

BETHLEHEM BLAST® Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 15, 2009

Attendees: Board members: John Kerr, Amy Spease, Sandy Steidel, Kristin Buehl,
Jen Ducale, Mark Gutekunst, Allison Civitella, Kip Fowler, Tom Kleckner, Chris Manganiello, Wendy LeDuc
Membership: Jim Knapp, Pat Britt, and Jay Finnigan

President Sandy Steidel called meeting to order at 7:14 pm

Approval of September 2009 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes was made by Kristin Buehl. Amy Spease seconded. September minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve report was made by John Kerr. Jen Ducale seconded. Report was approved.

Fundraisers were discussed. There are 2 types:

- A. Families commit to buying product upfront and pay upon delivery.
- B. Money laid out in advance to buy product that then gets sold.

In the past, the Blast has fronted as much as \$4000 for product. The risks involved are that the Blast is loaning money that may not be paid back and the treasurer has to keep track of all fundraisers that involve advances.

The Treasurers will write a policy regarding future fundraisers. The Board will discuss the policy at the next Board meeting.

DVHL Meeting Report:

Submitted by Kristin Buehl. Monthly meeting dates are posted on DVHL website.

DVHL member teams will be billed \$15/player for Nationals. The Blast currently has 203 players.

If a game misconduct occurs, paperwork and score sheet must be sent to DVHL (including non-league games).

Updated rosters need to be sent to Jay Finnigan.

Coaches clinics: 10/26 at Devils Symposium

10/28 at Flyers Wachovia

USA Hockey ADM: provides age-appropriate guidelines, a proper curriculum for all age groups, which in turn improves organizations.

3900 players currently in DVHL

Clubs need to use proper channels and chain of command when addressing issues and concerns.

November DVHL meeting will be a conference call.

The Glaciers Organization is on probation for having unregistered players on the ice. They may be ineligible for playoffs.

Hockey Operations:

Travel reimbursement for non-parent coaches was discussed. There is money in the Hockey Operations budget that will not be used this season. This money can be added to the \$1000 from the General Budget towards the reimbursement.

Coaches need to contact the Blast Secretary with any injuries that prevent a player from participating in games and/or practices. The Secretary also needs to be informed when the player has a doctor's written permission to return to play.

Registrar:

Scheduler:

Allison Civitella reported that local Scholastic teams are looking for additional ice time at the Steel Ice Center. Several one and a half hour ice slots were given back to the SIC. There are still some non-league games to be scheduled. The Blast was assured by the SIC that the organization would take priority when scheduling any additional games.

New Player Report

One new Mite was added to the roster.

Vice President of Administration

Amy Spease made a motion to approve:

Dave Kremm & Christine Kremm Assistant Managers of Mite A

The motion to approve was made by Mark Gutekunst. Tom Kleckner seconded. Motion was approved.

Vice President of External Affairs

Mark Gutekunst reported that the SIC expressed an interest in sponsoring a SIC Scholarship Award. Mark Gutekunst and Sandy Steidel will meet with Clyde from SIC to discuss amount and criteria.

Opening Day brought in \$545 from the sale of merchandise and the Silent Auction.

\$50 Wawa gift card will be presented to the man who brought the Flyers inflatables.

A goalie stick signed by AHL Allstars was left over from the Silent Auction.

Charities that may be supported by the Blast this season with proceeds from the annual basket raffle include the Pediatric Unit of Lehigh Valley Hospital.

The Starters Restaurant fundraiser is successful to date.

Member Comments:

DVHL Meeting attendees were reminded of dates:

- Aug. 12 Allison Civitella
- Sept. 9 Tom Ashley or Silvio Martel
- Oct. 14 Becky Miller
- Nov. 11 John Kerr
- Dec. 9 (conference call) Wendy LeDuc
- Jan. 13 Kristin Buehl, Sandy Steidel
- Feb. 10 Amy Spease
- March 10 Mark Gutekunst
- April 14 Sandy Steidel
- May 12 Jen Ducale

Meeting was adjourned at 9:21

Respectively submitted

Wendy LeDuc