

Armstrong Youth Hockey
Board Meeting
Monday, November 12, 2007

Meeting Called to order at 6:34 p.m. Members present: Greg Symicek, Todd Krough, Sandy Pofert, Kevin Roddy, Jim Siede, Kristen Harnett, Tracee DeNeui, Mark Gauer, Dave Jensen, Matt Deterding, Larry Gonrowski.

Charitable Gambling: Tracee reported that we did secure Champps in Maple Grove as our third Charitable Gambling site. The kick-off for pulltabs will be December 1st, and Bingo will be on Tuesdays, starting December 4th. Fifty percent of proceeds will come back to AYHA. As a concession to Osseo Maple Grove Hockey, 30% of the profits will go to their Association. Ten percent will go to the City of Maple Grove, and the final 10% will go to the trade area. While not ideal, this was the only way to get the site.

Jere Bartz will most likely present the audit findings at our December meeting.

Profit for October 2007 was \$9,286. This is a great increase over profits from this summer.

Fred Pofert will be joining the Charitable Gambling committee.

Tracee asked for a motion, second and a vote for three items:

Approval of Monthly report to the board
Approval of Expenses for December 2007 in the amount of \$31,530
Approval for start-up costs for Champps site—Signs, Supplies, Pulltab
Boxes, safe, changing locks on cabinets.

Sandy Pofert made the motion, Kevin Roddy seconded. Motion passed.

Gina Johnson, Manager of the PeeWee A team, asked the Board for an additional \$584 to pay referees for the scrimmages they schedule. At this time, the A Team has 8 less games scheduled than the PeeWee B1 team. They would like to even things out by adding ice times and scrimmages to get them closer to the amount allowed. Discussion was tabled until each level and team can be looked at to see that things are even.

Kris Harnett brought up the fact that there is another family asking to be waived out to Hopkins, as their child open-enrolls to Meadowbrook. The board decided to “think on it” and address the situation by electronic vote once the President of the Board was available to discuss the situation.

In an electronic vote held on November 25th, the board voted to follow AYHA, District 3 and Minnesota Hockey Association guidelines and deny the waiver. Motion made by Larry Gonrowski, Seconded by Matt Deterding. Motion passed.

Coordinator Reports:

Treasurer: Mark Gauer reported that he’s using Quickbooks now, and that he’s met with the Cooper Treasurer. The goal would be to have both Associations as well as all team managers using it by the end of the season. We can then track what every team has spent. Mark will be asking all Team Managers for their team budgets.

Volunteer Coordinator: Jim Siede said that the question has come up several times regarding Cooper parents whose children have been waived into Armstrong and vice-versa. Where do the volunteer hours go? Volunteer hours worked by a parent are credited to them in their HOME association.

Equipment: Kevin Roddy stated that the Armstrong/Cooper jerseys are in and they look great!

District 3: Greg Symicek is presenting at the District 3 meeting on Wednesday. The topic of open enrollment and how it affects Hockey Associations will be discussed.

Registration: Sandy Pofert said that Squirt and U10 roster verification is November 20th, while the Mite rosters are due December 5th or 6th.

Fundraising: Dave Jensen reported that our first Wreath Fundraiser was very successful. We sold over 1,000 pieces and made a profit of about \$5,380. The Pancake Breakfast was a phenomenal success! We served well over 400 people and the profits were \$2,689. We are still looking for Mite Team Sponsorships. Let Dave or Matt know of anyone interested in sponsoring a team.

Ice: Matt Deterding said new ice schedules should be posted in the next couple of days. Gina Johnson suggested that NO AYHA home games be played at Plymouth Ice Arena. We lose too much concession income when games are played at PIC.

Ace: Larry Gonrowski said we're still looking for coaches for the Squirt C team. The B2's now have three coaches but the C's are hard pressed for parent volunteers. Sandy and Kris both brought up the fact that a non-parent coach joined the Squirt B1 team. While a welcome addition, it was stated that his help could have been used at the C level. Larry stated that they are hoping to groom Darin Aho for the PeeWee B1 team next year. It was again stressed that we need help at the Squirt C level.

Larry also asked that we review by-laws and guidelines and that we stick to the plan where waivers are concerned.

Secretary: Greg Symicek made the motion, seconded by Todd Krough, to accept the Minutes from the October meeting. Motion passed.

Motion made by Sandy Pofert to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dave Jensen. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

ADDENDUM: On November 28th, discussion ensued through email in regard to giving goalie families that supply their own equipment a credit. An electronic vote was made for the following motion made by Tom Keller:

"I make a motion to give a USD 450.00 credit across the board for Armstrong goalies who provide their own equipment at the boys and girls travel level. The goalie credit will be applied to the family in February of the current hockey season. I recommend Rob Sigmundik and Kevin Roddy create a "goalie credit sheet" that has to be signed by the goalie family and the Armstrong Equipment Manager in order for the credit to be applied. The timeframe on this motion is for the 2007 – 2008 season and will be review year to year"

The motion was seconded by Mark Gauer. Motion passed.