



Becker Big Lake Youth Hockey Association

# BBL Eagle News

2003/2004 Season

July 2004 Issue

## Red Line Hockey Schools

Red Line is the leader of hockey development for youth hockey players through hockey schools, seminars, clinics and specialized programs.

### Skating Camp

Register for the skating camp for all skating levels to be held August 9-13 at the Blaine Fogarty Arena. This premier camp will take skaters to the next level during this week-long intense training program focusing on the fundamentals of the game. Daily power-skating sessions, individual skill techniques, team concepts and controlled scrimmages. Professionally staffed with current and former coaches from NHL, Olympic and National Teams, AHL, IHL, Swedish Elite and others.

### Pre-season Clinic

Get ready for the upcoming hockey season and Evaluations by attending this Clinic September 11-13 at the Municipal Athletic Complex (MAC) in St. Cloud.

Registration has been extended until August 6! If you miss it--you miss out!

Register on-line at [www.rlhockey.com](http://www.rlhockey.com) or call 1.866.888.5532.

### Skills Clinic and Dry Land Clinics

Due to the lack of interest shown by registrations earlier this summer, the Skills Clinic and Dry Land Clinics previously planned by the BBL association have been canceled.

However, BBL has contracted with Red Line Hockey to utilize their program for our pre-season skills clinic needs

If you want to get ready for Evaluations, this is your only opportunity! **Registration deadline has been extended until August 6.**

### Mr. Clean

Grab your sponges and rags and meet at the Big Lake Coborn's parking lot on Saturday, August 7 for this BBL car wash fundraiser. Can you help? Contact Tammie Ellingson at 763•263•8589 to sign up. (FYI--the Volunteer Fee has been increased to \$100 and the Volunteer Hours increased to 10.)

### Hershey Kisses or DOVE Chocolates?

Both options are wonderful! Hershey Kisses provide a great value and are readily available. DOVE, however, costs a bit more and is sometimes hard to find. But the extra cost and sacrifice is well worth the quality!

So it is with skating clinics. This year BBL has been fortunate to be able to offer the expertise and professionalism of Red Line Hockey to our kids and coaches.

Comments have been made that the cost is too high. That you can find other clinics with more hours for the same cost. Hershey Kisses or Dove? It is the quality of the instruction that is different that warrants the difference in cost.

The skating clinics that have been offered by parents and coaches have been invaluable to our skaters. But they do not compare to the quality of the Red Line coaches available to us. Both our skaters and *our coaches* would learn from Red Line's expertise.

Find out about their coaches and directors. There are pdf copies of several pages from their website included in this newsletter for your reference. Or check out the Red Line website yourself at: [www.rlhockey.com](http://www.rlhockey.com).

### BBL YHA Payment Policy

The BBL Boards have implemented a new policy regarding payment of the fee for each child to skate with BBL during the 2004/2005 season.

The fee will be calculated for the season and payment will be due in three equal amounts. The new policy is:

- 1) Payments must be received by October 15, November 15, and December 15, 2004.
- 2) A Late Fee of \$30 will be charged to your child's account on the 16th if payment is not received by or on the 15th of the above months.

3) If your child's account is not paid on or before the 15th of the above months, your child will be removed from any practices or games until the account is current.

**Please Note:** If your child is removed due to unpaid bill, you still will be responsible to pay for

those practices/games/tournaments/referee fees that occur during that time frame that s/he is asked not to participate.

4) If you are more than 45 days out on your account, BBLYHA will pass this debt over to our collection agency. You will be charged for those agency fees in addition to your unpaid balance.

## VACANCY

At this time there are several vacant positions within the BBL associations. Volunteers and/or nominations are being sought for:

- **Apparel Coordinator**  
(contact Johna Nelson at 763-856-2829)
- **Fundraising Coordinator**  
(contact Deb Levens at 763.262.6466)
- **BBLIA Vice President**
- **BBLYHA President**

Have the interest or willingness to donate your time and expertise to your child's and this community's hockey program? Want to make a difference? Want to see things run differently? This is how--step up and volunteer!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming BBL Hockey events.

### Registration Dates

- Saturday, August 28 from 9-1 pm at the Big Lake Lions Park
- Thursday, September 9 from 5-7 pm at the Becker Community Center.
- Registration materials will also available through the association's website.

### Red Line Hockey Skills Clinic

Skills Clinic will be held for all levels September 11-13 at the MAC in St. Cloud. This is your only opportunity through BBL to prepare for Evaluations.

