

Armstrong Youth Hockey Association
Monthly Board Meeting 01/08/07

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, Tom Hewitt, Ramon Aguirre.

Charitable Gaming: Tom reported that December was a good month. With \$48,000 in revenue it was the best month so far, by \$1,000. The goal is to get up in the \$55,000 range each month. We will continue to offer bingo for another month and see how it goes. The State Gambling Control Board conducted a surprise audit. It went well. Two games were not marked closed that should have been. Tracee will go over the procedures with all sellers, again. The forecast for January is break even due to the payments that are due to the city of Crystal in January. There is a potential new site in Plymouth – Axel's Bonfire off highway 55 and 494 in the former Grandma's restaurant. Due diligence is currently in process as it relates to this fourth potential site. Since a big portion of the proceeds from gaming is paid to the state in taxes, we need to make sure an additional site would be viable.

Delia suggested that we might want to draft an application to apply for money AYHA's charitable gambling money. Tom reported that people could make a request by writing a letter to the Board. Todd Pannek reported that St. Louis Park limits its gambling proceeds to hockey only.

A motion was made and carried approving the Gambling Committee's December monthly report to the Board. A motion was made and carried approving estimated gambling expenses in the amount of \$42,430 for February 2007.

Old Business: Mike checked with the Brooklyn Park Youth Hockey Association and confirmed that they have no specific guidelines for spending charitable gambling money. Currently, Brooklyn Park is using a majority of its proceeds to repay a loan to the city of Brooklyn Park. As reported above, St. Louis Park keeps all of its charitable gambling money for youth hockey. A suggestion was made that we keep our proceeds for AYHA hockey as it may dry up and we want to provide goalie credits and equipment for goalies, as well as decrease fees. A motion was made and carried approving the application of profits from AYHA's charitable gambling operations solely to support Armstrong Youth Hockey.

Cooper Armstrong follow-up – Derek suggested that both associations have 4 people from each association come together and analyze what a combined association would look like. He has identified ideas for what the board structure would look like. Derek did want the AYHA Board to know that CYHA is in a better financial situation than it has been in the past. Todd suggested that at a minimum it would be a good idea to

examine what it would look like across the board (i.e. the traveling program, the in-house program, the relationship with the arena, fundraising, more sponsorships, etc.). The downside is dealing with more personalities, different philosophies and beliefs, losing brand identity, etc. The 4 people from AYHA on the committee would need to get a better, broader representation of Cooper and where things currently stand. We don't want to do something that two years down the line people would look back and ask why did we do this? Derek is petitioning against the thought that CYHA needs to combine to continue to exist. Basically, the associations could dissolve both associations and create one new association or dissolve one association and merge the other one into that existing association, however we don't know if we would even need to have a combined association. There is a realization that a lot of people have a strong interest in keeping the Armstrong identity. Right now ice is going unused when we have a lot of teams out of town for tournaments. We should be able to offer a competitive team at every level. Also, District 3 is discussing creating a U12C level.

A motion was made and carried approving exploring the Armstrong Cooper hockey proposal. AYHA's representatives on this committee will be Todd Pannek, Larry Gonrowski, Paul Antenenko and Marc Berris. Derek Olson will be a representative on the committee for CYHA, along with 3 other CYHA people that will be named.

New Business: Tom Keller attended the District 3 meeting in Todd Pannek's absence. There was a big discussion around the churn of rosters, meaning changes made to rosters after they have been submitted. The District is asking that associations start planning in the Spring to get the rosters done earlier and will require that rosters be fixed 14 days prior to the final roster verification. The potential dates for finalizing teams based on possible roster verification dates for next year's season similar to this year's verification would be as follows:

Roster verification of 11/02/07 for Peewees, Bantams, U12A/B = Teams set by 10/19/07.
Roster verification of 11/16/07 for Squirts, U10A/B and U14 = Teams set by 11/2/07.
Roster verification of 11/29/07 for C teams, U14B = Teams set by 11/15/07.
Roster verification of 12/07/07 for Mites = Teams set by 11/23/07.

The District's goal is to have all teams planned for each Association by September 20, 2007. The HDC will put this on its agenda for March/April as it relates to buying ice and planning teams. We also need to book tournament dates earlier.

Girls: Ramon reported that the Girls Committee plans to have a plan by March to present to the Board regarding finances, communication, and teams so that they will be prepared for next season. St. Louis Park U10s have a deadline by which they need to notify AYHA of their intent to combine with Minneapolis South instead of combining with Cooper and Armstrong for next year.

The U12A coach resigned and Joe Donato took over as head coach.

Secretary: A motion was made and a vote carried approving the December Board Minutes. Ann asked that each Board member that has fulfilled his/her term on the Board this year, please email Ann and she will compile a list of open positions.

Treasurer: Delia circulated updated financials through December 31, 2006. She is currently receiving team payments and anticipates receiving \$30,000 in the next week.

Delia suggested that AYHA accept e-checks online for next season. Delia will work on this with Wells Fargo as it can be done through our website. With the use of e-checks, Todd suggested we should have estimated team fees determined for next year.

It was noted that District 281 Concessions is a separate entity with a separate board that makes its own decisions separate from AYHA and CYHA. Todd is going to ask District 281 Concessions for copies of their minutes and request that Delia receive their P&L on a regular basis.

Volunteer Coordinator: For those needing volunteer hours, there are still hours available with the Mite Jamboree and the Advance 15 tournament coming up. The end of the volunteer season will be June 30 each year, with a new volunteer season starting July 1 of each year. Kathy reported that Wayzata has a policy that if no volunteer check is sent in and no hours are worked, the family is blocked from registering for hockey for the next season. The Board agreed with having a similar policy and it agreed to offer the ability to buy out the volunteer hours, meaning if you do not put in your volunteer hours your check would be cashed. Kathy will post all of this information on the website.

Ace Coordinator/HDC: It was reported that the HDC would come to the next meeting with a plan for the current goalie situation. If AYHA's numbers warrant it, it needs to be prepared to waive out or waive in players. The HDC is a committee that gives suggestions to the Board and informs the Board on hockey development issues, while the HDC makes hockey development related decisions in behalf of AYHA. The HDC is comparable to a think tank regarding player development for the Board.

Traveling: Todd Krough asked Kathy to put a District 3 link on the AYHA website under the links page.

Registration: No report.

Tournaments: No report.

District 3: Greg reported that at the next meeting the District plans to finalize the issue surrounding free tournament opportunities, which results in a need to reschedule District 3 games. The District is against the idea of a lock out or no hockey policy over the Christmas and New Year holiday weekends. There was a nice showing at the Dave Kinney funeral. AYHA sent flowers the visitation/funeral.

Concessions: See Treasurer's report.

Equipment: No report.

Fundraising: Select Communications renewed their board and we have a new sponsor, Land of Frost, which markets lunchmeat and will give \$300 per Mite team. We are selling window decals and pins in the concession stand and at the Mite Jamboree.

Ice: The Cooper joint ice schedulers, Lisa Rogers and Mike Morgan, would like to get compensated for their efforts. Apparently there was a communication issue on the Cooper side at the beginning of the season. If Cooper had communicated with AYHA at the beginning of the season things may have been different. At this point they are seeking \$2,700 in total for their efforts. The Board agreed we would not pay for this year's ice scheduling. AYHA is looking for an Ice Scheduler for next year.

Mites/Marketing: No report.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.