

AAHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

7/8/08

7:00 P.M.

ANOKA HOCKEY RINK BOARD ROOM

Meeting called to order at: 7:08 pm by Mike Cunningham

Motion to adjourn meeting at: 10:40 pm Motion made by Tye Jensen, second by Julie Huspek.

Minutes taken by: Mike McCauley

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Members Present: Mike Cunningham, Rob Savini, Mike McCauley, Charles Lehn, Julie Huspek, Jeff Asfahl, Todd Mathisen, Charlie Weaver, Greg Tirevold, Tye Jensen, Troy Bergstrom, Bob Murphy, Michelle Petersen, Craig Stevens

Members Absent:

Ancillary Members Present: Jeff Zwerdling, Chris Hedlund, Anita McLaughlin

Guests Present: Michelle Ballensky

Next Board Meeting: 7/22/08

OPEN FORUM: none

APPROVE MINUTES: Charlie Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held June 10th, 2008, second by Michelle Petersen, motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Gambling Report/Gaming Committee Report: July's report for May was distributed by Jeff Zwerdling and reviewed by all present. Julie Huspek made a motion to approve the gambling report, second by Bob Murphy, motion carried. Julie Huspek made a motion to approve the lawful expenditures report, second by Troy Bergstrom, motion approved. Bar Bingo is played at both of our sites, Jackson Street on Mondays and Serum's on Wednesday. Jeff Z. invited members of the association to support our sites. The Charitable Gambling meeting is scheduled for Sunday following each board meeting at 8:00pm in the Board Room.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report as of July 8th, 2008 was distributed by Charlie Lehn and reviewed by all present. Greg Tirevold made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, second by Craig Stevens, motion carried.

Charlie L. has sent letters to all families that still have outstanding balances on their account from last season. The letter stated that payment arrangements must be set up with him by July 15th. Anyone who has not paid their last season's bill in full will not be able to register for the 2008-09 season. Charlie L. has been in contact with a collection agency that works with other hockey associations in the area. Mike McCauley made a motion to turn all outstanding debts over to collection that have not been paid (or have arranged to pay) by August 1st, 2008. The players / families will not be allowed to register for the 2008-09 season and we will also notify District 10 in case the family attempts to register in another association. Michelle Petersen seconded. Motion carried. The board agreed to work on a collection policy for the upcoming year along with a notification that parents will need to sign at registration.

Charlie L. & Michelle Ballensky handed out a draft of a budget that was put together by the Financial Reporting committee. Charlie L. asked all directors to fill out their proposed budgets by July 10th.

D10 & President's Report: Mike Cunningham reported that preliminary meetings have been held with Andover, Coon Rapids, & District 10 about the possibility of developing a co-op at the Jr. Gold level, where the co-op would field a Jr. Gold A, Jr. Gold B, & a U-16 team. Mike C. felt that the three associations shared similar philosophies about how the program should be administered, but there were many details that needed to be worked out. Troy Bergstrom made a motion authorizing the board to pursue the Jr. Gold co-op opportunity with Andover & Coon Rapids starting in the 2008-09 season. Greg Tirevold seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: none

New Business: Greg Tirevold & Julie Huspek discussed the recommendations made by the coach's selection committees for the 2008-09 season.

Greg Tirevold made a motion to approve Paul Talbot as the A-Squirt coach. Rob Savini seconded. Motion carried.

Greg Tirevold made a motion to approve Mike Orn as the A-PeeWee coach. Bob Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

Julie Huspek made a motion to approve Craig Scarborough as the U-10A coach. Michelle Petersen seconded. Motion carried.

Julie Huspek made a motion to approve Seth Marshall as the U-14A coach. Rob Savini seconded. Motion carried.

