



Armstrong Youth Hockey Association
Monthly Board Meeting 04/09/07

Called to Order: 6:40 p.m.

Attendance: Todd Pannek, Ann Breitenfeldt, Kathy Hewitt, Greg Symicek, Mike Terres, Sandy Pofert, Todd Krough, Larry Gonrowski, Ed Kirchoff, Tom Hewitt, Matt Deterding, Kevin Roddy.

Charitable Gaming: A motion was made and carried approving the Gambling Committee's April monthly report to the Board. A motion was made and carried approving estimated gambling expenses in the amount of \$38,580 for May 2007. Tom reported they could pay out another \$20,000 before the end of May. And, it was reported that CYHA is recommending a new site be explored. Todd Pannek did not have the name of the new site available.

Mites: Will start recruiting soon.

Ice: No report. Year one for the new ice coordinator will be spent in an apprentice type role working with Cooper to learn the process.

Fundraising: Land of Frost has paid \$2,400 for a sponsorship for next hockey season. There was a discussion regarding sponsorship by level versus by team if sponsorship dollars are not put into a separate fund for the traveling program.

Equipment: New goalie equipment was purchased for Mites. Kevin has been experiencing problems getting all of the practice jerseys back. To avoid this next season each team will need to deposit a check for practice jerseys at the team manager meeting at the beginning of the year and when all practice jerseys are returned by the team, their check will be returned.

Kevin will figure out Pee wee and Bantam subsidies for goalies and will report back to the Board on this.

Concessions: Kath Hammerseng resigned from her position as the President of this committee. We need to fill this position. The person would be responsible for leading the meetings and operational duties relating to receiving food orders and invoices. Kathy Hewitt will send a notice to the membership that this position is available.

District 3: Greg reported there would be a Bantam C and Pee wee B gold tournament.

Tournaments: No report.

Registration: No report.

Traveling: The SKATE committee thanks the Board for the donation for the SKATE rally.

HDC: There will be a meeting next Monday to cover (i) baseline team rules; (ii) coaches and player evaluations; and (iii) assistant coordinators at each level.

Volunteer: No report.

Treasurer: No report.

Secretary: A motion approving the March minutes carried.

Ace Coordinator: Henrik Impola and Pete Smargia will be off ice trainers next year with Beckfeld for the traveling program. Larry distributed a budget for the off-ice training proposed for next season. The off-ice training would start during the camps at the very beginning of the season. Henrik and Pete would have to bring the coaches in, as this would be a group effort that would start at camp and be carried through the season for each team. The training would include agility, stick handling, slide board stations, etc. The ice scheduler would schedule the off-ice training.

A motion for \$1,975 for AYHA's off-ice training materials for 2007-2008 was made and carried.

A motion was made and approved for payment of a \$600 stipend to Pete Smargia for goalie training for 2007-2008 Squirts and U10 goalies for a summer program. The parents will pay the ice fees for these sessions. A parent meeting is scheduled for April 24.

Girls Coordinator: No report.

Old Business: There was discussion about the Armstrong Cooper proposal. Larry handed out an overview. It is up to the Board as to the option we will commit to and vote on this evening. The Cooper Armstrong Committee feels the proposal is a doable plan that allows us to get to a single association. Not a lot of time was spent by the Committee discussing benefits; however if we were one association we could take on the scheduling issues and drive more competitive ice rates. The idea of skill development and skaters skating at the appropriate level with the appropriate number of teams was discussed at length. District 3 has no issues as it relates to combining the associations.

The Board then discussed questions it had relating to where Cooper stands with gambling, skills, off season training and all of the things that Armstrong has been working very hard and proactively to implement. Cooper has wanted to piggyback on

our ideas, however, they do not have the resources/volunteers to do what we've been doing. Four years ago they lacked coaches and curriculum, since then Larry has supplied resources in these areas to Cooper. It was mentioned they have not implemented the curriculum that was provided. The Board would like a concise response that can be provided to AYHA membership to confirm what the benefits would be to merge. There was a question as to whether there has been a benefit to the joint ice scheduling thus far.

It was reported that when querying parents they responded that it was important to maintain brand identity and this feedback was also received from the high school coaches.

Greg distributed a letter from Mike Perri who was on the Board many years ago when the C Teams and Mites were combined under a New Hope/Plymouth system.

It is important that kids are given the opportunity to play at an appropriate level. It's also imperative that our kids experience success. Todd will put talking points out to the AYHA membership.

A motion was made and carried approving the AYHA-CYHA 2007-2008 (one year) proposal as distributed by Larry Gonrowski at the meeting and amended by Todd Pannek to include financials and conditional waivers for A teams. The proposal is as follows:

AYHA-CYHA Working Together in 2007

Girls

GHC intact going forward to manage combined program including SLP

U10 Camps A/C/SLP A,B

U12 Camps A/C/SLP A,B

U14 Camps A/C/SLP A

Squirts

Combined Squirt Camp with shared C team

AYHA - A & B coaches and CYHA B coaches working together in the camp.

Teams Camps A/C A=AYHA B=AYHA B=CYHA C=A/C

PeeWee

Combined Pee Wee Camp with shared C team

AYHA - A & B coaches and CYHA B coaches working together in the camp.

Teams Camps A/C A=AYHA B=AYHA B=CYHA C=A/C

Bantams

Combined Bantam Camp with shared C team

AYHA - A & B coaches and CYHA B coaches working together in the camp.

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Mites

Mite Program Separate A/C identities

Matt Deterding and Eric Marsh working together.

Mite Coaching/Curriculum

Larry Gonrowski and Derek Olson working together.

Mite I's 2 Hour 8 Teams 15= 120 AYHA=84 CYHA=30 114

Mite II's 2 Hours 6 teams 15= 90 AYHA=50 CYHA=30 80

Mite III's 2 Hours 4 Teams 15= 60 AYHA=40 CYHA=15 55

Financials AYHA covers 2/3 costs of ice and skills instruction for shared camps (Squirts, Peewees, and Bantams) _____

AYHA covers 7/12 of shared Mite program ice fees _____

Ice Scheduling AYHA provides ice coordinator to at least be a liaison between AYHA teams

_____ Shared camp on ice sessions scheduled for 1:15 rather than 1 hour to reduce events

_____ per week from 5 to 4.

HDC Restructure HDC to improve effectiveness, shared skill development programs for skaters/goalies.

Board Implement compensation programs for appropriate board positions, such as Registrar and Ice Scheduler

Support conditional waiver opportunity for CYHA players to try out for A teams.

Communication Plan

Develop a corresponding plan for communicating this plan to our members that will allow for consistent messaging.

A motion was made and carried adjourning the meeting at 9:15 p.m.