

Armstrong Cooper Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2009 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. Troy Loken, Carolyn Soper, Derek Olson, Joanna Rooney, Paul Wood, Greg Erickson, Jim Siede, Mark Gauer, Larry Gonrowski, Mike Goergen and Kris Harnett were in attendance. Members not present were Laurie Ahrens, Matt Deterding, Tom Keller, Mike Terres, Ed Kirchoff, Todd Pannek, and Jon Piazza. Tracee deNeui was in attendance as well.

Tracee deNeui, Charitable Gambling Manager, started the meeting with a quick update. Profit for February was \$3576 which brings our check balance up to \$41,755.52. She stated that Champps want to move the pulltab booth into the bar area; this would be better for business as people would not have to leave the bar area to come out to purchase pull tabs. A new booth for this would run about \$800. The question arose as to whether or not we can run this purchase against the profit percentage that we have to give Osseo/Maple Grove Youth Hockey. She'll look into that. Also, "Mega Bingo" contracts are sent in and we will be starting that at the Sunshine Factory some time in April.

Tracee asked for a motion and approval on the following items:

- 1) Approval of monthly report to the board
- 2) Approval for expenses for April in the amount of \$38,550
- 3) Approval to pay March 2009 taxes to the City of Maple Grove--\$287.48
- 4) Approval to pay for the Gambling Managers Bond—renewal fee of \$120/year
- 5) Approval to buy new Pull Tab booth for Champps in the amount of \$800

Derek Olson made the motion and Mark Gauer offered the second. The motion passed.

Kris Harnett then spoke on behalf of Lori Goergen and Kelley Hemenway to ask for funds for the **S.K.A.T.E.** program. A budget was presented and the amount of \$4,000 was requested from the general fund to help finance the end of the year banquet. Derek Olson made the motion to approve and Jim Siede followed with a second. Discussion initiated by Greg Erickson ensued as to whether or not this was already in the budget. Mike Goergen stated that we have \$6,000 earmarked for "donations" but that could be taken up by the requests from the high school programs. Troy Loken suggested that we invest in our youth players first; if we have funds when April comes along we can then donate to the high schools. Kris mentioned that this boils down to donating a mere \$27 per traveling player. Discussion ended and a vote was taken; motion passed.

General Updates:

Mike Goergen, Youth Director: Scott Dornfeld will be coming to our April meeting to discuss with us and present ideas for recruiting and retaining hockey players in our Youth Program. Mike also stated that Minnesota Hockey is getting closer to offering the recreational league to keep more kids involved at a lower commitment level. This is planned to start at the Bantam level.

Mike then asked for some input about open positions on the board. The following board members will have their terms expire or have stated that they will be stepping down after our annual meeting in May: Laurie Ahrens, Fundraising; Matt Deterding, Mite Coordinator; Larry Gonrowski, ACE Coordinator; Todd Pannek, Past President; Ed Kirchoff, Marketing and Membership. Larry stated that he and Matt would like to stay on in their positions. Todd wasn't present but he has stated that he is definitely done in May, as has Ed Kirchoff. Laurie Ahrens will be stepping down after the raffle so we will need to fill her position.

Jim Siede mentioned that he has one year left and he would like an "Assistant Volunteer Coordinator" to come on board for one year to "learn the ropes". Other positions on the board could certainly benefit from that as well.

Mike Goergen will put together a nominating committee.

Troy Loken, Assistant Youth Director: Troy, Mike Terres and Tracee deNeui recently chose jerseys to hang on the wall for display at our three charitable gaming sites. Troy also put together a group of players and adults from ACYHA to attend an upcoming Wild game to sell programs. The organization gets \$1000 for doing this and Troy asked the board what we should do with the funds; should we give it to the City of New Hope for the Endowment Fund? After some general discussion it was suggested that we keep it within ACYHA at this time. If we do spend it on the Ice Arena, it should be for something "concrete" like the Scheduling Screen and Program that we just purchased. Greg Erickson asked Troy how the kids were chosen to participate in the event. Troy explained that they needed 24 travelling players over the age of 12 plus 16 adults to serve as chaperones at the Xcel. Troy sent an email to all travelling team managers a couple of weeks ago; each team could bring 2 adults and 3 players. All teams sent at least one representative with the exception of the Bantam B1's. The process worked smoothly and fairly with only one minor hitch; the email address for the PeeWee B2 manager was incorrect at the start, but they did get that worked out and that team did send reps to the Wild game.

Jon Piazza, District 3 Rep: not present, no report.

Mark Gauer, Treasurer: Mark is working on collecting unpaid registration and ice fees; he is getting commitments from people for money as well as volunteer hours. The tax returns are in the process of being completed and the name change for the organization should be finalized soon. Quickbook reports are available for any team if anyone is interested. We received a donation of \$340 from the Minnesota Wild from the Minnesota Sports & Entertainment Community Giving of Minnesota Community Foundation.

Tom Keller, Girls' Coordinator: Kris Harnett read an update to the board from Tom that outlined what he's been working on for the Girls' Program. This included an update about the spring and summer offerings. There are three U12 teams and at least one U10 team playing MASH this spring and 41 girls are signed up for Summer Pond/Skills so far. ACYHA will be hosting its own U10 teams next year, and there's a possibility of having a U8 team as well. For the U12s, the team may be PAC or ACYHA, but either way ice will be at New Hope Ice Arena. For the U14's, it will depend on whether or not the Cooper/Armstrong High School girls merge.

