

Armstrong Youth Hockey
Special Board Meeting
Thursday, September 13, 2007
By Conference Call, 9:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to order at 9:02 p.m. Members present: Todd Pannek, Kristen Harnett, Mark Gauer, Matt Deterding, Larry Gonrowski, Sandy Pofperl, Jim Siede, Kevin Roddy, Greg Symicek, Todd Krough, Tom Keller, Paul Antonenko, Ed Kirchoff.

Todd asked if everyone had read the proposal from the HDC and what questions there were. The situation at the Bantam level seemed to raise the most concern. We currently need four more skaters to fill the four teams we'd like to have. If we don't get those skaters, we may have to move to three teams and waive three kids out. Sandy Pofperl stated that it didn't make sense to waive three kids out and that each proposed team should just have one more player on it. It was also mentioned that at the District 3 Presidents meeting it was stated that Orono and Hopkins will all have extra Bantam players. Todd Pannek told those presidents that we would be interested in waiving them in. He will stay in touch with them. If we do waive in the extra players, it would be helpful to also have another goalie. Tom Keller offered to follow up with Hopkins in regard to this as they may have an extra Bantam goalie. Tom Keller also stated that we should make sure that we do not waive ANY kids out of our program at the traveling level.

It was then discussed that we will need to go to our parents with the number of teams we're proposing at the PeeWee and Squirt levels. Paul Antonenko stressed that we not make any promises as to the number of players on any given team. We will have five PeeWee teams and four Squirt teams; we should adhere to the guidelines we put in place last winter that state we'll have a minimum of 12 players on a team.

Kevin Roddy then asked what the status of the Cooper Youth Hockey Board was at this time. Will we continue to be separate systems? Todd Pannek stated that we cannot consolidate boards at this time and that we'll have to discuss that part of the situation at a later time. KR asked who would be in charge of fees and would they be equal for both Associations. TP said that fees will be equal according to Armstrong fee schedules; Cooper kids will pay CYHA and Armstrong kids will pay AYHA. Derek Olson (CYHA President) and Todd will be working out the financial end of things.

After further discussion, Tom Keller made the following motion: The proposal covering the 2007-2008 season of the "shared team concept" between Armstrong and Cooper at the Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam levels as presented and approved by the Armstrong Hockey Development Committee shall go forward utilizing three or four Bantam teams, five PeeWee teams and four Squirt teams with a minimum of twelve (12) skaters per team and no player from Armstrong Youth Hockey being waived out to another Association.

Larry Gonrowski seconded the motion and a vote was taken. All members were in favor with the exception of one.

Todd Pannek stated that he would contact Derek Olson with the outcome of our meeting and start communications with John Perry on how to handle the new “association” with Cooper.

Further discussion regarding mergers or dissolutions of boards or associations will take place at a later time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.