



Becker Big Lake Youth Hockey Association

BBL Eagle News

2002/2003 Season

March 31, 2003

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OPEN—NEED A VOLUNTEER

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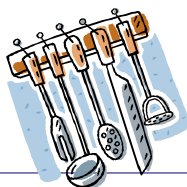
Becker Big Lake Youth Hockey Association

We will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE on **Monday, April 7** from 6:00—9:00 p.m. at the Big Lake American Legion.

We will have several home sales groups present that have offered to help us raise money for our Ice Arena by helping you equip your home, your garden and yourself with some wonderful products!

Contact People: Lois Pegg 763/633-6666 or Julie Mandler 763/263-1861

Products Represented In-



**Pampered Chef
Home & Garden**



Close to my Heart (Stamps)

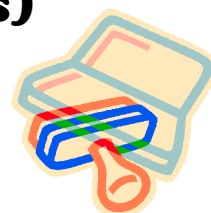
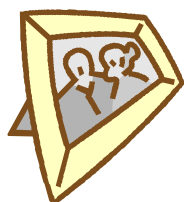
Usborne Books

Creative Memories

Tastefully Simple

Mary Kay Cosmetics

Jewelry



Becker Big Lake Youth Hockey and Ice Association Meeting Thursday, March 6, 2003, 7 pm - Hero's Dugout, Becker

Present: Lois Pegg (IA VP), Lisa Ramerth, Chris Nelson (YH Pres), Mike Messman (YH VP), Brenda Graber (YH Secy), Chelle Nelson (IA Treas), Mark Muench, Rich Reed, Jim Arbogast, Lee Sweney, Dave Monson, Mike Buckley, Dave Darsow, Myron Carlson, Jason Lewis, Jayne Lewis, Dave Ramsdell, Dave Schouvelier, Kim Muench, Becky Tuholsky, Pat Tuholsky, Johna Nelson, David Nelson, Joe Huber, Tim Houghton, Pat Martinson. Guests: Dale Pelzer and Shawn Miller from Princeton Youth Hockey Association.

I. Call to Order by Chris Nelson at 7:10 pm

II. Routine Matters

A. Approval of Minutes - There were a couple of omissions in the Minutes produced in the monthly newsletter. The Minutes should have included nominations of Matt Bishoff Executive Officer and Rich Reed for VP. Since the last meeting Matt Bishoff changed from Youth Hockey and Ice Association and Mike Messman withdrew as VP candidate. Approved as revised

B. Approval of Agenda - Item added under VI. New Business A. Monticello Ice Agreement.

Approved as revised

C. BBL YHA Treasurer's Report

1. Chelle took both checkbooks and made sure that all fundraising monies were in the Ice Association account.

2. Expenses paid recently included some Spring League items leaving a balance of approximately \$7,240.

3. Ice Bills have been given to each Team Manager for distribution.

4. Motion made to accept report as presented. s/p

D. BBL IA Treasurer's Report

1. To show the support by our association each family needs to donate to the Ice Fund--can be \$1-\$100,000.

2. There were 6 or 7 families that donated \$125 towards the retainer monies for TSP and Mark

Davy.

3. Motion made to accept report as presented. s/p

III. Announcements and Communications

A. Monticello Business Expo - Miscommunication--this will happen next Fall.

IV. Reports

A. Ice Association Nomination Committee

1. Mike Messman reported the following individuals seeking positions: Matt Bischoff - Vice President, Lois Pegg - President, Jason Lewis - position at large, Jim Arbogast - position at large

2. Motion "To close the nominations as stated". seconded/passed.

3. Elections held in April; term begins May.

B. District 10 - John Gilbertson not present/no report

C. Fundraisers

1. Scratch-offs - Deb and Mary Ellen not present/no report.

2. Let's Play Hockey Caps - Deb not present/no report.

3. Becker Pancake Breakfast - April 27 at the Becker Community Center

4. Local Solicitation Letter/Requests - Mary Ellen not present/no report

5. Golf Outing - scheduled for August 15. Chris will contact Christian Brothers. He and Scott Johanns will go to talk to the course personnel in April.

6. Apparel - Johna reported no orders; currently no forms. With get prepared for inclusion on web site. About 1-1.5 week turn around. 10% of cost goes to Ice Arena Fund.

7. Gambling Report - Joe has the applications and is in the process of completing them to be submitted.

8. Xcel Energy/Minnesota Wild "Play Our Game Equipment Program" - Application for an award has been completed and submitted.

