

**Armstrong Cooper Youth Hockey Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 27, 2009 – 6:30 pm
New Hope Ice Arena – Meeting Room #1**

Meeting Called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Board members present: Carolyn Soper, Derek Olson, Jim Siede, Joanna Rooney, Mark Gauer, Mike Goergen, Mike Terres, Paul Wood and Troy Loken.

Board Members absent: Ed Kirchoff, Jon Piazza, Kristen Harnett, Larry Gonrowski, Matt Deterding, Todd Pannek, Tom Keller.

Guests: Tracee deNeui, Bob M., Marty, Greg S. and Todd W.

Mike Goergen welcomed everyone and explained that the meeting would include end-of-the year updates followed by the election of new board members.

Charitable Gambling Report:

Tracee handed out the May 2009 report to members, which outlined a request for:

1. Approval of May 2009 report to the Board.
2. Approval of expenses for June 2009 of \$37,650
3. Approval to pay April 2009 taxes to the City of Maple Grove of \$325.94
4. Approval to donate \$15,000 for ice time to the City of New Hope
5. Approval to pay for annual audit expense of approximately \$3,200 to Jere Barts (Independent Auditor) in Sept./Oct. timeframe.

Motion to approve five gambling related items as stated above made by Derek Olson. Second by Mike Terres. Motion passed.

Tracee also reported on the three gambling sites:

Mega-Bingo at Sunshine is a statewide game that has been started at the request of the Sunshine Factory. It has gone well; however, she cannot yet tell if Mega-Bingo is making a difference in overall attendance on Thursday nights. Bingo is already extremely popular.

SteveOs lost significant revenue (just under \$2,800) and a discussion about continuing charitable gambling operations at this location ensued. Intend to monitor over the summer months and re-assess the situation. No action taken. One of the long-time customers no longer participates at SteveOs, which has impacted profitability.

Champps profit was great (over \$4,000) in part due to the new location of the bingo table in the center of the building. Tracee is not sure if this is a novelty or if the success will continue in coming months.

General Reports:

Mike Goergen, Youth Director:

Mike has been chairing the nominating committee of Todd Pannek, Tom Keller and Troy Loken. He asked board members to introduce themselves for the benefit of our guests before their respective updates.

Troy Loken, Assistant Youth Director:

In addition to the nominating committee, Troy worked on a scholarship committee with Mike Goergen this season. Surprisingly, very few scholarships were requested but he expects more for next year. Within the association, he helped coordinate the 19th annual Armstrong-Cooper Day with the help of Derek Olson, both high school programs, team managers, concessions and parent volunteers. At the invitation of a New Hope resident, he coordinated the Wild Game program sales resulting in \$1,000 donation to ACYHA. Finally, Troy facilitated the sale of approximately \$1,500 in excess jersey inventory with the help of Mike Terres, the Mite Jamboree committee and numerous parent volunteers who staffed the sales table during the year. Thank you to everyone who assisted with making these events successful.

Jon Piazza, District 3 Rep, not present at the meeting. Mike shared that Jon is the liaison to District 3 and will continue in that role next year.

Mark Gauer, Treasurer:

Mark reviewed the 2008-09 financial situation, but indicated the numbers are not final yet. He has been using QuickBooks and continues to offer reports to anyone upon request. Approximately \$30,000 in the checking account, over \$20,000 in the tournament account, and \$40,000 received from concessions. The latter turned a \$20,000 net income deficit to a \$20,000 positive for the year.

Mike Goergen asked about our cash position vis-à-vis the previous \$2,000 donation requests from the AHS boys and girls hockey program. Todd Weisjahn shared that this grant has been extended the previous 2 or 3 years and would go towards equipment purchases for the program. In particular, Todd wants to assure that each player has a protective helmet and gloves when they enter the program. He shared that his previous equipment budget has been cut to zero. Todd also suggested that future donations could be used for improvements to benefit the youth program as well (e.g., weight room investments).

Mike Terres made a motion to approve a \$2,000 donation to the Armstrong Boys hockey program and \$2,000 donation to the Armstrong Girls hockey program as requested, as well as to consider a similar donation to the Cooper programs upon request. Second by Derek Olson. Motion passed.

Tom Keller, Girls' Coordinator: not present at the meeting. Mike shared that Tom is a strong advocate for the girls program and has one more year of service in his current position. Tom intends to mentor his replacement.

Kristen Harnett, Secretary, not present at the meeting. Mike shared how important and helpful Kristen has been to him in his first year as Youth Director. He reported that Kris is resigning her position after two years and has recommended a replacement to the nominating committee. Mike publicly thanked Kristen for her hard work and communication this season.

Past President/Member at Large: Todd Pannek, not present at the meeting. Mike thanked Todd for his help this year in taking over as Youth Director. Todd's assistance to Tracy and the gambling operation was also acknowledged. Todd will be transitioning off the board this year and a replacement has not yet been found.

Fundraising Report: Mike reported that Laurie Ahrens had previously resigned her position after moving to the Wayzata district. However, he noted how helpful she was in her short time on the ACYHA board in helping generate \$30,000 in revenue this year. He also acknowledged her previous service the CYHA board.

