

Armstrong Youth Hockey Association
Monthly Board Meeting
December 11, 2006

Called to Order: 6:40pm

Attendance: Todd Pannek, Larry Gonrowski, Todd Krough, Greg Symicek, Delia Anderson, Sandy Pofperl, Matt Deterding, Kevin Roddy, Kathy Hewitt and Tom Hewitt

Charitable Gaming: Tom reported that November was the best month for revenue since we began with just over \$43,000 in deposits. With those deposits we also hit a new taxation level as we just went over \$1 million in deposits. All sites were going well for December. He reported that although bingo is still slow, the bars offering it would like to continue. They will determine over the next few months if Bingo should continue. They have been having some cash issues and are trying to track down the problem; retraining of employees is happening now. Approximately \$4,500 will be due to the City of Crystal in January for taxes. A motion was made and carried approving the Gambling Committee's December report to the Board. A motion was made and carried approving estimated gambling expenses in the amount of \$39,430 for January 2007.

Cooper Update: Derek Olson, the Cooper Youth Hockey Association President, presented to the AYHA Board. He spoke of Cooper not being able to cater to the needs of every player and that their kids are playing at the wrong levels due to the small numbers. Their girls and bantam programs are in much better shape due to being able to combine with St. Louis Park and Armstrong for the girls and with Armstrong for the boys. He would like to see Cooper combine with Armstrong for all of their teams. Cooper has not approached any other associations with this, just Armstrong. If the AYHA Board sees value in doing something like this, we should put together a group to focus on this proposal from Cooper. It was determined that the Cooper parents had not voted on this possibility.

Based on this conversation, an issue was raised that we are not developing our B2 and C teams appropriately. If this continues, will we have enough kids want to continue playing? We do NOT want to lose our "C" players.

It was decided that Cooper needs to be more specific in their approach and draft a document for the AYHA Board to vote on. Larry suggested Mike Steinhauser sit with Derek to create the document. John Perry said they would never force a merger. The District would have to redraw our boundaries if there were a change and we would need to change our by laws.

Bloomington was brought up as an association Cooper could look to as a model. Jefferson and Kennedy have their own A and B teams. All other teams are combined and are called "Bloomington".

District 3 Rep: Greg Symicek was presented as a candidate for the District 3 Representative position on the AYHA Board. A motion was made and carried approving Greg as the new District 3 Rep.

Guidelines for spending charitable gaming money – tabled until next meeting

Scholarships Update: Seven families received available scholarship monies for a total of \$4,400. There are still a handful of unpaid registration fees and there needs to be a payment plan set up with these families. A payment must be received in December or the kids cannot play.

No Hockey over Christmas Policy: This is something we need to discuss in the spring so the policy can be mandated at the beginning of the season when coaches are signing up for tournaments. We really need the cooperation of the district to not schedule games during those weeks. If individual teams are given the ability to manage their schedule, then, they can choose as a team if they play a Thanksgiving tourney or a Christmas tourney. It was decided that it should be an HDC question.

Volunteer Hours: Kathy distributed the final statement of hours for committees. This will be posted on the website.

Girls Coordinator: No report.

Secretary: A motion was made and a vote carried approving the November Board Minutes.

Treasurer: Delia would like everyone to use a check request when requesting reimbursement from the Association. This form is now posted on the website under forms and managers.

Tax returns will be worked on after Christmas.

The goalie credits will remain the same this year.

Ice payments, All-Star payments and equipment payments have been made.

We are still looking for tournament refunds from Woodbury and Anoka. Cooper still needs to pay us because we made their tournament payments.

Volunteer Coordinator: No report.

ACE Coordinator: Larry has heard some complaints about coaching so he suggested that at the end of the year we do a survey to get feedback from parents.

Beckfeld and Smargia are seeing every team at every level now. They are mostly with the B2 and C teams now. It was discussed how much of an impact Pete has had on our

goalies this year. Larry also said he is paying for them to see every team this year and NOT just the ones we host. Eric Young was also mentioned as another goalie coach we could utilize if Pete gets too busy.

HDC: It was reported there is a meeting on Monday, December 18th and they will run on a monthly basis from now on. We may need some better incentives for goalies and will now try the pads on kids earlier in Mites because we now have someone who can work with them one-on-one. We could purchase goalie equipment in bulk and then supply it through the Squirts level.

Traveling: No report.

Registration: Last roster verification meeting is on December 26th.

Tournaments: No report.

District 3: No report.

Concessions: No report.

Equipment: Most all equipment is out this year. What do we want to do for goalie equipment for next year?

There was a discussion on who should be responsible for team banners? It was decided that the Association should not purchase banners. It can be left as a team decision as to whether or not they want banners. Team managers could make them.

Kevin said the Bantam A's will need new jerseys for sure next year.

Fundraising: No report.

Ice: It was reported that ice during the week during December has been very tough and the weekends have been OK. The high schools have been booked in early December.

Cooper and Armstrong teams practice during the day on days off.

Marketing & Membership: Ed had a power point presentation distributed at the meeting. It was decided that we would wait to go through it until Ed could present it.

Mites: Matt discussed the District 3 pond hockey events with Brooklyn Park, Cooper, Hopkins and St. Louis Park. There are 4 AYHA pond hockey teams that will be re-rostered on January 15th to the 3 regular teams for the full ice games.

Miscellaneous: Mike Schoen is coordinating a card to be sent to Steven Perry, John Perry's son, who is in Iraq.

Dave Kinney, a former youth director and board member, died of a heart attack recently. Flowers will be sent to the funeral.

Bob Fallen brought up money that is still owed on the shooting cage to the city and to Jordan Leopold.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.