### Evaluations

Evaluations for team placement for the 2004/2205 season will take place September 16-20 at the MAC in St. Cloud. Scheduled times for each level will be available at Registration.

### Pictures

Association and team pictures taken Saturday, October 9.

### Pancake Breakfast

Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for BBL will be held on Sunday, September 26 from 9-1 pm at the Big Lake American Legion.

### Mandatory Parent Meeting

All Parents are expected to attend the annual Parent Meeting on Thursday, October 7 at 7 pm at the Becker Community Center. Materials and information regarding the upcoming season will be presented.

## Newsletter News

This past season the Board had decided to post the monthly newsletter on the association website instead of mailing them to each household within the association. That decision was based upon the following:

- complaints were made that the mailed copies were never received
- members would move and would not inform the association of their new address

• after the 1-2 hours it takes to prepare the monthly newsletter, a "camera-ready" original must be made and taken to a printer, the printer produces the 1-4 page newsletter in 1-3 days; it then is collated, folded, stapled, addressed, stamped and mailed. The time it takes to prepare it and the time it takes before getting in to the hands of our members, can not compete with the speed of an emailed copy or access from the web site

- the significant cost and waste of paper and postage

• we are a volunteer organization comprised of busy people. It is the responsibility of each member to stay and be informed.

- if anyone was not able to access a copy via the internet, they only had to let a Board member know and a copy would be mailed to them

Comments were received from those who loved it as well as those who did not. The Board addressed the "success" of this decision at it's special meeting on July 11. It was decided that we would continue with this policy based on the above items.

Again, if anyone is not able to get an electronic copy, it is their responsibility to contact Brenda Graber at 320.743.3533 to request a copy be sent to them.



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## Norm Maciver

Norm Maciver, an assistant coach with the Boston Bruins, is an alumnus of the University of Minnesota–Duluth. During his four seasons with the UMD Bulldogs, he assisted on 152 goals in his 155-game collegiate career and was named an All-American in his last two years. He also finished as a finalist for the 1985-86 Hobey Baker Award. Norm signed as a free agent with the New York Rangers in 1986, starting a 13-year professional playing career. He played 500 games, scoring 55 goals and 230 assists for 285 points in the NHL with the Rangers, Hartford, Edmonton, Ottawa, Pittsburgh, and Winnipeg/Phoenix. His best NHL season statistically was a 63-point campaign with 17 goals and 46 assists for the Ottawa Senators in 1992-93. Before joining the Bruins' organization, Norm spent three seasons as an assistant coach with the Springfield Falcons in the American Hockey League.



## Shjon Podein

Shjon Podein, a veteran NHL hockey player, played in more than 500 games during his professional career. Drafted in 1988 by the Edmonton Oilers, he played there for a number of years before signing as a free agent with the Philadelphia Flyers in 1994. He helped the Flyers win the Atlantic Division and make the playoffs for the next two years. In 1996-97, Shjon and the Flyers won the Prince of Wales Trophy in the Eastern Conference finals before losing to the Red Wings in the Stanley Cup finals. Later, for the Colorado Avalanche, Shjon led his team to conference and divisional titles as well as the Presidents' Trophy with a club record 52 wins and 118 points. In the playoffs, he helped his team win both the Clarence Campbell Bowl and the Stanley Cup. Shjon was also awarded the King Clancy Trophy for his leadership role and off-ice humanitarian contributions.

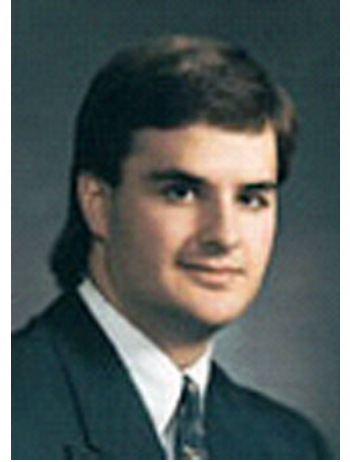
## Skeeter Moore

Scott "Skeeter" Moore is the Director of Development for Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Minnesota–Duluth. A 1987 graduate of UMD, Skeeter was a stand-out hockey player there, scoring a collegiate career total of 165 points and being named to the WCHA All-Academic Team. After graduation, he played professional hockey in Sweden. Skeeter also played for the Amarillo Rattlers and for the San Angelo Outlaws, where he later served as Director of Hockey Operations.



