

Armstrong Youth Hockey
Board Meeting
Monday, August 13, 2007

Meeting Called to order at 6:40 p.m. Members present: Todd Pannek, Kristen Harnett, Mark Gauer, Ed Kirchoff, Paul Antonenko, Tracee DeNeui, Matt Deterding, Larry Gonrowski, Sandy Poferl, Jim Siede, Kevin Roddy, Greg Symicek, Todd Krough

Charitable Gambling: Tracee reported that we left Rostamo's a few days early under slight duress. We were able to get all of our inventory out and clear the booth. We are still active at Steve O's and the Sunshine Factory. The Maple Grove Chammps sight is still pending; the Maple Grove Basketball Association is now interested in being at Chammps as well. Hopefully the situation will resolve itself and we'll be up and running soon.

The Board is interested in having another person on the committee; someone to oversee the operation would be great. We'll develop a "job description" and post it on the website.

Tracee asked for a motion, 2nd and vote on the following items:

- Approval of monthly report to the board
- Approval of expenses for September 2007 of \$27,150
- Approval for start-up costs at Chammps of \$1,300
- Approval to pay for Bingo mistake at Sunshine Factory on 8/9/07--\$43.00

Motion passed.

During July, and electronic vote was held to approve the following:

- Approval of monthly report to the board
- Approval of expenses for August 2007 of \$22,630
- Approval to sign lease with Chammps of Maple Grove

The motion was made, seconded and passed.

New Business/Change in Treasurer position: Mark Gauer has agreed to act as interim Treasurer for one year. Bob Durand, elected in May, resigned in June as he took a job that commands 100% travel and he didn't feel that he could carry out his commitment to AYHA. Mark had been elected Ice Coordinator in May; the Cooper Ice Coordinator has agreed to schedule our ice for the coming year.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to elect Mark Gauer as interim Treasurer for the period of one year.

Waivers: Several families, either in person or in writing, have requested permission to waive out of AYHA and play for other associations. The families presented their cases to the board and the board discussed the positive reasons why we'd like them to play at Armstrong. Families that live in District 281 but open enroll to Hopkins schools agreed to have Todd Pannek contact Hopkins Youth Hockey President Brady Bizal to discuss their policy of letting Hopkins families waive IN to Armstrong. In the past and present, such waivers have been denied by Hopkins. It was decided that after Todd talked to Brady, the board would be apprised of Hopkins' protocol in such matters and hold an electronic vote. District 281 families affected by this are the Habermans, Ingalls. Reniers and Meuwissens.

Todd Pannek also asked the Hopkins families to consider the following option: Register their children for AYHA and give the program 30 days. If they aren't happy after that time, we will waive them out.

The Williams family also requested to be waived out of AYHA and into the Wayzata program. Their son Ty will be a squirt this year; Mr. Williams indicated that their plan to move to the Wayzata school district is imminent. As this reason for waiver has been presented in the past by Mr. Williams, it was the board's opinion that Ty should play for AYHA until such a move is made. The board agreed to include the Williams' waiver request in the electronic vote.

Mr. John Evans requested that his sons Christian and Eric once again be waived into AYHA from the Edison Association. As Edison has already waived them out, a motion was made, seconded and passed to waive the Evans children into AYHA.

After consideration by the board in regard to Mr. Bizal's response regarding waivers, the board held an electronic vote on August 17, 2007. The request for all waivers out of AYHA was denied.

Girls' Program: Sandy Pofert reported that most coaches are staying in the positions they held last year. U10's will be based at Armstrong, U12's will be at St. Louis Park, and the U14's will be at Cooper.

Treasurer: Mark did not have a full report prepared but stated that our checkbook currently has a balance of approximately \$32,000. Delia Anderson has been very helpful during the transition. Together with Doug Lundell, Mark and Delia will ensure that fees follow what we actually need; charitable gaming has helped pay for a lot of ice time and all fees have been combined so that there won't be additional charges for ice time, warm-ups, etc.

Registrar: The board will be apprised of registration levels as we go along. On-line registration has been extended until September 7th. Walk-in registration will take place on September 6th. Sandy will work with the Treasurer to make sure that registration is blocked for those families that did not make final payments or complete volunteer hours last season.

Volunteer Coordinator: Jim Siede had heard that there was going to be a Showcase Tournament at the end of August at the New Hope Arena. He was in the process of trying to contact Lisa Rogers to confirm this so that he can offer volunteer hours to AYHA families. Jim was advised to contact Jim Corbett at the arena to confirm the tournament and the dates on which it would be held.

Hockey Development Committee: The HDC met last week. Paul Antonenko reported that everything is going well with communications, scheduling, etc. Parent meetings for Bantams and PeeWees will be held in Mid-September.

District 3: Greg Symicek reported several things of interest: They are asking that coaches screening be done as soon as possible. The Affiliate Agreement should be updated and sent to Diane Margenau. Minnesota Hockey is outlawing “locker boxing”, the practice of boxing in the locker rooms while wearing hockey gloves and helmets. Referee fees have gone up 8% this year. Coaches meetings will be spread out instead of all being on one night. John Perry has requested to be apprised of “where kids are at” competitively this year compared to last year. They are trying to make competition level for all Associations. Lastly, it’s possible that U19 girls’ teams may be started. The teams would be sponsored by the associations that have players involved.

Concessions: It was agreed that Stu Shapiro and Doug Harber would be joining the concessions committee at Cooper. Their volunteer hours for the coming season will be waived in return for their involvement in Concessions meetings, decisions, etc.

Equipment: Kevin Roddy reported that the Squirt C jerseys were ordered. The cost per player will be split with Cooper. Other jersey needs should be covered with existing inventory. New traveling players should report to Walk-in Registration on September 6th to determine what size warm-ups they will need.

Marketing and Membership: Between Phoenix and Wings soccer events and also manning a booth at Duk Duk Daze, the committee and it’s volunteers gathered 90 names for possible new skates to our program.

Andrea Robideaux has agreed to update the Marquee at the entrance to the South side of the arena for AYHA. It has yet to be determined who will direct this and how many volunteer hours will be given to her.

Ace Coordinator: Coaching stipends were discussed. Last year \$18,500 was spent on coaching staff. The girls’ side of the organization pays parent coaches while the boys’ side does not. Larry thought that the open coaching positions would be decided upon and named by the end of the week.

Coaches will be wearing Easton warm-ups and will once again be offered a discount on helmets from All-Star Sports.

Secretary: The minutes from the June meeting were approved.

Old Business: Armstrong Hockey: Further discussion was held regarding the request from Todd Weisjahn for \$2,000 from AYHA to the Armstrong Boys Booster Club. We have now received a formal request from the Girls Booster Club and coach Zejdlik for the same amount. It was brought up by Matt Deterding that AYHA paid for and was to be partially reimbursed for the shooting cage and to date this has not happened. It was agreed to table the discussion until the September meeting.

We had a motion, 2nd and vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed.