

## ***WORKING CYHA BOARD MEETING – 9/5/07***

CYHA Board meeting – Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007

New Hope Ice Arena – Meeting Room #2

Present: Derek Olson, Greg Erickson, Troy Loken, Laurie Ahrens, Dan Longhenry, Lisa Rogers, John Gautsche, Joanna Rooney, Diane Eliason, Scott Sysmanski, and Eric Marsh

Meeting called to order at 8:37 pm by Derek

Review email from Derek for shared teams with AYHA (proposal transcribed from a phone conversation with Todd Panek).

### Bantams:

Currently, we have 13 skaters and 1 goalie, but expect more requests for waivers. Usually 11 to 14 skaters on a team. Cooper Bantam coach is John Vogt (8th year). A team works if you pick the right 13 skaters, but many of these kids are 1st year bantam players. Anticipating additional waivers if we don't have a B1 team.

### Peewees:

Peewee B1 coach has resigned today, 9/5, due to a new job and pending move.  
Peewees lost from 2006-07: Justin Regnier

### Squirts:

Bill Kasper still B coach.  
Squirts lost from 2006-07: Mason Knudson  
Anticipating: Grant Girod and Andy Burns haven't signed up yet

### Waivers:

Armstrong has been open about accepting kids if Cooper doesn't field a team at that level. Cooper not fielding "A" teams at this point.  
Can be more frustrating when you have choices. If someone is trying out for an "A" team, that opens a can of worms.  
How are waivers decided? President's discretion

### HISTORY:

Armstrong came to us with a proposal to share teams. Todd Panek approached Derek. Derek articulated his conversation to the shared team proposal in his e-mail.

5 or 6 years ago AYHA approached CYHA to share charitable gambling. Derek's predecessor wasn't interested in cooperation. Every 3 months, Derek requests shared funds from charitable gambling proceeds.

### QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION:

Can we share teams and not combine associations?  
Why does AYHA care about having their A team not share the A/C name?  
Why can't we have all combined teams share the same name?

High School movement:

Minneapolis kids are going to Cooper. Cooper kids are being pushed to Armstrong. Armstrong kids are moving to Wayzata.

Fundraising:

If Armstrong can join together with Cooper, they have a better chance of closing Fieldhouse for charitable gambling.

MMAD (John): Accept the shared team concept for the first year, with a request for all teams being A/C.

Second: Troy

Friendly amendment (Derek): willing to accept proposal as is with the exception of Bantam B1 remain A/C.

Second: Greg

Discussion. Bantam was an A/C team last year.

Friendly amendment defeated.

Motion defeated.

MMAC (Scott): Ask Armstrong for just Bantam B1 remain A/C, then if that doesn't work, fall back to their original proposal.

Second: Dan

Discussion.

Friendly amendment (Lisa): that we ask for all A/C first, then do our best to keep as many A/C teams as possible, then fall back to the original proposal.

Second: Greg

Discussion.

- Derek will report back to the Board.

- Girls program will be included in the revenue sharing.

Motion carried as amended with one vote against.

John shared for the record that we could have gone to the Armstrong leadership with a different message. Everything looks fine, but we are not willing to part with A/Cs at B1 level. You can have every A team this year. That would be fair to this association. They wouldn't turn it down, but if they did then Derek would come back to the board. We would still hold our ground if we had shared teams.

Need to have meetings with families to discuss one Shared Team proposal if Armstrong approves.

**Suggestions for the parents' meeting:**

**Frame the problem:**

Decline in registration numbers.

Cost of hockey – losing people because they can't afford to pay.

Not enough families to cover all the volunteer hours.

We don't have a full board. Two vacancies. People doing multiple jobs.

Pricing problem: You pay more if you have 12 kids verse 15 kids. A B team pays more than a C team.

Not allowing kids to play hockey because of financial issues is the wrong message to send to the community.

**Present the Opportunity:**

Proposal to share teams with Armstrong.

Allow players to tryout for all levels and play at the appropriate level.

More competitive in District 3.

More opportunities for off-ice training.

Can save \$x / year. For example, U10s and U12s paid the same last year -- \$500 max. ice fees. Bantams and U14s paid \$800 max.

**COMMUNICATION PLAN:**

By Friday, we should know what their board is willing to support.

Armstrong Board meeting next Monday.

Written communication followed by a separate meeting for each level (Squirt, Peewee, Bantam)

Need to know team names for game scheduling next Thursday. .

Motion to adjourn (Greg) at 10:45 pm

Second: Derek