9. BBL Water Bottles - Lois was checking on cost; will place order soon.

10. Open House - Lois reported an "Open House" on April 7 at the Big Lake American Legion. Various individuals will be present to take



orders and will donate a percentage of their profits to the Ice Arena Fund. Include: Pampered Chef, Home and Garden, Mark Kay Cosmetics, Tastefully Simple, Creative Memories. A flyer will be developed and sent to membership for

distribution in the community.

11. Coupon Books - Dave Darsow was contacted by an individual offering a coupon book fundraiser to us. They would first do a feasibility study by contacting vendors in our area to solicit interest and then a coupon book would be printed. Decision was made to allow them to take the study and let us know the results.

12. County Fair - Any non-profit organization can help sell tickets and the volunteers are "paid" an hourly wage which is payable to the organization.

D. Princeton Association Meeting - Rich attended the meeting. Nothing to report.

V. Old Business

A. Zamboni Storage

1. Kim contacted Palmer Storage and rented a 10 x 20 unit for \$55/month that can hold the zamboni and other items that we currently have in a 8x10 for \$55/month.

2. Chris Nelson stated that he would move the Zamboni. Other items need to be inventoried and moved as well.

3. A 30# propane tank needs to be purchased for approximately \$110. Motion made to purchase a tank. s/p

B. Association Year End Pot Luck/Awards Banquet

1. Kim and Brenda scheduled it for Monday, March 17 at the Becker Community Center. Comment was made that the Becker baseball try-outs were that night.

2. Discussion was held on the possibility of changing the date and decision was made to cancel the all-association event and each team should schedule something individually.

3. Suggestion was made that this date be set at the start of the hockey season so it gets on calendars early.



C. Arena Sub Committee

1. Met prior to tonight's meeting. 100% participation is needed by our association to demonstrate to the community, local business donors, and

bank that the arena is supported by our own parents.

2. A letter, partial payment and list of business to contact will be sent to Mark Davy Associates the next day.

3. The Feasibility Study will be started on Monday.

4. The preliminary plans for the arena were presented and reviewed. Changes were solicited and recorded to be forwarded on to TSP engineers and architects.

E. Princeton Waiver Contract Discussion

1. Chris reported that he, Phil Graber from Dist. 10 and Dale Pelzer from Princeton met to discuss the current situation.

2. Graber stated that the two Boards need to meet and discuss the pros and cons. He also stated that he wants the Boards to make the decision and that both Boards must be in agreement.

3. Discussion held and decision was made that a phone survey would be taken to determine the percentage of support of the contract and/or the dissolution of the contract before the Boards meet in April to make their decision.

4. Statement was made that if we dissolve the waiver agreement we would still purchase ice from Princeton and that ice would also be available for purchase from Monticello.

5. Comments were shared regarding some of the experiences of the year. Some of the experiences have been very good; many present at the meeting expressed much frustration and anger over events of this year. Dale Pelzer addressed some of the issues but no resolutions were made. He did state when directly asked that it is the ACE Coordinator's responsibility to find necessary coaches and goalie's for every team.

VI. New Business**A. Monticello Ice Agreement**

1. Chris and Todd Banek met prior to the meeting to discuss our needs for ice next year and Monticello's ice availability. Chris stated that we would need 100-150 hrs for the next 1-3 years. If our situation changes and we wouldn't need that much, we would not be held to that estimation.

2. Comment was made that if we do not continue the Princeton Waiver contract, ice would not be an issue due to the ice availability at Monticello's new rink and Buffalo's ice availability.

B. Elections for Youth Hockey Association open

positions.

1. Additional nominations were called for from the floor. None submitted. Nominations and positions open: Kevin Buntrock - Executive Officer, Dave Schouveller - Executive Officer, Rich Reed - Vice President, Chris Nelson - President

2. Motion was made that those individuals be elected as nominated. s/p.

VII. Adjournment at 9:25 pm.

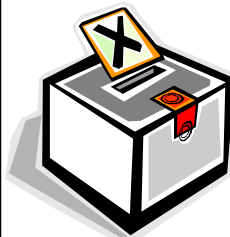
Next Meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2003, 7 pm, Hero's Dugout.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Graber

BBLYHA Arena Committee Reminder Would you like to attend the arena committee meetings? If so, you are very welcome to join us. We try to meet approximately once a week, alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We know this is a difficult time of year for people to commit once per week to attending, therefore we invite anyone who would like to have their voice heard to attend whenever possible.

If you can't attend, but wish to be on the email list to receive notices of when meetings are/any planned agenda's, etc., send an email to Impegg@aol.com with BBL Arena as the subject. If you have any questions regarding times/locations of the meetings, contact one of the board members or Lois Pegg at 763.633.6666 (daytime phone).