## Chris Marinucci

Chris Marinucci, a graduate of the University of Minnesota–Duluth, won the Hobey Baker Memorial Award as the top U.S. collegiate player in 1994. During that season, he scored 30 goals and had 31 assists for 61 points for the Bulldogs. He also helped the Bulldogs take the WCHA regular season title in 1992-93. During his four seasons at UMD, Chris played in a team-record 149 consecutive games. He was selected by the New York Islanders in the 1990 NHL Entry Draft and spent his first pro season with the Islanders and the team's IHL affiliate, the Denver Grizzlies. In 1995 he was a member of the Grizzlies' Turner Cup championship team. In 1996, Chris was traded to Los Angeles, and in 1999, he was named to the IHL Second All-Star Team.



### **Bert Gilling**

Bert Gilling, an assistant hockey coach at Bemidji State University, played his college hockey at the University of Minnesota–Duluth. He was nominated for the 1997-98 WCHA Defensive Player of the Year award and was a member of the 1998 WCHA All-Star team. Bert played junior hockey with the Estevan Bruins of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey league from 1992-95. There he won two team MVP (1994, 1995) awards, was selected as the Most Valuable Rookie during the 1992-93 campaign, and won the inaugural Bill Shinske Ethics Award in 1995. He was a three-time Academic All-WCHA honoree, a member of the Dean's List, and recipient of the Top Scholastic Player award from his junior club in 1993.



### **Jason Fitzsimmons**

Jason Fitzsimmons, head coach of the South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL), had a 10-year professional career playing goalie for teams in the WHL, ECHL, and AHL. A 1991 draft pick of the Vancouver Canucks, Jason spent four years in the Vancouver organization, playing in Moose Jaw, Columbus, and Hamilton. In 1995, he signed as a free agent with the Edmonton Oilers. For the Rays in 1996-97, Jason led his team to the Kelly Cup and was named MVP of the post-season. During the 2002-03 season, his first as head coach for South Carolina, the Rays posted a 42-22-8 record.



### **Ben Johnson**

Ben Johnson, a former Canadian Major Junior player, is currently Duluth East Assistant Varsity Hockey Coach. Previously, he and five other hockey players from Minnesota were members of the hearing-impaired Team USA.

### **Jonte Hedstrom**

Jonte (Jonathan) Hedstrom, a native of Sweden, was the 9th round, 221st overall selection of the Toronto Maple Leafs in the 1997 NHL Entry Draft. He played the early part of his career with numerous club teams in Sweden before making his North American debut in 2002-03 for the Anaheim Mighty Ducks. In his first season there, he played for a short period and then suited up with the team's AHL affiliate in Cincinnati, where he scored 35 points (14-21-35) in 50 games.

## Fredrick Svensson

For our Swedish visitors:

NR 57 FREDRIK SVENSSON  
 BackFödd: 13 april 1975 i Stockholm  
 Längd: 184 cm Vikt: 94 kg  
 Familj: Sambo, sonen Gustav  
 Skjuter: Left  
 Moderklubb: Skå IK  
 Andra klubbar under karriären: Hammarby IF, Blues Esboo, Malmö IF, Skellefteå AIK, Luleå HF  
 Smeknamn: "Svensson"  
 TV-pucken: -Har du gått Leksand/JOFA  
 Hockeyskola: Nej  
 Har du gått: Leksands ishockeygymnasium: Nej  
 Varför har du det tröjnummer du har: Tycker bara det är ett udda nummer  
 Trä- eller kompositklubba: Komposit  
 Tatuering: Kanske i framtiden  
 Fritidsintressen: Golf och skidåkning  
 Vad, som du inte kan, skulle du helst vilja kunna: Sjunga  
 skulle vara kul  
 Vad skulle du göra om du inte spelade hockey: Vet ej. Funderar fortfarande vad man ska göra efter hockey  
 Vart skulle du helst vilja resa: Bahamas  
 Var är det vackrast i Leksand: Måste ut och titta lite först  
 Ditt bästa hockeyminne: AJ-SM-guldet med Hammarby 1994  
 Vad förväntar du dig av Elitserien 2003-04: Att Leksand ska vara med och slåss på den övre halvan  
 Favoritlag i NHL: Detroit Red Wings  
 Favoritlag i Premier League: Arsenal  
 Favoritsajt på internet: Olika hockeysajter och bilsajten www.blocket.se  
 Vad vet vi inte om dig: Att jag kan spela gitarr  
 Vad är din dröm: Att få bygga ett eget hus och slippa jobba 8-5  
 STATISTIK INFÖR 03-04A-säsonger i Leksand: 0  
 Elitseriesäsonger: 4  
 Matcher totalt med Leksand: Debutan.



