



**Minutes
CYHA Board Meeting
February 15, 2007**

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

Attendance: Derek Olson, John Gautsche, Lisa Rogers, Joanna Rooney, Laurie Ahrens, Greg Erickson, Erik Marsh, John Christy, Diane Eliason. Absent: Mike Morgen. Guests: John & Nancy Froom, Willie Monteiro, John Hanks, Ric Relopez.

Approval of minutes: Tabled.

Mr. Froom spoke to the Board regarding merging our program with another. John came to the meeting to make sure Cooper wasn't voting on a merger at this board meeting without representation from the membership. He does not want to merge, and thinks we should have our own B teams by ourselves, and recruit more young kids and minorities. He is also frustrated that he doesn't feel that the CYHA board is communicating what is being done. He wants us to have a written communication and a public Association meeting before any decision is made. He also pointed out that no teams scheduled outdoor practice in Crystal this season. He explained the Minneapolis Rec. league (\$50 covers equipment & 40 hours of ice). Minneapolis wants us to start a park board program to recruit players. John has all the info and wants us to endorse the idea. He would head up this new Rec. program.

President: The A/C BB1 team had a number of unfortunate behavior events, as well as general disrespect that led to a one warning zero tolerance policy in December. The situation escalated, and in January a no warning zero tolerance policy was put into effect by the coaching staff and representatives from the Cooper and Armstrong Boards. As of last week four players were removed from the team in accordance with the zero tolerance policy with the support of the head coach. Three were from Armstrong and one was from Cooper.

Derek responded to Mr. Froom's comments: The board is not voting on a merger, it was not intending to, and wouldn't take any action like that without meeting with its membership. As of today there is no current action plan to merger associations. There is and has been in place since 2004 a CY Partnership Committee. This committee has worked with AY on various areas like team sharing, ice scheduling, and skills programs. This committee is not new and it will more then likely always be in place. The purpose of this committee is and has been: Cost reduction (ice), Player Retention/Recruiting, Skill Appropriate Development for all players, and to keep all kids in D281 skating at NHIA. We also have monthly open board meetings from August through April that all of our members are encouraged to attend. Recently there have been two AY/CY committee meetings to discuss team sharing teams on some level. Derek also attended the December AY board meeting to discuss the concept of shared teams - not a merger. Next year we will be challenged with numbers at every level, with no more than one team at all levels with varying skill. AY has the same challenge on a bigger scale. Right now these committees are working diligently on skill development and cost containment plans for the subsequent years. All AY/CY committee decisions would need to be approved by the association boards. Laurie then read from our minutes, describing what our board did discuss regarding the combining & merging issues. Derek stated that, as we have done in the past, we will hold parent meetings if there is any combining of teams different from what was done this season.

Recreational Hockey: Derek mentioned that he supports recreational hockey and any effort that Mr. Froom would take to implement this outside of the CYHA. Derek discussed the resource limitation of CYHA and commented that focusing efforts outside of its core competencies right now isn't the best utilization of its limited resources. Any Recreational hockey is about participation and should not be tied to any specific boundaries.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: Current balance is \$21,012.66 in main account. Right now all girls ice was paid 50/50 with AY. We will be getting a substantial amount of that back, as well as \$5,000 from concession and \$1,000 for manager transition. Derek thanked Diane for the wonderful job she has done.

Website: No report

Volunteer: A handful of families still need a lot of hours. Laurie said that the direct email system was more work for her, but very successful.

Tournaments: Had a successful February tourney, but a lot of volunteers that have never worked the clock or announced. Next season we need to be sure we have experienced people for PW and Bantam games.

Registrar: No report

A.C.E.: No report

Mites: Jamboree is March 9-11. All teams will play three games, with the Mite IIIs playing four.

Traveling: Willie reported that the PB1s were 15-10-5 and 9-6-5 in league play ending the season in 5th place. He also said that this was the best disciplined, greatest group of kids he has ever coached.

Girls: Girls committee met last week with team managers and coaches to see what worked and what didn't this season. There was a lot of talk about U8 teams. Partnership will continue next season. We are always looking for additional volunteers for the Girls committee. Moving forward Derek reminded Diane, and the board, that all actions of the Girls Committee needs to be reviewed and approved by the association boards - especially when it comes to financial expenditures.

Equipment: No report

Ice: All teams have been contacting, and we are working to give practice ice to teams starting districts. Derek thanked Mike & Lisa and commented on how much work scheduling is.

Fundraising: John is working on collecting rest of sponsor money.

District 3: Greg reported that the district would like to see associations get more involved with Rec. hockey. They are also putting together a new committee to make sure kids are playing where they should be. D3 would like to have 2-U19 teams next season. They are also discussing limiting the number of games levels can play.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The AY/CY Committees are working on a three year plan to figure out conceptual way to share teams that would be reviewed each year. The focus is and will continue to be; Cost reduction (ice), Player Retention/Recruiting, Skill Appropriate Development for all players, and to keep all kids in D281 skating at NHIA. Any plan would be presented and reviewed by each association board for approval.

Elections: President, Secretary, Fundraising, Tournament Director, Mite Director, Registrar and Treasurer are up for re-election this year. Derek asked that all decide by the next Board meeting if they will be running for another term.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Lisa Rogers
Secretary