Elections to be held for the Ice Association open Board positions at the April meeting.



**Please
be present to cast
your vote.**

REMINDER: Contact a Youth Hockey Board member to express YOUR opinion as to whether to continue with the Princeton Waiver Agreement or not.

A phone survey is planned, but if someone is not reached, please realize you should take the responsibility upon yourself to contact one of the board members.

BBLYHA Players



**BBL
Sr Mite
Blue Team**

**Hudson
Tournament**



**BBLYHA Sr
Mite Blue
Team**
**Hudson Tour-
nament**



**Mini Mites at
District 10
Mite
Jamboree**



**BBL Sr Mite
Black St
Cloud**
**End of year
record:
18-2-2
(includes
tournaments)**



**BBL Sr Mite
Blue Team**
**Hudson
Tournament**



Mini Mites at District 10 Mite Jamboree—National Anthem



**Pee Wee
C Team
(white jerseys)**
**Litchfield
Tournament**



**Mini Mites at
District 10
Mite
Jamboree**

In Action!

Reminder—if you wish to submit photos to the newsletter—please submit them in electronic form and we will include as many as possible. JPEG format is preferred. Thanks for your submissions.

Congratulations! to Academic Achievers!

Academic Achievement for the last quarter include:

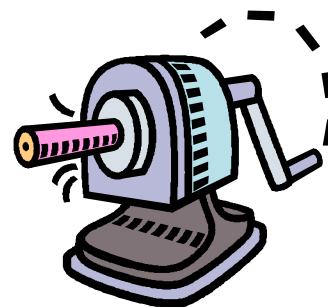
Casey Reed - B1 Squirts

Joseph Gonrowski - BBL JR. Mites

Alex Levens - BBL SR. Mites

Tucker Wilkendorf - BBL JR. Mites

Hurray for these four skaters!!!



It is not too late to submit Academic Achievement information. At this point in time, we no longer have the donor who gave \$200 per level for hockey camp scholarships. Although this is no longer what selected kids receive, there will be awards given to the Academic skaters at the end of the year (usually at the May hockey meeting). The academic calendar year includes the 4th quarter of 2001/2002 school year along with the first 3 quarters of the 2002/2003 school year. Please submit your information by April 20. (Please make additional copies if you need them)

BBLYHA Honor Roll Academic Achievement Application Form

Date: _____ Quarter: _____ Hockey Level: _____

Name of Hockey Player: _____ Phone: _____

School/Grade/Teacher: _____

Team and Coach: _____

Attach a copy of report card along with this form and send to BBLYHA, c/o Academic Achievement, PO Box 294, Becker, MN 55308

Certification by school teacher/administrator/counselor: I certify that the above student has achieved the following (check one) for the quarter/school year:

☐ performance equal to or better than a 3.0 gpa on a 4.0 scale

☐ recognition in the school honor roll

☐ Elementary students, above average performance where no gpa is determined. Work is equal to a performance level to be considered 3.0 or better.

Signed: _____ Title: _____



Arena Update

UPDATES: Please remember that if you want to know more, you are always welcome to attend weekly arena meetings. All interested parties (even non-BBL members) are welcome to attend.

Editors Note: as time constraints do not allow for individually calling each member (over 100 people) with the latest on the arena, we will try to print monthly updates here in addition to those given out at the regular BBL Monthly meetings. If you have any specific questions, all arena committee members have stated that it is ok for you to email them with questions. Below is the schedule for the week this newsletter is being distributed. As this committee has to be very dynamic and flexible, the newsletter cannot present before hand material very often. Please attend the monthly BBL meeting or a weekly arena meeting to find out the latest news. WWW.BeckerBigLakeHockey.com also has each meetings minutes posted in a very timely manner.

3/26/03—Meet with the Big Lake City Council at 7p.m.

3/27/03—Meet & discuss results of 3/26 mtg w/BL City Council, meet with VP of New Horizons regarding possibility of Kids Quest (hourly daycare) in Arena facility.

3/31 or 4/1 (actual date determined 3/27) meet with Gary/Kurt from Hockey Zone to see if they want retail space in the arena.

4/7/03—Open House Fundraiser (see front cover)

4/27/03—Pancake Breakfast—See insert

PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISER Mark Davy & Associates, St. Louis Park, MN, has been retained. The feasibility

study is beginning. All members of BBLYHA will be contacted as well as 300 businesses in the area.

A HOCKEY ASSOCIATION LETTER is being mailed to every hockey association in Minnesota asking them for a small donation to help us build our own arena.