## Lars Marklund

Information to come.

## Shauna Davidson

Shauna Davidson is a former assistant coach of the University of Minnesota-Duluth's Division I women's hockey team. In 2001, the team won the NCAA Division I national championship, and the entire team and coaching staff were subsequently invited to a White House ceremony honoring them. Shauna previously played on the U.S. National Team.

## Kent Norberg

Information to come.

## Matt Hendricks

Matt Hendricks, who debuted professionally with the Milwaukee Admirals (AHL) in 2004, is a recent graduate of St. Cloud State University. He finished his collegiate career ranked in several all-time school categories, including: third in games played (153), ninth in goals (54), fifth (tied) in power play goals (20), and first in shots on goal (416). Among other accomplishments at St. Cloud State, he was named captain to the 2003-04 Huskies and helped his team capture the WCHA Championship in 2001. Matt also captained his Blaine (MN) High School team to the 2000 Minnesota Class AA Championship.



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## Guy Gosselin Program Director

**Guy Gosselin**, Red Line Hockey's Program Director, develops and administers all of Red Line's specialized programs. His extensive background at the highest levels of play enable him to create programs that produce results for our students at each skill level.

Guy played his college hockey for the University of Minnesota–Duluth, where he served as captain during his senior year. In the mid-'80s he was selected as a WCHA First Team member and took part in two Final Four tournaments. After college, Guy signed with the Winnipeg Jets (NHL). His play in the NHL allowed Guy to play on two USA Olympic teams: in Calgary in 1988 and as Assistant Captain in Albertville, France in 1992) and on three USA national teams. In 1992, Guy signed with a Swedish Elite League team in Skelleftea, Sweden.

### Career Highlights

- University of Minnesota–Duluth — NCAA Division I
- Winnipeg Jets — NHL
- US Olympic Team (1988 & 1992 — Assistant Captain)
- Skelleftea, Sweden — European Professional



## Dan Jablonic Coaching Director

**Dan Jablonic**, Red Line Hockey's Coaching Director, has primary responsibility for selecting coaches for specific programs and for administering the school's program. A native of Blaine, MN, Dan captained his high school team to its first-ever Minnesota State High School Tournament appearance (in 1992). He went on to be named rookie of the year for North Iowa Junior A in the USHL and participated in the 1993 USHL All-Star game.

Dan played NCAA Division I hockey for the University of Minnesota–Duluth for four years. After college, he played professionally in both the United States (Wheeling – ECHL) and Sweden (Skelleftea – AIK). He was recently selected to coach again at the USA National Select 15 Development camp at the National Sports Center. For the past three years, Dan has served as head hockey coach for the University of



Wisconsin–Milwaukee. He also coaches the Wisconsin AAA U-15 Team, which competes at the USA Hockey National Tier 1 level.

#### Career Highlights

- 2003 USA Hockey Select 15 Developmental Camp Coach
- University of Minnesota Duluth — NCAA Division I
- Wheeling Nailers — ECHL (Assistant Captain)
- Skelleftea, Sweden — European Professional



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## Red Line Hockey Clinics

In addition to our schools, which are scheduled and have open enrollment within their respective age groups, Red Line Hockey offers a variety of intense preseason, in-season, and post-season clinics, customized for you or your group. These clinics, available when needed for teams or individuals, incorporate many of the topics in our hockey schools within a shortened time frame.

Our *Preseason (fall-warm-up) Clinic* focuses on getting individuals and teams ready for the upcoming season. During the season we provide *Team Clinics* for youth associations. Our professionals work with your association to develop a training protocol to enhance your team's performance. *Post-Season (Spring) Clinics* help individuals and teams work on the skills areas that need improvement. All clinics are designed to develop skills in a fun, challenging, learning environment.

### Season Prep Clinics

This Clinic focuses on getting individuals and teams ready for the upcoming season. Preseason clinics are a great way to get ready for team tryouts.

### Team Clinics

Red Line can deliver a specialized program for your team. Our professional's work with your association to develop a training protocol to enhance your team's performance. Red Line Hockey can also train your coaches and even set up a training program for the coaches in your association. We work with your coaches to develop a successful program.

