There are 3 additional positions are also available. Nominations need to be submitted by 3/18. There are 5 voting leagues: DVHL, NJYHL, MAHWA, Pa. HS, AYHL. The membership voted to let the executive committee nominate and vote for whom they think is most qualified.

There is the possibility that there will be no X-Ice Jamboree next season. It cost \$27,000 to run. At the April meeting, the membership will vote on whether or not to do a DVHL Jamboree for U-6 and U-8 at the end of September to evaluate and set divisions for an October/November start.

We are projected to have AA and A levels for Midget and AA, A, and B for Bantam through Squirt.

### **Hockey Operations**

Submitted by Bob Fyrer and Alec Weiss.

Coach of the Year and SIC Scholarship recipients have been chosen and will be awarded at the end-of-the-year awards banquet.

A committee has been named to decide the recipient of the Gehman award: The committee consists of Kevin Gertz, Eileen Baumann and Larry Fortunato.

Jerseys for evaluations need to be ordered by Monday 3/14.

Hockey operations will secure coaches needed for evaluations; remainder of board will cover off-ice needs.

Jack Williams Tire has expressed an interest in corporate sponsorship. It was proposed that if they donate \$7500, their name would appear at the bottom back tail of all Midget AA jerseys. If \$10000 is donated, all jerseys will carry corporate name. Alec Weiss will follow up.

Teams at the AA level will have the practice package for the age level above them. (Example- Bantam AA will have the same amount of practice time as teams at the Midget 16 teams; PW AA will have the same amount of practice time as the Bantam teams.)

Pucks, boards and water bottles need to be collected from coaches.

An addition to the by-laws was proposed:

- No player can petition to evaluate up to the next level if there is a AA team at his/her current level.

Motion to approve the by-law addition was made by Bob Fyrer and seconded by Wendy LeDuc.

### **Approval of February 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Submitted by Wendy LeDuc

Motion to approve February minutes was made by Allison Civitella Kristin Buehl seconded February minutes were approved

2 new positions will be added to the by-laws:

- Growth Coordinator (job description to be provided by Mark Gutekunst)
- Web Master

This will be an Associate position, which will be appointed by the Vice President of External Affairs and will run concurrent to the term of the VP of EA.

Motion to approve positions was made by Allison Civitella and seconded by Kristin Buehl.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Submitted by Kristin Buehl

A Girls team will be budgeted with a count of 10/1 (players/goalie)

It was suggested that \$6000 be budgeted for a new webpage design provided by the current vendor, Ternstyle. Bob Fyrer and Chris Manganiello will contact sources they know to get additional estimates.

Year-end awards are \$1500 over budget this year.

Discounts for next year:

- 10% for 2<sup>nd</sup> player from the same family
- 25% for 3<sup>rd</sup> player from the same family
- 50% for 4<sup>th</sup> or more from the same family
- 20% for goalies
- 3% for paying season fees in full by appointed date

Motion to approve report was made by Mark Spease. Wendy LeDuc seconded. Report was approved.

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

Submitted by Mark Gutekunst.

After meeting with Ternstyle, which is our current webmaster, it will cost approximately \$6000 to design the new website for the Lehigh Valley Flames. It was requested that 2 more bids be considered.

Uniforms:

- logo is needed for practice jerseys
- 4 companies have submitted bids (3 practice jerseys and 1 pair of socks, 2 game jerseys and 1 pair of socks). Chris Manganiello will take lowest bid back to the rink pro shop and see if he can match the bid.

### **Vice President of Administration**

Report submitted by Amy Spease.

50/50 supplies and team folders are being collected.

No fines have been reported for score sheet violations.

### **Registrar**

Report submitted by Jen Ducaleo.

Nothing to report.

### **Scheduler**

Report submitted by Allison Civitella.

Nothing to report.

### **New Player Report**

Report submitted by Jeanine Garafola.

Several e-mails have been received inquiring about evaluations and team levels.

There were questions about the possibility of a U-8 in-house team.

It was stated that all player inquiries must be directed to the New Player Coordinator (Jeanine Garafola).

### **Member Comments**

No comments were made.

DVHL Meeting attendees were reminded of dates:

April 13 - (President's only) John Kerr/Mark Gutekunst

May 11 – Mark Spease

Respectively submitted

Wendy LeDuc