BRICKS ARE SELLING! You can go to our web site (www.BeckerBigLakeHockey.com) and download an order form. All info is there.

The arena is going to be located in East of Big Lake, between 172nd and the bridge that crosses over the railroad tracks. Initially we intend to build 1 sheet of ice, but long range plans are for 2. Other plans include

- Two 9,700—10,000 sq ft retail space areas to rent or lease out (these will be divided into smaller sections)
- Dance Studio
- Education center w/4-5 computer stations
- Conference room open for use by community organizations at no charge
- Fitness center (including a walking track) to help entice corporate memberships
- LAMP has promised \$25,000
- Joel Westrum of Westrum Electric has offered to do all electrical drafting and installation at a cost of materials only! THANKS

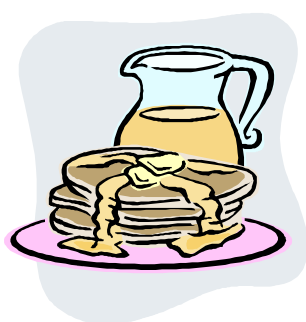
Arena meetings are scheduled each week for the following week. The exact date is based on what needs to be accomplished and the weeknight varies to allow as many people as possible to try and attend. (In other words—they are scheduled on various weeknights to allow members who work specific weeknights to attend some of the meetings.)

You can be included on the weekly email list (see page 5) Scheduled meetings are set approximately 5 days in advance and all members can be notified by email.

Help is needed to inventory our materials, etc. in the storage shed prior to transferring them to the new storage shed. If you can volunteer an hour or so, please let one of the board members know prior to the next meetings (phone numbers can be found on the front page of this newsletter).

Becker Big Lake Youth Hockey Association Annual

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Sunday, April 27, 2003

8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

at Becker Community Center.

All proceeds to benefit our Arena fund

Raffle prizes include:

Autographed Puck from Willy Mitchell

Autographed Program from Willy
Mitchell

MN Wild Team Picture

Golf Clubs

Boom Box

Bike Helmets

DVD Player

Fishing Lures

Backpacks

And MORE!

Cost: Adults \$5.00
Kids 2—12 \$3.50
Under 2 = Free



Come and enjoy a
no-hassle meal. We
will be featuring fla-
vored syrups as in
the past! They will
be available for pur-
chase as well!

CAN YOU HELP?

We would like each family in our association to try and distribute 3 Pancake breakfast flyers in the area. Possibilities include offices, churches, and local businesses. If you could help in this manner, we would really appreciate it. If you can, please either copy the previous page and distribute or email a request to Lucinda (BBLEagleNews@aol.com) and she will email you a full color PDF version for distribution. THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

We are in need of workers on Sunday, April 27, 2003. Scheduled times are:

Early Shift: 6:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m.—need 2 people to help set up kitchen/start coffee and food. Community center will set up the tables/chairs.

First Shift: 7:30 a.m.—9:00 a.m.—need 7 people—jobs include: Pancake Flipper, Chief Dishwasher, Drink Supervision and watching the kids who do the table bussing, 2 people at the money table—one to handle people eating, one to handle brick, BBL Apparel, and raffle money, and three people to distribute food.

Second Shift: 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.—need 7 people—same jobs as first shift

Third Shift: 10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon—need 7 people—same jobs as first shift

Clean-up crew 12:00—1:00—need AT LEAST 6 grownups and 4 kids—we need to finish cleaning the kitchen, put away the tables and chairs and finish (with the number of people stated, we can probably finish by 12:30)

Also needed—

- Someone who likes to shop—the list is done and we just need the items to be picked up before the pancake breakfast. There are about 5 shops to visit.
- Someone to take care of decorating the room on a limited budget
- Someone to let newspapers know what is going on

If you can help or would like to Chair this event, email or call Lucinda at BBLEagleNews@aol.com or 263-0858

Sign up sheet will be available at the April meeting—please volunteer to help make this a big success!

Menu right now: Pancakes, eggs, flavored syrups (and regular), sausage, fruit, juice, coffee, milk, water

Pancake Breakfast Celebrity Golf Tournament

When: April 27, 2003
Where: Becker Community Center

August 15, 2003 Pebble Creek, Becker
Special: Hockey personalities to golf
with each foursome.

Be sure to mark the above dates on your calendars. These are just brief mentions of events to come.
There are details still being worked out, but the dates are set. If you would like to volunteer, we could use your help.

**Next Regular Hockey Meeting: Thursday,
April 3, 2003, 7 pm, Hero's Dugout.**

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