

**Armstrong Youth Hockey Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, June 11, 2007**

Call to Order: 6:38 p.m.

Attendance: Todd Pannek, Kristen Harnett, Greg Symicek, Todd Krough, Kevin Roddy, Tom Hewitt, Tracee DeNeui, Delia Anderson, Bob Durand, Todd Weisjahn, Mark Gauer, Larry Gonrowski, Jim Siede, Sandy Pofert

Introduction of New Board Members: Bob Durand has taken the position of Treasurer, Mark Gauer is the new Ice Coordinator, and Kristen Harnett is the new Secretary. Sandy Pofert has renewed her position as Registrar.

Charitable Gambling Report: Motions were made and carried approving the following: the monthly June gambling report to the Board; the expenses for July of \$38,580; the payment for our annual audit of \$2,700 which will be paid out in September or October; and approval to sell our booth at Rostamo's.

Tom Hewitt reported that we will prepay \$47,000 for ice time for the 2007-2008 season with gambling proceeds. Audits are in progress and the reports will be done in September or October. Rostamo's gave us a 60-day notice that they are replacing us with another charity; they liked working with us but have chosen to go with a long-standing favored charity instead. We are working with Champps in Maple Grove as well as the Field House in Crystal to see if we can add them as sites for our Charitable Gambling. We have approached Sensors and Jake's but they are unable to accommodate us at this time.

Cooper/Armstrong Update: There are plans in place for the two organizations to share camps during the 2007-2008 season. There will be combined C teams for the Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam levels. The Girls Hockey committee will be meeting in July but it is likely that St. Louis Park, Cooper and Armstrong will maintain their merge.

Todd Weisjahn reported that we will probably have 1 Squirt, 1 PeeWee and 2 Bantams waiving in from Cooper for the 07-08 season. Waivers must be submitted before tryouts.

Reports:

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

Tournaments: Todd Pannek reported that there will not be a Thanksgiving tournament this year. Nancy Wefler is working on the Girls U10, 12 and 14 tourney for some time this winter.

Registration: Sandy will be sending out letters to returning players some time in July for August on-line registration. Fees need to be set before registration can begin. Warm up and tryout fees this year will not be optional. Registration will be blocked to those families that did not finish their volunteer hours or pay ice fees

District 3: Greg reported that the TriCity/Brooklyn Park merger looks imminent for both their girls' and boys' programs.

Ace Coordinator: Larry said that PeeWee A team coaching interviews are underway. He and Kevin Gray are taking care of this and hope to have a decision made by August 1. They are looking for a Bantam B1 coach as well.

Treasurer: Delia distributed the final financials for the 06-07 season. She said that Doug recommended that we re-evaluate the registration fees and that we could probably reduce them by \$100 for the traveling team players. Doug also advised that we try to keep \$50,000 in the bank account at all times, which is about where we're at right now.

She needs projected ice hours for each team; Larry said they'd be done in the next week or so. The combined "C" teams will use existing jerseys with the exception of the Squirt Level. They will need new jerseys, the cost for which should be split between the two Associations.

She is still waiting for final reports from some of the teams. She will then send in final numbers for the tax return and turn everything over to the new Treasurer at that time.

The proposed budget for the 07-08 season was also presented.

Concessions: Larry suggested that Armstrong provide volunteer hours to a couple of AYHA parents and have them act as liaisons with the Cooper Concession Committee. Our revenue from concessions goes down each year and it would be great for Armstrong to have some input and be able to report back to our board as to how concessions are running throughout the year. Our concession income for the season was \$11,000.

New Business: Todd Weisjahn presented a letter of request from the Falcon Boys Hockey team for a \$2000 donation. We tabled this request until the August meeting. It is likely we will also be asked to donate to the girls' team; in August fees will have been set and we will better know our financial situation with a new location for charitable gambling.

A motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

