

Armstrong Youth Hockey Association  
Monthly Board Meeting 08/14/06

Called to Order: 6:40 p.m.

Attendance: Todd Pannek, Ann Breitenfeldt, Kevin Roddy, Sandy Pofperl, Tom Keller, Mike Terres, Kathy Hewitt, Ed Kirchoff, Tom Hewitt, Matt Deterding, Paul Antonenko, Tracee deNeui and Paul Wood.

New Business: A motion to waive Ty Williams out to Wayzata's Mite program was approved.

Charitable Gaming: Tom Hewitt reported that that Gambling Committee would be making a loan repayment to AYHA for the old Major's start-up costs in the amount of \$13,650. He also reported that all 3 booths did well in the past month. With 3 sites up and running AYHA is in a good position to make money. They are adding sellers to the new site. There is a new Gambling tab on the AYHA website with information on donations made by the Gambling Committee.

A motion was made and carried approving the Gambling Committee's August monthly report. A motion was made and carried approving estimated gambling expenses in the amount of \$25,320 for August 2006. A motion was made and carried approving Tracee deNeui as the new Gambling Manager effective September 1, 2006.

Old Business: It was reported that a new look for the AYHA website is being worked on with Mike at Mystify. The goal is to have the on-line volunteer schedule implemented as soon as possible. There is an AAA Showcase tournament at the rink this weekend that needs to be staffed.

A motion was made and carried approving a revision to the AYHA Guidelines to include 5 hours of credit for volunteer hours for the Mite team manager responsibilities.

Girls Report: A Girls Committee has been formed among AYHA, Cooper and St. Louis Park. Tom Keller distributed a handout that provides background on the proposed girls' teams and the items that need to be discussed. There are parent meetings scheduled for August 22 at New Hope and August 23 at St. Louis Park. They are advertising in three main hockey publications and WAM for coaches for the girls' teams. Ed volunteered to help with the girls U10 warm-ups if he was needed. A coaches evaluation committee will be formed with 3 from St. Louis Park, 3 from Armstrong and they were going to ask John Perry to serve as the 7<sup>th</sup> on this committee. The big issue that still needs to be worked through relates to ice fees.

Todd Pannek recognized Tom Keller, Sandy Pofperl, Ramon and Kevin for all of their hard work on the girls program.

Tournaments: Planning is underway for the Thanksgiving Tournament for Squirts and U10 A&B teams. There is approximately \$12,000 in the tournament account that will be divided and paid out to AYHA and CYHA, about \$6,000 each.

Ice: The final ice schedule is due to come out next week.

Secretary: A motion was made and a vote passed approving the June minutes.

Treasurer: No report.

Mites: Ed and Matt are working diligently on recruiting. Emails have been sent to the school Principals in District 281 schools regarding setting up a recruiting table at each of their "meet the teacher"/open house nights. Banners have been created, as well as 100-150 yard signs. They obtained 44 good leads from the summer recruiting events. They are working on doing a better job of recruiting at the schools this year and will also be inserting a flyer into an upcoming Wings soccer mailing. Ed also reported they have put an announcement in the Plymouth, Golden Valley, New Hope and Crystal Park and Rec. brochures.

Registration: Screening forms must be turned in before any coach can go on the ice. By October 9, 2006, Sandy needs to know what teams we will be hosting. Roster verification for Peewees, Bantams, and U12 is November 2, for Jr Gold, C leagues and U14 it is November 13, for Squirts and U10 it is November 16, for Mites it is December 7 and the final roster verification is December 27, 2006.

Ace Coordinator: The first clinic for ACE HEP is September 21, 2006. Check Minnesota Hockey.com for additional dates and times for clinics.

Traveling: A motion was made, seconded and carried approving Jeff Hemenway as the Squirt Coordinator, Paul Wood as the Peewee Coordinator and Mark Greenberg as the Bantam Coordinator.

A parent meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Crystal Community Center at 6:00 pm for Squirts, 7:00 pm for Peewees, and 8:00 pm for Bantams.

HDC: Paul Antonenko reported that the HDC has done a lot of work on combining the AYHA and CYHA Bantam Programs. They have received input from coaches on team levels. A lot of it has to do with the discrepancy in age and size at the Bantam level. There is a parent meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm on August 15 to further discuss co-hosting a joint camp of Armstrong/Cooper Bantams. A combined logo for the jerseys needs to be created. It was reported that a joint pancake breakfast would be pulled together to assist with the cost of the jerseys, as the AYHA membership is not paying for the cost of the jerseys for the combined teams. Cooper does not have enough jerseys to cover home and away jerseys if there are four teams. It only makes sense to bring Edison players into the mix to fill in final teams. A suggestion was made to look for sponsors to

defray the costs. The A team currently has the VFW as a sponsor and last year Cooper did get a sponsor for the B team. The maximum number of skaters expected at the Bantam level is 57, which includes the goalies.

A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the purchase of jerseys for the Bantam teams, including one home and one away jersey in the amount of up to \$50 per jersey.

Craig Brown was hired as the Pee wee A coach from Burnsville. He has two assistants from St. Louis Park and Chris Warren as an assistant coach.

A discussion regarding tryouts was held. There will be a skills camp with Beckfeld at each level that will run seven weeks in total for all three traveling levels. Tryouts will include interassociation scrimmages/games. There will be a Falcon Cup at the Squirt level again this year. The results of tryouts will be posted within 24 hours after tryouts are completed. There will be goalie tryouts at each level.

All team levels have to be set by the middle of November as required by District 3. The Falcon Cup is scheduled for November 10 through November 12.

The HDC agreed to use the same evaluation sheets for all three levels from Squirts to Bantams. The HDC waived Jack McDonough up based upon a grade level waiver and Billy Duma was waived up to squirts based upon skills. The HDC will review the Brian Johnson waiver request.

The HDC will work on focusing on the girls program also in the future. It was reported that in the future, the Board needs to be open to thinking about increasing AYHA's coaches' salaries. Coaches will be evaluated and are currently on one-year contracts. The HDC is working on hiring another Bantam coach and a Pee wee B coach.

District 3: Approved helmets are required on the ice. All-Star is offering a deal so you may get your new helmet through them.

Concessions: No report.

Equipment: Kevin will look for 120 jerseys (60 home and 60 away) for Bantams and will get 2 bids. He will work with Mark Greenberg and Derrick Olson on the jerseys.

Fundraising: Mike Terres reported that he received a \$515 check from last year's team photographer.

Todd Pannek asked that the Board spend some time thinking about what it would like to focus on and prioritize its goals for the charitable gambling proceeds and where it would be best to spend those dollars.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.