### Girls Specialized Hockey Clinics

This clinic focuses on the fundamentals of the game for girls. Students will learn proper techniques of skating, passing, and shooting. In-depth discussion of hockey knowledge, team play, and positioning is an important part of this clinic, which also provides daily powerskating



sessions, individual skill techniques, and controlled scrimmages in a fun atmosphere.



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At Red Line Hockey ...

... the kids come first!

- Our instructors are internationally recognized coaches and players
- We emphasize the development of the complete hockey player
  - Skills improvement
  - Professional development
  - and ... FUN!!

Red Line, the leader in developing youth hockey players, offers a full range of hockey schools, seminars, clinics, and specialized programs. Red Line provides services above and beyond the typical hockey camp. We specialize in programs that are designed for players of all skill levels. We focus on all aspects of the game — shooting, power skating, stick-handling, checking, passing, scoring, on- and off-the-ice training, team systems, goal-setting, and general hockey knowledge.

Red Line is dedicated to creating the best hockey experience for our students. We help them build the skills they need to advance to their next level of play. Our strength lies in our professional staff and in our credibility throughout the hockey community. Our coaches know the game well, and they focus on skills and innovative hockey techniques. They also take a sincere interest in their students and their development both as players and as individuals. Red Line's promise is to provide the ultimate hockey experience for each student enrolled in our programs across the United States.



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### Programs

Red Line's programs, designed by two-time Olympian Guy Gosselin, teach a progression of skills that develop successful hockey players. All programs stress hockey fundamentals. Team concepts and positions are also covered in depth. Each program is designed for specific age and skill levels, from Mite (ages 4-7) through Bantam (ages 13-15) and beyond.

Red Line understands that becoming a skilled player is not enough. We incorporate hockey theory into our programs. Classroom sessions stress the importance of the whys and whens of hockey situations, which are crucial to the players' future hockey success. We emphasize hockey knowledge, discipline, hard work, and innovative concepts that will take our students to the next level of play.

### Schools

Red Line Hockey offers several hockey schools that develop hockey players at all skill levels. Each school is designed for a specific age and skill level.

Red Line Hockey School covers all aspects of the game in a week-long training session. Students attending one of these sessions are taught powerskating, stickhandling/shooting, checking, and defense skills appropriate to their age and skill level. Training in these skills is also offered in separate, more intensive sessions.

[Click here](#) to go to the Schools page.

### Clinics

Red Line Hockey also offers clinics that meet the specific training needs for a variety of groups. Our professionals work with your team or association to develop a training protocol to enhance the group's performance. Problem areas become focal points for our directed training. The clinics incorporate many of the topics taught in our hockey schools in a more compressed time frame. All clinics are designed to develop skills in a fun, challenging, learning environment.

[Click here](#) to go to the Clinics page.

### Additional Hockey Services

Red Line is your source for a broad array of hockey instruction and consulting services. In addition to our schools and clinics, we offer:

**Stretch, Skate, and Lift Program** — This program



consists of 27 intensive training sessions. It is designed for bantam- and high school-age players who want to advance to the next level of performance. Students learn proper stretching techniques with a certified trainer. They train like the pros on ice with a professional coach, and they build their strength through weight-training. This program is limited to 24 skaters and 3 goalies per session.



**Individualized Programs** — Our coaching professionals work one-on-one with our students in private sessions. Call for rates.

**Consulting Services** — Red Line Hockey professionals understand the game and know what it takes to become successful. We provide a wide variety of consulting services for hockey players, coaches, parents, and ice arena management.

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## Red Line Hockey Schools — Summer 2004

To view the registration form for Red Line Hockey's Summer 2004 Schools, click on the registration form image to the right. To register, simply print the form and follow the instructions listed on it.

Red Line Hockey Schools will be in session this summer for all youth age groups at a rink near you. Check the list below for our Summer 2004 dates and locations.

**Register today for one of our Summer 2004 Red Line Hockey Schools, offered at:**

- **July 12-16, 2004**  
**Manitowoc County Ice Center**  
 5100 Vista Rd.  
 Manitowoc, WI 54220
- **Aug. 9-13, 2004**  
**Fogerty Ice House**  
 9250 Lincoln St. NE  
 Blaine, MN 55434
- **Aug. 16-20, 2004**  
**Arrowhead Mullett Ice Center**  
 700 North Ave.  
 Hartland, WI 53029
- **Aug. 23-28, 2004**  
**University School of Milwaukee Field House**  
 2100 W. Fairy Chasm Rd.  
 Milwaukee, WI 53217

*Click on image above to view registration form.*

You need Adobe Acrobat Reader to access the Registration form.