As for a U8 program, questions arose from the board regarding logistics of keeping the girls practicing with the boys but being able to travel within the District to play games. Obviously becoming a travelling team means more ice, more cost. Are the parents aware of this? Is this the only way to do it? Can we multi-roster the girls and keep the costs down and the skill component in place? These questions will need to be addressed as the issue progresses.

Todd Pannek, Past President: Not present, no report.

Laurie Ahrens, Fundraising Coordinator: Not present, no report.

Jim Siede, Volunteer Coordinator: Jim let Greg know that he will be out of town during the PeeWee A State Tournament and unable to help with any volunteer emergencies. Derek and Kris said they would be in town and able to help with announcing any open shifts, etc. Jim still has six volunteer checks outstanding; decisions need to be made as to whether or not these families will be eligible to skate next year until this year's situation is resolved. We may not have enough hours for everyone to finish out their volunteer commitments; our increase in hours may have been on the high side. However, there are plenty of hours coming up for spring tournaments. We will offer enough hours so that these tournaments are staffed to the highest degree. At the end of the volunteer season, families that have not shown a concerted effort to complete their hours will have their checks cashed.

Paul Wood, Travel Coordinator: no report.

Joanna Rooney, Registrar: no report.

Greg Erickson, Tournament Director: Greg reported that he is basically ready for the PeeWee A State Tournament. There are a few details to take care of but his committee is working diligently to make sure everything goes smoothly. Discussion ensued about whether to use gas or charcoal grills for the outdoor concessions.. Since Greg didn't need another thing on his list of things to do, Derek offered to work with Jim Johnson in regard to the grills and the charcoal.

Carolyn Soper, Concessions: Carolyn reported that the health inspector dropped in two weeks ago and that the stand scored a 98 out of 100 points and had no major infractions. They took in \$3700 during the Jamboree this weekend and now have almost \$38,000 in the checking account. The stand will be open during Spring Pond Hockey and also during three more tournaments this spring. She did ask how early she should open before the State Tournament games coming up and the advice was to open one hour before the first game each day.

Mike Terres, Equipment Manager: Mike was not present but had Kris Harnett distribute his recommendations for Goalie credits. The Board members present discussed the issued but it was agreed that we would finalize the issue with an electronic discussion and vote.

Ed Kirchoff, Marketing and Membership: not present. No report.

Matt Deterding, Mite Coordinator: Not present. Tracee deNeui announced that the team baskets had brought in \$2,241. Everyone agreed that the Mite Jamboree had gone very well.

Larry Gonrowski, ACE Coordinator: Larry will be doing end of the year evaluations with the coaches soon.

Derek Olson, Ice Coordinator: no report.

Kris Harnett, Secretary: Minutes from the two meetings in February were approved with a motion from Derek and a second from Larry. Kris asked the board for input on Summer Hockey postings on the internet. It was agreed that all events that take place at New Hope Ice Arena will be posted on the web. Kris also stated that we would utilize the "E-Motion" tool on our board's web page for the next electronic vote to see if we can create more dialog about issues that way. It also cuts down on the confusion when every board member "replies all" for every issue.

The meeting was adjourned.

Electronic Incidents from March 9 to April 19, 2009:

****On March 11th,** the Board reluctantly accepted the resignation (by email) of Laurie Ahrens as Fundraising Chair.

****On March 16th**, the following communication was sent to the Board by Kristen Harnett on behalf of Tracee deNeui:

“Board Members,

Tracee deNeui notified me today that Champps in Maple Grove was broken into early this morning. The Star Tribune delivery guy noticed a "suspicious looking" white van in the parking lot at the time. When he saw that the door to the restaurant had been broken in to, he called the police. The van left the premises.

The only thing the thieves got away with was our pull tab safe. Tracee feels that the loss to us will be about \$5,000. We need \$3600 to get our start-up banks going again as well as an additional \$750 for a new safe.

We are not insured against theft from outside sources. (We are covered if an employee of ours steals from us.) We are hopeful that Champps insurance will cover the loss, but we will probably be responsible for the \$1000 deductible.

Tracee would also like to look in to having the safes at all our locations bolted to the floor. In the future, the safe at Champps will be kept in the basement. She called Randy at the Sunshine Factory; he seemed reluctant to have our employees having access to the basement, although they are already down there to get the stuff for Bingo every Thursday night so it is unclear why this would be considered more intrusive or put more liability on the SF (employee falls on the stairs?).

I told Tracee I would get the bug in everyone's ear about what she needed but that I would wait for discussion before making a motion to vote on the expenditures. Tracee is copied on this email. Please feel free to direct questions to either Tracee or myself; you may use the reply all function as we have not yet activated the "e-motion" page on the website.

Thanks,
Kris Harnett, Secretary, ACYHA”

****On April 1st**, Mike Terres made an electronic motion to approve “goalie credits” as outlined below. Troy Loken seconded the motion and the motion passed. Copies of this can be found under “Documents” on the Board’s web page.