



**Minutes  
CYHA Board Meeting  
December 13, 2005**

Meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

**Attendance:** Derek Olson, Erik Hansen, Gene Ferrel, Joanna Rooney, Shawn Hanks, Lisa Rogers, John Gautsche and Diane Eliason. **Absent:** Rick Campion, Tracy Kane, Jon Hanks and Mike Morgen. **Guests:** John Perry. **Members present:** Tom Eliason.

Approved November minutes with correction: change 92 to 90 Mites.

**John Perry Dist. 3 Director:** Mr. Perry complimented CYHA for the work we've done in the district. Per John, Derek has done a great job as President – communication is excellent. Joanna is a breath of fresh air in the D3 registrar's group. Registrar is a thankless job and she come to verification to help when she didn't need to be there. J. Perry also mentioned that Gene Ferrel received a D3 award for all he has done for the district – hearings, tournaments, presentations, etc.

He also noted that while Minnesota Hockey was looking at redistricting, USA initiated HEP. Redistricting was set aside to implement HEP. Fair play points was the first phase, parent education is the second phase. The players that will really benefit from HEP are the Mites as they move up.

The redistricting that was proposed last year was that TC would be eliminated with six teams going to D3 and the rest to D2. This was challenged when it came to a vote. Now they are looking to local areas for input on changes. What concerns or wishes do we have in redistricting? We stated that we don't want to drive long distances for games and would like to stay in this community. We also stated that the CYHA did an excellent job recruiting Mites this year, and while our numbers are comparably low, we think we have enough kids in the pipeline now to be more competitive. Our focus is still going to focus on having the kids play at their ability level while doing other things to make them better players. J. Gautsche questioned if we should be in a district with other Associations of similar size (Wayzata has 1,100 players this season). Discussed that we would not be staying in the community if we moved to another District. J. Perry stated that that idea was looked at, and that now we can play similar skilled teams in scrimmages. They also looked at A & AA. This would move Cooper further north into D10.

J. Perry noted that CYHA has a president with a lot of energy right now, and that down the line our board needs to have a succession as it turns over. Currently D3 is looking at retaining Mites – addressing attrition, which can be at about 30-35%. He said that we are in the business of giving kids a place to play hockey in the best possible programs, not to get the kids to play high school hockey. If they go elsewhere for high school and do well, then we did our job. Note: if you know anyone not playing for CYHA, Advance 15 eligible let D3 know.

There will be some redistricting changes in 2006 – 2007, and re-evaluate every three years (a succession plan is in place).

In closing, he said that he has an open door policy and that we can contact him at any time.

**Registrar:** Roster books are closing on 12/16. No more new players can be accepted. However, there will be a clean-up meeting at the end of the month.

**President:** Molly Olsen, NH Skating School director, and CYHA/AYHA are working to put together a hockey skating class for the winter session and the future fall skating school sessions. Class will be similar to Mite I practices focusing on basic hockey skills. This program will be good for both the Skating School and the Hockey Associations. Limit 20 kids. Cost is \$70 for 10 weeks. We will steer any new players to this class for the winter and use as a test for next fall. We have requested \$2,500 from the MN Youth Athletic Association, who operates the Pull Tab booth at the Field House. PB1 parent was ejected from a game, and the coaches/staff were not forthcoming with information about the parent. A letter will be sent to all Managers regarding cooperating with refs. in these situations. C/A Day still needs a chair. Please try to recruit someone. SC parent letter: a parent sent a letter regarding equity between the two Squirt teams. Derek responded. AYHA changed their volunteer policy to a 15 hour requirement for all Armstrong families (waived or not). CYHA families waived to AYHA will still be required to work 25 hours. "I Want to Play Hockey" Meadow Lake program has started again. Greg Erickson is facilitating with Derek's help. Derek also noted that John Gautsche has done a nice job with the Squirt web page.

Treasurer: Diane distributed a P&L (see attached). This information can be obtained at Board meetings. We will not email it.

Concessions: 68% Sales gross increase from last year at this time due to opening earlier in the season. Profits will be about the same as last year due to capital purchases – we are worth more this year.

Volunteer: Shawn reported that everyone is mad about the inequality in hours and deposits. Team managers will receive a copy of the new AYHA policy. This should help with some of the confusion. Derek said that anyone that is upset can call him. Shawn reported that the scholarship families have not fulfilled their volunteer requirement and action will need to be taken. She also complimented the Team Reps. for doing an excellent job. John G. motioned that the Team Reps. be notified that if their team does not fill their scheduled hours, they will be charged \$10 per unfilled assigned shift. Erik seconded. Passed unanimously.

Tournaments: Gene reported that trainers are now charging more, so profits will be less for the Thanksgiving tournament. BA State Tournament will need volunteer staffing and committee chairs, as well as fundraising. Cost of tournament will be approximately \$35,000. Still need to fill 2 PA and 1 BA spot for February tournament. He also noted that they will be looking for experienced clock people only for tournaments.

A.C.E.: Goalie clinics have been scheduled through January. Erik reported that feedback has been positive.

Girls: U12B is above 500 and took 3<sup>rd</sup> in Thanksgiving tournament. U12A took 2<sup>nd</sup> in Faribault.

Boys: BA & BB1 won their tournaments last weekend. PB1 took 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sauk Centre losing to Edina 2-1. SB has played their first league game. Erik commented that the Squirts didn't work on positioning during the fall, but that will come with time.

Mites: Mite III games will now be 1-1/2 instead of 2 minute shifts. Our Mite program has increased over last season. Need to work on retention and promoting skill aspect to build and retain players. Parents and players really like the new jerseys for the Mite I and Mite II levels. John G. suggested that having the kids get their friends to come watch will help get more players. Derek said putting the teams in the Post will also help.

Corporate Fundraising: Diane will send Rick a list of sponsors who haven't paid yet.

Ice: Schedules will be done shortly.

Secretary: Received a nice thank you from the City of New Hope for the donation to purchase ice scheduling software.

District 3: A five day notice is required for ref. requests. Shorter notice may require an additional fee. Don't forget to support TCF (MN Hockey sponsor). Mark Brandt and the Margenaus will head up the Mites. Minnesota Hockey Coaches Newsletter will soon be coming out.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Rogers  
Secretary