Jim Siede, Parent Volunteer Coordinator: Jim explained his job is to track all volunteer opportunities, post available hours on the week and maintain all volunteer deposit checks. We struggled to meet our volunteer commitments this year and he is anticipating cashing volunteer checks now. At least 22 families have not made significant progress towards their volunteer commitment. A number of families have banked hours for 2009-10, including some who completed their commitment already. Jim reported on some concession opportunities in August. In addition, we have 7 tournaments at NHIA in the Fall to consider.

Mike Terres, Equipment Coordinator: Mike shared how smoothly the equipment needs went this season, including the acquisition of new jerseys. Only a couple are missing. Mike is resigning his post after one season; however, he has offered to help work with the new candidate. He indicated that it is busiest at the beginning and the end of the season.

Joanna Rooney, Registrar: Joanna reviewed her role registering all youth players, creating player books for all teams, and keeping all coaches' certification information current. The District 3 registrar's meeting will be held in June and they will discuss changes at the national level as well.

Greg Erickson, Tournament Coordinator, not present at the meeting.

Carolyn Soper, Concessions Manager: Carolyn handed out a Concessions P&L statement for 2008-09 season and suggested this would be final since the concession stand will not be open again this fiscal year (through May 31). She made a transfer of \$40,000 to the general account today and has enough cash reserves for start-up later this summer. Carolyn was commended for her management of concessions, and Mike publicly thanked her and her family for all their dedication throughout the year.

Ed Kirchoff, Marketing and Membership Coordinator, not present at the meeting. Mike thanked Ed for his service to the program as Ed has finished his term.

Matt Deterding, Mite Coordinator, not present at the meeting. Mike thanked Matt for his continued service. Matt is looking to serve one year in this role and then have a transition year. The Mite program is in good hands.

Larry Gonrowski, Ace Coordinator, not present at the meeting. Mike thanked Larry for his work recruiting and selection coaches as well as his tenure of service in the association. Larry has been responsible for helping put together a more structured curriculum and providing additional skating opportunities. Larry is finishing his term as Ace Coordinator.

Derek Olson, Ice Scheduler: Derek reviewed the distribution of ice and the various factors that impact individual team schedules – team requests, game scheduling, and out-of-town tournaments. He indicated that the goal is to distribute ice as equitably as possible across all teams, including Wednesday and Sunday morning commitments. This is Derek's first full year as ice coordinator; however, he assisted with the previous ice scheduler the previous two seasons.

Todd W. asked the board to keep its commitment at Plymouth Ice Center so we don't lose that allotment. The City of Plymouth originally promised 1/3 of the ice time to our programs.

Paul Wood, Travel Coordinator: This is Paul's 2nd year as Traveling Coordinator and 3rd year as a member of the HDC. He previously served as a Level Coordinator. The majority of his work is done before the season scheduling tournaments and conducting tryouts. He has three level coordinators that assisted with this effort:

- Nathan Ellegard at the Bantams
- Gary Gilbert at the Peewee Level
- Joy Duma at the Squirt level.

He has another year in this role.

Other business:

Todd W. shared his perspective as a parent of a Mite in the program. He applauded the focus on skills and the overall organization of the program noting that other associations are copying the Mite program. Seeing the curriculum building through the higher levels is particularly encouraging.

ACYHA Board Elections for 2009-10:

Mike announced that we would move to board elections. He explained that we had just one candidate that had come forward prior to the meeting for each position, but that nominations could be taken from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor, and the following people were elected to the new Armstrong Cooper Youth Hockey Association:

Secretary position: Holly Martin. Motion by Derek Olson, second by Paul Wood. Motion passed.

At Large position: no candidate. Position remains open.

Fundraising Coordinator: no candidate. Position remains open. Mike Goergen indicated the nominating committee has been working with candidates, and one person who we hoped to accept declined the invitation.

Equipment Coordinator: Dave McDonough. Motion by Jim Siede, second by Derek Olson. Motion passed.

ACE Coordinator: Greg Symicek. Motion by Derek Olson, second by Joanna Rooney. Motion passed.

Marketing and Membership Coordinator: Michael Baker. Motion by Joanna Rooney, second by Jim Siede. Motion passed.

Mite Coordinator: Matt Deterding. Motion by Derek Olson, second by Joanna Rooney. Motion passed.

Other positions:

Rob O'Dell will vacate the HDC Role and he has recommended four candidates. The Nominating Committee will follow-up with those four individuals to gauge their interest and make a recommendation to the Board at a subsequent time.

Jim Siede requested that the Nominating Committee help source a candidate for Assistant Volunteer Coordinator to take over after next season.

Mike asked the board and the members present to share additional candidates for these positions as well as ideas for additional assistance in the Concessions area. Perhaps an additional manager to assist Carolyn this season.

Mike welcomed the new board members and indicated the next meeting is Monday, June 8. There were no further questions or discussion, and **Paul Wood moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Mark Gauer seconded the motion. Motion passed.**