## Red Line Hockey Clinics — Fall 2004

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Also, visit us again soon. We will be posting more specifics about our Fall 2004 clinics, along with registration information, right here in the coming months.

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## Coming in August

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 5 at 7 pm at the Becker Community Center.** Every association member is encouraged to participate in these meetings. There are a lot of things happening and more participation is needed to ensure success!

### Coming Next Month:

- Board Vacancies Filled
- Update on Arena Project
- Registration and Evaluations

## Meeting Minutes

There was no General Membership of the BBL Associations in July. The Minutes of the most recent Board meetings are included here:

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### **BECKER BIG LAKE YOUTH HOCKEY AND ICE ASSOCIATION Board Meeting Wednesday, June 30, 2004 7 pm - Hero's, Becker**

**PRESENT:** Deb Levens, Cheryl Hurt, Chelle Nelson, Chris Noponen, Chris Nelson, Dave Ellingson, Brice Green, Johna Nelson, Brenda Graber.

*Board meeting was called to discuss items not suitable/necessary for General Membership meeting. No formal Agenda was followed.*

#### **Delinquent Accounts -** Chelle Nelson, Treasurer Current Accounts

- Currently about \$4,000 still outstanding

- Unless accounts are paid in full by July 30 the decision was made to charge a \$75 late fee for those accounts over \$100; to charge a \$50 fee for those under \$100.

#### Collection Agencies

Chris spoke to several collection agencies and reported that they would take 50% of any monies collected.

#### **Land Acquisition**

- Chris Nelson received an email from Sue Nord that day informing him/the Board that there was a change in land option for us. Outlot C was offered to us at the same (later that day another email stating it was reduced by \$5,000) price. This was done because

the previous option was in another part of the development which has not been platted yet and the City will not allow it to be until more of the first addition is sold. This would mean that we would need to wait--possibly years--before a rink could be built.

- Discussion was held on the possible negative ramifications of accepting Outlot C. None were expressed--only positive reasons. Motion was made "to accept Option 2 for the land acquisition." s/p

- Question was raised as to which association--Youth Hockey or Ice--would "purchase" the land. Discussion was held and a motion was made "that the BBL Ice Association will buy the land." s/p

#### **Parade Float Award**

The BBLYH float entry (large skate) won second place and a \$75 award from the Big Lake Spud Fest Parade. Motion was made "to donate award from Big Lake to the Graber's." s/p

#### **Storage Shed**

Johna Nelson reported that the Palmer Storage unit was in disarray. She is willing to organize and re-pack the items but is in need of containers, etc. M m was made "to purchase what is needed to properly store the materials, equipment and jerseys in the storage shed." s/p

#### **Bank Business**

Lock Box

Chris Noponen is in possession of the lock box key.

#### **Account Signature Cards**

The Youth Hockey signature cards are updated with the current Board members. The Ice signature cards will be done soon.

#### **Gambling Account**

The \$100 balance in the Gambling Account will be transferred into the Ice Association checking account.

#### **District 10 News**

##### The HEP: Face Off

This program is not mandatory. We will discuss this development further at the next Board meeting.

##### Blue Pucks

It will not be required for the Squirt levels to play with the Blue Pucks as previously reported to us by District 10.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Graber, BBLYHA Secretary

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### **BECKER BIG LAKE YOUTH HOCKEY AND ICE ASSOCIATION Board Meeting Sunday, July 11, 2004 4 pm - Jill Down's Home, Big Lake**

**PRESENT:** Jill Downs, John Eisenreich, Dave Ramsdall, Chris Nelson, Brice Green, Lisa Ramerth, Deb Levens, Cheryl Hurt, Chelle Nelson, Chris Noponen, Johna Nelson, Brenda Graber.

*Board meeting was called to discuss items not suitable/necessary for General Membership meeting.*

#### **Agenda**

Item #10. Kevin & Kristi Cencer was added to the proposed Agenda. M/S/P as corrected.

#### **Delinquent Accounts -**

Chelle Nelson, Treasurer

##### Current Accounts

- Currently about \$4,000 still outstanding
- those accounts over \$100 (11) received a collection-type letter No response to date. Those under \$100 were sent another statement requesting payment
- Cheryl will speak to a friend who works as a Collection Agent for her to take on the two large accounts
- July 30 deadline for full payment. Will not be able to register for upcoming season until full payment is received. After July 15 a \$50 late fee will be assessed to accounts under \$100/ \$75 over \$100.