The Bantam & U-12 selection process had not been completed by the board meeting. The committee's will schedule any remaining interviews over the next 10 days. Greg Tirevold made a motion to call a special board meeting to be held **Tuesday, July 22nd at 7:00pm** to approve the coaches for A-Bantams and U-12 A. Mike McCauley seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Registration: Registration rates for the 2008-09 season were discussed. Troy Bergstrom made a motion to set registration fees at \$150 for first year mites and \$200 for all other skaters. Charlie Weaver seconded. Motion passed 10-3. Jeff Asfahl made a motion to raise tryout fees \$5 at all levels. Charlie Lehn seconded. Motion carried.

Anita asked the board for help setting up for registration on August 11th. Anita & Todd will work together on getting the online registration set up. Charlie W. confirmed the candy bars are set to be delivered the day before registration.

Equipment: Report given by Troy Bergstrom; Troy ordered the replacement jersey lost to injury last season. Troy stated that he is still having problems collecting some outstanding Jr. Gold jerseys. If the jersey's are not returned, the families will be billed the entire cost of replacing the jersey. If the bill is not paid, we will turn the bill over for collections.

The board discussed the status of AAHA's policy of supplying goalie equipment. Rob Savini made a motion to offer a \$200 registration credit to any AAHA rostered goalie that does not use goalie leg pads supplied by AAHA. Troy Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried. AAHA will continue to inventory chest protectors, blockers & catching gloves.

Tryouts: Report given by Jeff Asfahl, Jeff will be working with Chris on finalizing the tryout schedule. Jeff plans on hosting a pre-skate for all players on September 28th and tryouts starting on September 29th. Jeff discussed the outcome of the tryout committee meeting held in June. The committee would like to attempt to find a way to assign players positions while still working within the current system used for tryouts. The concern not all players were given an equal opportunity to play various positions. The committee will work to find a workable solution for this season tryouts. The committee also worked on refining the injury policy for players who are injured before & during tryouts. Jeff handed out a draft of the tryout packet and it was discussed. There will be another tryout committee meeting after the charitable gambling meeting on July 13th.

Tournaments: Report given by Craig Stevens, Craig reported that he will be raising tournament fees \$30 per team based on the new ice rate. Craig will work with Todd, Greg and Mike M. on the tournament portion of the website.

Player Development: Report given by Tye Jensen, Tye is setting up a committee meeting to discuss Player Development and Dryland issues. More information to follow. Contact Tye if you are interested in helping on this committee.

Mites/House: Report given by Bob Murphy, Bob worked on putting budget and plan for year together with Rob & Charlie W.

Traveling – Youth: Report given by Greg Tirevold, Greg thanked those who worked on the coach's selection committee, especially Todd Manthey who put in many hours. The final Bantam interviews will be done by the special board meeting. Greg will be selecting tournaments for the B level travel teams later this week. Contact Greg if you wish to help with this process.

Traveling – Girls: Report given by Julie Huspek, Julie thanked those who worked on the coach's selection committee, especially Todd Manthey who put in many hours. The final Bantam interviews will be done by the special board meeting. Julie will be selecting tournaments for the B level travel teams later this week. Contact Julie if you wish to help with this process.

Communications: Report given by Todd Mathisen, Todd asked board members to help distribute lawn signs leading up to registration. If your house is in a highly visible area and wish to place a sign in your yard, please contact Todd.

Fundraising: Report given by Charlie Weaver, Charlie W. has sent to the printer the brochure that will be used to distribute to local business for the sale of banner advertising that will be hung in Rink #2. The brochure will be ready to distribute before registration.

Volunteer: Report given by Michelle Petersen, Michelle will work with Anita on any volunteer needs for registration; Jeff A. on volunteer needs for tryouts; and Craig on volunteer needs for tournaments.

Ice: Chris Hedlund reported that he sent his proposed block of hours to AAIA and is waiting to hear back. Chris reported that he has had positive discussions with Steve Hansen from Anoka-Ramsey football regarding finding ways to minimize conflicts with scheduled football games and our tryouts in the fall. Both feel that an arrangement can be worked out.