

Armstrong Youth Hockey Association
Monthly Board Meeting 09/11/06

Called to Order: 6:38 p.m.

Attendance: Todd Pannek, Ann Breitenfeldt, Delia Anderson, Kevin Roddy, Sandy Pofertl, Mike Terres, Kathy Hewitt, Matt Deterding, Larry Gonrowski, Todd Krough, Todd Weisjahn, Paul Antonenko, Ramon Aguirre and Paul Wood.

New Business: Motions to waive Alex Frieberg, Zach Robel and Alex Nelson out of Armstrong's Youth Hockey Association were approved.

Todd Weisjahn extended a very gracious thank-you to the AYHA Board for implementing the Hockey Development Committee and indicated he has been and will continue to work directly with that Committee. He has been attending their meetings. He also announced some key dates for Falcon Hockey. November 22, 2006 is a free evening of Skate with the Falcons at the rink. The Alumni game is scheduled for December 23, 2006. Saturday, January 20, 2007 is Armstrong/Cooper Day. The schedule was given to Kathy Hewitt for posting on the website.

Todd Weisjahn suggested that if the youth hockey pictures are done in time they should be included in the Falcon programs and they would include the skaters' names. He also made a pitch for advertisements in the Falcon programs. And, he requested the Squirr ice schedule so the high school players could spend some time on the ice with the Squirts. Todd also would like a connection to the SKATE program and would provide a practice with the Falcons as an incentive for Squirts and he will donate the STP registration fees for one Bantam and one PeeWee level player to be given out at SKATE. Todd will connect with Corbett regarding jersey nights.

Charitable Gaming: A motion was made and carried approving the Gambling Committee's September monthly report. A motion was made and carried approving estimated gambling expenses in the amount of \$25,320 for October 2006. A motion was made and carried approving a donation of \$100 to the Dennis Peterson medical fundraiser coming up at SteveO's. A motion was made and carried approving upgrading the storage unit to 10x30 at a cost of \$230 per month.

Secretary: A motion was made and a vote passed approving the August minutes with an amendment to the dollar amount indicated in the tournament bank account.

Bantam Update: It was reported that jerseys were ordered at a cost of approximately \$4,000 and the District 281 Concession Committee is going to fund this expenditure. It was reported that the fact that every team will have the same jersey will go a long way to creating a team and a sense of teamwork.

To support the decision made by the Hockey Development Committee not to fund Bantam jerseys, a motion was made to rescind the motion made and passed at the August 2006 Board meeting that approved the purchase of jerseys for the Bantam teams,

including one home and one away jersey in the amount of up to \$50 per jersey. This motion to rescind the purchase of Bantams jerseys was seconded and passed.

Girls Report: The Girls Hockey Committee has held several meetings here and at St. Louis Park. There are 33-35 U10A girls registered, 24 U12A girls registered, and 17 U14A girls registered. Coaches have been hired for the A teams. The B teams will have parent coaches.

Treasurer: Delia reported she purchased plastic folders for the team managers for this year and indicated this should help create a more efficient system by having folders. Delia distributed AYHA's financials. The Squirts will have an A, B and C team for team accounting purposes. Ice fees are due from each family by November 15, 2006 and February 1, 2007. The Bantams will pay \$400 by each ice fee due date and the PeeWees, Squirts and U10s will pay \$250 by each of these ice fee due dates.

Delia has been paying the registration fees for the tournaments. Delia received \$7,000 from the tournament account. Delia has not received updated financial information from the District 281 Concessions Committee. Delia received a \$13,000 check from Charitable Gaming.

Traveling: The parent's meetings were held last night. Kudos to all who participated. The A Coach at each level is responsible for the A, B and C teams and will be accountable to the Hockey Development Committee that will report back to the Board regarding how the year goes.

It was reported that the communication of the initial ice times was not good. This will be worked on for next year. Hopefully, we will know the ice times earlier next year.

Ace Coordinator: Larry reported that the PeeWee A, Squirt A and Bantam A coaches have all been hired and he is close to solidifying a PeeWee B coach. A goalie coach was hired for Squirts and he is still looking for a PeeWee goalie coach. He will try to fee off Pete Smargia at each level so that there is consistency among all the teams at each level. The PeeWee and Bantam camps started today.

Registration: Sandy reported that she did the download from On-line Registration to Cybersport. This took a substantial amount of time due to a programming issue. It was reported that 59 people have not paid their registration fees.

The Mites will host 3 teams at each level, possibly 4 teams at the Mite 1 level.

The registration numbers currently stand as follows:
32 Bantams; 51 PeeWees; 36 Squirts, possibly 39; 15 U10s; 9 U12s; 10 U14s.

There is a District 3 meeting on Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. Todd Pannek will attend. Todd is looking for a new District 3 representative and Paul Antonenko is a possibility.

Fundraising: An email blast went out seeking sponsorships. Mike reported he has some leads on dasher boards. The netting around the shooting cage has been completed. Mike is checking with Reach Sports Marketing Group, a group that makes plasma flat screens with ads on them and the locker numbers for each team as they enter the rink for games, etc.

Mites: There is open skate scheduled for September 23rd and 30th for Mites.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.