##### Policy for Next Year

*Motion was made and approved at June 3, 2004 general meeting to approve the following policy concerning ice bills for the 2004/2005 season.)*

Registration fees are due at Registration; ice fees will be roughly calculated and will be due in 3 equal payments to be paid on October 1, November 1, and December 1. Any skater with an unpaid ice bill on December 15 will no longer be able to skate until account is paid in full.

- Discussion held on what, if any, late fee would be assessed. If "legal" since we are a non-profit, decision was made to charge \$50. Chelle will

be calling Allan Rudolph, CPA, to discuss this issue.

### **Evaluations Committee Report**

Mike Gonrowski was not present to report.

### **Registration** (*some details previously set at June 3, 2004 meeting*)

- Registration Day--Saturday, August 28, 9-1 pm, Big Lake Lions Park. Lisa will be there and will recruit someone to help her. Asks that 1 coach per level be available to answer questions.
- Registration Night--Thursday, September 9, 5-7 pm, (prior to the general membership meeting) at the Becker Community Center. Hope to have info on the outside marquee.
- Becker School Open Houses--table will be set up. Cheryl will tend table and will recruit help
- Big Lake School Open Houses--there will be no Open House this year. Lisa will try to get approval to send home registration flyers with the students. Materials/Requirements
- Registration Form will include a statement of residency. Lisa suggested a yes/no response question regarding receiving the newsletter by mail (tabled). Will include a release box for personal information
- All materials (registration form, Consent/Waiver Liability form, Player, Parent Code of Conduct form) will be available on the association website to be printed, completed and mailed to Lisa. Will also include Pancake Breakfast tickets to sell and a Calendar of Events for BBL.

### **Fees**

- *Level Fees*--Lengthy discussion was held on a proposed fee schedule as prepared by Trent Bunn. Since preparation several items were obsolete and deleted. Lisa adjusted fees per discussion and approved. Lisa will prepare the registration form.
- *Volunteer Fee*--Discussion was held and motion was made "to increase the Volunteer fee to \$100 or 10 hours." s/p This will be needed in two separate checks. Discussion was held on opportunities for volunteering. There is always enough and the 4 hours required last year did not generate enough help throughout the year--thus the increase in hours to 10. Deb will set up a form for the Team Managers to use.

### **Mandatory Parent Meeting -**

Thursday, October 7, 7 pm, Becker Community Center

### **HEP: Face Off Program**

Even though the original flyer stated that this was a mandatory program for all parents and coaches, Chris Nelson was informed by it is not but "highly recommended and some-day-will-be-mandatory by District 10. Discussion held and was decided to recommend attendance by all but that all Board members, Team Managers and coaches need to attend. Motion was made: "To reimburse coaches for HEP attendance." s/p Comment was made that a Level 3 Certification could be completed that day as well. That needs to be confirmed.

### **Handbook**

The current handbook needs to be revised and updated. Motion was made "to produce a newly revised handbook similar to Andover's with the inclusion of a signature sign off page for parents." s/p Lisa will work on this and bring it to the next meeting. She will email Board for review.

### **Fundraisers**

- *Calendars*--Need to order them in September. Need to send in \$50 license fee 30 days prior to printing of the calendars. Deadline for sales is December 10. Deb will set up the prize drawing for Big Lake Legion on December 28 (if not available then Becker Community Center). Each family is responsible to sell 10 calendars at \$20/each. There will be no 1st, 2nd, 3rd place incentive for sales. They will be available at the October 7 Mandatory Parent Meeting.
- *Coordinator*--after the completion of the calendar project, Deb Levens resigns as Fundraising Coordinator. Brenda will announce the vacancy in the July newsletter.
- *Wreaths*--Jill Downs presented (attached) her findings with a local wholesaler of Christmas wreaths. Wreath orders will be due in October. Cost will be \$15 for 24" and \$25 for 36".
- *Pancake Breakfast*--Sunday, September 26 from 9-1 pm at the Big Lake American Legion. Jill be coordinate this event. Chris & Chelle Nelson reported they still have a number of the food items leftover from previous breakfasts. Johna will talk to the "milkman" for possible donations again. Jill will contact Rich & Ann Reed for ticket information and possible assistance. Johna & Chris Noponen volunteered to help cook--sign up sheet was passed to those present--others are needed and will

be requested in the July newsletter.

