

Armstrong Youth Hockey
Board Meeting
Monday, October 8, 2007

Meeting Called to order at 6:33 p.m. Members present: Todd Pannek, Todd Weisjahn, Greg Symicek, Todd Krough, Sandy Pofert, Larry Gonrowski, Kevin Roddy, Jim Siede, Kristen Harnett, Tracee DeNeui, Mark Gauer, Tom Keller, Ed Kirchoff

Charitable Gambling: Tracee reported that gambling proceeds have been down a bit but that they should pick up during the winter months. A second jackpot of \$995 was given out at the Sunshine Factory and business is very good there. We still need more people showing up at Steve-O's so that he can see that Armstrong families support his gaming site as well.

Jere Bartz, our independent accountant, will present his findings at our board meeting in November or December as he did last year.

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

Approval of Monthly report to the board

Approval of Expenses for November 2007 in the amount of \$23, 850

Approval to pay \$140 to AYHA Charitable Gambling to correct an accounting error in regard to Steve O's meat raffles

Larry Gonrowski made the motion, Todd Krough seconded. Motion passed.

Todd Weisjahn from Armstrong Hockey introduced Ed Osfar who spoke to the board about the Souvenir Programs that are handed out at all AYHA home games. Ed asked for sponsors for the program. This is Armstrong High School Hockey's biggest fundraiser; they had a profit of \$6,000 last year. Selling ads is the biggest challenge and they'd like to see 10-20 ads sold to AYHA families to support the book. Ed will make something up to be placed on our website and an email will be sent to all AYHA families.

Todd also mentioned that we have two "Hockey Nights" coming up for Armstrong. That information will be placed on the website. We will also announce that Armstrong Alumni have been named Captains for the U of M Gopher Hockey Team.

Sandy Pofertl asked to discuss the rules for traveling teams and the amount of scrimmages they are allowed before and after tryouts. District 3 states that there can be two scrimmages before, 2 during and 2 after tryouts. Insurance liabilities are a big factor and sanctions ensue if rules are broken. We will have Lance Mayer recheck the PeeWee schedules to maintain compliance with Minnesota Hockey and District 3 guidelines. Todd Krough is going to check data on other teams to see what the norm is.

Kris Harnett brought up the fact that the defibrillator is missing from it's case. It was stated that the battery was dead. Kris will check with Jim Corbett to see if we can expedite the return of the machine to ensure that it's there in case of an emergency.

Locking of locker rooms during practices and games was discussed. It was agreed that this should take place on a team-by-team basis. Kris will talk to Jim Corbett about the logistics of this.

Todd Pannek introduced Dave Jensen to the board. Dave has two sons in our Mite program and has agreed to be our Fundraising Coordinator, taking the place of Mike Terres who resigned last month. Todd asked for a motion and vote to accept Dave to the board in that capacity. Larry made the motion and Ed Kirchoff seconded. Motion passed.

Todd Pannek then asked that we discuss paying Lisa Rogers, Ice Scheduler, for her time spent scheduling AYHA practices and games. AYHA had passed a motion last spring agreeing to pay our own Ice Scheduler up to \$1,500. Since our Ice Scheduler had to take over the Treasurer's position, Lisa agreed to schedule Armstrong ice since she was doing Cooper's again this year. She has asked for compensation at this time. The board discussed the fact that they'd like to see ice schedules get out in a more timely fashion and Todd agreed to set the expectation with Lisa to have schedules out four weeks in advance. A motion was made by Larry to pay Lisa \$1,000 for scheduling this year. Ed Kirchoff seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Todd then presented a request from Derek Olson that we reconsider "naming rights" and have the Bantam B1 team identity be "Armstrong Cooper" instead of just Armstrong. The board discussed this and decided to stick to the original decision which was that all B1 teams be hosted by and naming right given to Armstrong.

He then mentioned that since warm-ups started the PeeWee coaching staff and the Hockey Development Committee feel we should have two B2 teams at that level instead of two B1 teams. Armstrong will host one B2 team, Cooper will host the other.

The Board then discussed feedback on the travel team combinations with Cooper. It was agreed that it seemed to be well received at this time. Greg Symicek mentioned that many Mite parents didn't understand why we were sharing ice with Cooper at that level. He stated that we are using AYHA coaching curriculum. Tracee asked how this affects charitable gambling profits. Todd answered that this year we are sharing profits and keeping Cooper fees down.

Todd Weisjahn mentioned that Derek Olson should be communicating closely with Cooper High School to see what is going to happen at that level to help forecast what CYHA will be facing in the future. The referendum will have a lot to do with the future of hockey at Cooper. Board feedback was that we want to be one association, not a merged association.

The board outlined what the next steps will be as far as possibly becoming one association. John Perry from District 3 will be able to give direction as far as one Association dissolving and the other expanding it's borders. In the meanwhile, we need to

- 1) seek legal counsel to establish correct proceedings
- 2) by 12/1/07 understand Cooper's balance sheet (financial due diligence)
- 3) Cooper Board positions: what are they
- 4) Get an overall picture of fundraising and charitable gambling needs
- 5) Establish an Identity

Coordinator Reports:

Girls: Tom Keller reported that the girls' U10 and U12 tryouts are still in process. The U14's won't have tryouts and are still looking for a goalie. They are hoping to waive someone in from another Association. Nikki Schwartz will be the girl's goalie coach; she will receive a stipend for that as well as assisting with one of the U12 teams.

Treasurer: Our money market is at \$121,318 at the present time. Mark Gauer has been figuring out and trying to get the most out of the new Quickbook system. Todd Pannek mentioned that it would be great to know by level and then by team how we are spending money. Sandy mentioned that keeping track of the "4-pays" is important so that kids who aren't current with payments are not placed on a team during tryouts. We still have concession fees that are not paid.

Volunteer Coordinator: Jim Siede stated that we've had several opportunities already for parents to volunteer. People need to check the website consistently for new things that come up.

HDC: A board member asked who the tryout evaluators are by level. Todd Pannek said there should be at least two outside evaluators with a total of five. Evaluators remain off the ice; head coaches do serve as evaluators.

Tournaments: PeeWees have their tournaments for the year listed on the website already. Squirts and Bantams will be posting theirs soon.

Equipment: Kevin Roddy stated that we appear to be ready for the season. We need one set of A/C jerseys for Squirts and we did purchase more goalie equipment. It appears that a set of goalie pads has disappeared from the equipment room. We need to check with the girls' teams and determine "who has what". No more goalie equipment should go out until everything's accounted for.

Marketing and Membership: We have 39 new mites this year. We'll have one more free mite clinic as the season gets underway which will hopefully draw even more kids in.

Secretary: Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the Minutes from the two September meetings.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.