



Armstrong Youth Hockey Association
Monthly Board Meeting 02/12/07

Called to Order: 6:40 p.m.

Attendance: Todd Pannek, Ann Breitenfeldt, Delia Anderson, Kathy Hewitt, Greg Symicek, Mike Terres, Kevin Roddy, Sandy Pofert, Todd Krough, Larry Gonrowski, Ramon Aguirre, Matt Deterding.

Charitable Gaming: A motion was made and carried approving the Gambling Committee's February monthly report to the Board. A motion was made and carried approving estimated gambling expenses in the amount of \$39,380 for March 2007.

Old Business:

Cooper Armstrong Committee Update: The committee held its second meeting on January 7, 2007. The committee is working on a multi-year plan. Everyone agrees it will be best to examine the issues using a step-by-step approach. The current focus is to combine the Mites to start, as well as the C teams in addition to continuing to have a combined girls program. Four sub-committees were put together to move things forward with the intention to present information at the March Board meeting and ask for feedback at that time. It is likely the Committee will present a three-year plan, with the intention to look back after each year to see if the step-by-step approach is working and to see if each year is going well. A three-year plan document will be sent to the AYHA Board the first week in March prior to the next Board meeting. Cooper wants to make sure everything is presented together with a long-term plan. The Committee members for Cooper are Eric Marsh, Rick Campion, Scott Symanski, Diane Eliason and Derek Olson; for Armstrong the members are Larry Gonrowski, Paul Antenko, Mark Berris, Tom Keller and Todd Pannek. It was suggested that the proposal be posted on the website for AYHA members.

Girls: Ramon reported that the Girls Committee does not yet know numbers for the U10s for next season. All of the girls' coaches are interested in coming back for next season. The committee is working on ideas for next year, including brainstorming with the coaches and the team managers and coordinators. Pete Smargia has put together a goalie curriculum for next year for the girls.

Secretary: A motion was made and a vote carried approving the amended January Board Minutes. The board positions that will be open for the annual meeting in May are Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar. The Nominating Committee will consist of Todd Pannek, Ann Breitenfeldt and Matt Deterding. If anyone knows of anyone interested in stepping up to serve on the Board, please notify one of these committee members.

Treasurer: Delia handed out the January financials and reported that Larsen Allen is finishing up the annual tax return for AYHA. Delia confirmed that Mystify would set up e-checks and credit card payments for registration, tournaments and ice for next year. The team checkbooks will continue to be used for everything else. Delia asked that we find someone in the Association with financial forecasting experience to take a look at the books and help with forecasting. The coaching stipends will be paid soon. Delia received and distributed the shared financials for District 281 Concessions. Todd is going to check on the \$5,700+ donation that was made and report back to the Board.

Volunteer Coordinator: The buyout fee for not working volunteer hours is \$300. The Board will reassess the required number of volunteer hours in July when it can look back at the number of hours that were available for this season and compare it to the number of hours worked and the number of hours needed for volunteers to meet their minimums. A no show penalty may be considered for next season.

Ace Coordinator: The Pee wee A coach was let go due to issues with his conduct. Comments were made that it was good this was taken care of sooner, rather than later.

HDC: There have been no meetings lately. The District 3 link on the AYHA website is a nice feature. While the HDC got started late this past year, they plan to do things earlier for next season. It is necessary to be proactive to avoid the Pee wee situation that arose this year.

It was reported that several players were suspended from the Bantam B1 team. The zero tolerance policy led to the suspension of these Armstrong and Cooper players.

Registration: The dates for roster verification for next season are: 11/1/07 for Bantams, Pee wees, U12 and U14; 11/15/07 for Squirts and U10s; 11/29/07 for C league and Jr. Gold; 12/6/07 for Mites and 12/27/07 for clean up. The rosters need to be solidified two weeks before these dates. The Mites would like to have more pond hockey games next year. Online registration for next season will block out anyone that has not paid his or her fees this season. It was suggested that the Board look at compensating the registrar, equivalent to one travel player's fees. The same was suggested for the ice scheduler.

Tournaments: Crystal VFW plans to put a bid in for next year's Bantam VFW tournament. This tournament is scheduled for March 7-11 this year and if that date remains the same for next year it may conflict with the Mite Jamboree. Any issues with the scheduling of games at home tournaments should be sent to Tom Keller.

District 3: Greg distributed a document containing the recommendations for District 3 league and scheduling improvements.

Concessions: See Treasurer's report.

Equipment: Kevin reported we need one more set of Bantam jerseys. The goalie credit was discussed. The HDC needs to look at this and report back to the Board with a recommendation. Sigmundik and Roddy will put together a reasonable estimate for goalie credits based upon the cost of leg pads, gloves, blockers and chest protectors. Larry and Matt will work on the goalie equipment needs at the Mite level.

Fundraising: No report.

Ice: It was reported that for efficiency-sake there still needs to be improvement made in the ice scheduling. The plan is to have an AYHA ice scheduler in place, at a minimum, to serve as a liaison with CYHA for scheduling ice.

Mites: The Mite pancake breakfast brought in \$1430 in profit. A special thank you to Deb and Jim Jacobson for hosting this at the Maple Grove Champps. The Jamboree is coming up and there will be games played on Friday night. Hopkins, St. Louis Park and Brooklyn Park are going to join us at NHIA for the Jamboree. There are nine Mite 3 teams participating.

Marketing/Membership: No report.

A motion was made and carried approving the donation of \$500 to Stephanie Myers for the fire and smoke damage to her home.

The Dave Kinney 5K race will be held in Burnsville next weekend. Half of the proceeds from this race will be donated to AYHA. Dave is a former AYHA Youth Director that recently died of a heart attack.

A motion was made and carried adjourning the meeting at 8:25 p.m.