- *Pictures*--Deb Levens will contact possible photographers. Date set for October 9. Plan not to have on actual ice. Location to be determined.
- *Year Book*--Johna suggested and will investigate and report back on August 5 the possibility of a BBL Year Book. Similar to those done in the Becker school.

### **Arena/Land**

- Chris Nelson spoke to Sue Nord to inform her that we are ready to go to purchase the offered land under the Ice Association.
- No closing date set to date--will email Board when it is set. Chris will call Sue on Monday.
- BBL Ice Association will be the purchaser--not LAMP as previously discussed.
- Cheryl Hurt will contact Rollie Oliver concerning the golf tournament he set up and had stated that all proceeds would be forwarded to BBL for arena land purchase.

### **BBL Job Descriptions/Positions**

- *Job Descriptions*-- will be completed and all individuals will be expected to sign off on their respective position at the August 5 meeting. Brenda will get the originals from Rich Reed for the Youth Hockey he had completed and any for the Ice Association he may have begun to prepare. Executive Officers are liaisons to the YHA and IA.
- *Liaison*--Dave Ramsdell was appointed by Chris Nelson to serve as the BBL Liaison. Dave needs to be contacted with any complaint, concern, or suggestion, He will facilitate dialogue between parties concerned. Submit any grievance or complaint forms to Dave.
- *Volunteer Coordinator*-- position was discussed. Clarification was made that this individual(s) is responsible for recording the volunteer hours and not solely responsible for securing workers. Needs to work Team Managers to inform them of needs and they are then responsible for securing help.
- *Open Positions*--Fundraising Coordinator--contact Deb Levens if interested. Apparel Coordinator--contact Johna Nelson is interested.

### **By-Laws**

Discussion was held on whether or not we are in compliance with our By-Laws. On several issues we are not. The By-Laws for both associations

have had changes made to them which are not reflected in the current version of the By-Laws available to everyone. Deb will email Lois Pegg, who worked extensively to update the YHA By-Laws recently, to obtain them on disk as well as the IA By-laws. Until they are updated and revised, they will not appear on the association website.

### Newsletter

The past year it was made available as a pdf document on the website instead of mailing to each household. The decision to do so was based upon the following:

- complaints were always made that the mailed copies were never received
- members would move and would not inform the association of their new address
- the time it takes to prepare it and the time it takes before getting a printed version into the hands of our members, can not compete with the speed of an emailed copy or access from the web site
- the cost and waste of paper and postage
- we are a volunteer organization comprised of busy people. It is the responsibility of each member to stay and be informed.
- if anyone was not able to access a copy via the internet, they only had to let a Board member know and a copy would be mailed to them. (no requests were received)

Lengthy discussion was held on this issue again and it was decided that we would continue with the previous decision to make it available to everyone (as required) on the website by the 25th of each month, unless a request is received for it to be mailed to someone specifically.

### Finances

- Budget--Chelle will pull together the accounts and balances from this year as the basis of a budget for the upcoming year.
- Audit--Chris Noponen will look into an audit of the association's financial records.
- Invoices/Fee Procedures--Since we have adopted a new policy for payment of participation fees (which is made up of the cost of referees, tournaments and ice bills) (see "Policy for Next Year" on first page) individual statements will be sent to be paid on October 1, November 1, and December 1. The amounts will be dependent upon the level of play

(Mite, Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam) based on the anticipated cost of ice for that level. The total will be billed in 3 equal amounts to be paid on those dates stated above.

### Carlson Skater

Chris Noponen, as the coach of Logan Carlson, requested that the Board consider allowing him to continue to skate with BBL. Since Logan's residence lies in the Foley school district, he is under the jurisdiction of and must play with the Princeton association.

### Kevin & Kristi Cencer

They had placed the order and paid for the trophies for the 2003/2004 season. We have now squared up with them. They will keep the trophies to be used for the upcoming season.

### Meetings for Next Year

#### Dates

August 5	December 2	April 7
Sept. 2	January 6	May 5
October 7	February 3	June 2
November 4	March 3	July 7

Times: General Membership meeting will be held on these dates from 7-8 pm; the Executive Board will meet, if necessary, from 8-8:45 pm

Agenda: Items for inclusion must be submitted to Brenda by the Monday prior to the Thursday of the meeting.

Location: All meetings will be held at the Becker Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Graber, BBL YHA Secretary

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