

**Senior Youth Hockey Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, June 8, 2008**

**Meeting called to order at 7:38 p.m.** Board Members present: Jim Siede, Todd Pannek, Troy Loken, Tom Keller, Carolyn Soper, Mike Terres, Derek Olson, Ed Kirchoff, Paul Wood, Jon Piazza, Matt Deterding, Mike Goergen, Mark Gauer, Larry Gonrowski, Joanna Rooney and Kris Harnett.

As the first order of business, Mike Terres made a motion to accept the minutes from the Annual Meeting as presented by **Kris Harnett, Secretary**. Tom Keller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Mike Goergen** then updated the board on what he's been working on since being installed as **President**:

He met with John Perry from District 3; John explained that we need to finalize the Affiliation Agreement; Mike will take the steps to get that done.

Mike reported that the accounting from the Advanced 15 tournament is complete and has been submitted. Profits were down from the usual \$8,000 to just around \$5,000. Some of this was due to unfulfilled volunteer spots; we need to get going on tournaments sooner and make sure all of our volunteer spots are filled.

Mike mentioned that Matt Deterding and Derek Olson have been asked to present at the District Meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup> in regard to our Mite program. This speaks to the great job we do here at ACYHA at our Mite level.

Mike also confirmed that we did make an \$18,000 payment to the City of New Hope from our Gambling account.

Mike then stated that we did not fill the open board position of **Tournament Director** at our Annual Meeting. Matt Deterding made a motion to have **Greg Erickson** take on that role. Derek Olson seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Tournaments that are already planned for next year include the PeeWee A State Tournament, the Select 15 Tournament, and the New Hope Invitational. We've already scheduled ice for the New Hope Invitational; it will take place February 6, 7 and 8 and will include eight (8) teams each from the levels of PeeWee A, Bantam A and U12 A.

**Dave Jensen, Fundraising Chair**, has resigned from the board. We will try to fill that position as soon as possible.

**Rob Odell** for the position of chair of the **Hockey** and the board to approve the appointment. Derek Olson made the motion and **Todd Pannek** seconded it. The motion passed.

The board then discussed the process of **waivers** for the coming hockey season. Todd Pannek, as Armstrong's Past President, explained how they had been handled in the past. Up until last year, Armstrong had been lenient in their handling of waivers, but other Associations had not reciprocated; District 3 had also requested that all waivers be kept to a minimum. The board last year decided that we would not approve waivers. AYHA was presented with five requests from families last year. We said *no* to all waivers, the result of which was that one family went to the District and was waived out, two families did not play hockey at all, and two families left after a 30 day trial that was offered by Todd Pannek at our September meeting. We anticipate that these two families will request waivers again this year. Mike has also already had a request for a waiver out from another family. Derek Olson explained that Cooper's policy had been similar to Armstrong's last year. He agreed to take a look at Armstrong's and Cooper's policies, combine them, and bring new guidelines to the next meeting for the board's approval.

Mike's final issue was that District 3 needs to know as soon as possible the number of teams that ACYHA will be having and the level of play each team will be at. The HDC will start working on that immediately. At this point it looks like we'll have one U10 team, 5 Squirt teams, 4 PeeWee teams and 3 Bantam teams.

We moved on to some issues that **Carolyn Soper, Concessions**, needed to discuss. The current concessions committee has not finalized their books or dissolved. She would like to have this completed soon and start fresh as a new organization by August 1, 2008. Discussion was held in regard to starting up a new checking account and having a Treasurer that would handle the concessions end of finances. It was suggested that Carolyn speak with Scott Szymanski and ask him to fill that role. Carolyn did report that \$18,000 was given to each Association after the season and before the merger; \$10,000 was retained to start up the new Concessions Committee. The rest of the monies will go into the general account for ACYHA.

Carolyn needs to prepare a proposal for the City of New Hope in regard to a new lease agreement for the concession stand. She expects to be able to bring that to the next board meeting. Right now we are paying \$850.00 per month; she expects that amount to increase.

Matt Deterding brought up the subject of the Mayor's comments in regard to the ice arena. The board discussed at great length the steps we need to take to assure the mayor and the City Council that the ice arena is much needed in our community. Todd Weisjahn urged the board to become and remain very vocal about this topic. The citizens of New Hope that are members of ACYHA especially need to step forward and make the facts known. Ice bookings are up about 35% at the arena, most of which is due to the off-season and special clinics that coaches from ACYHA run. Discussion ensued about forming a committee and staying organized in our endeavor to make sure the Ice Arena

for citizens from New Hope but for those from the Mike Terres will keep the board updated as to when meetings are being held and the actions being taken by concerned citizens. This is an election year, as well, so it's important for all members of ACYHA to stay abreast of the situation.

**Derek Olson** offered a quick update on the **new website**. He is working on getting everything set for the change. He assured us all that it will be registration and on-line payment friendly to both the parents and the treasurer.

**Jim Siede, Parent Volunteer Coordinator**, discussed with the Board our options for deposit checks for next year. It was suggested that we have parents write checks for \$500. We are still working on the number of hours we need to have families volunteer for. We have families that have not worked any hours yet or still have hours to fulfilled for 2008-2009 at Armstrong. Cooper has finished out their volunteer season and cashed all checks for parents that did not work their hours. After some discussion, the following motion was made by Larry Gonrowski:

öFor those people that we have deposit checks from but their hours are unfulfilled, we will offer hours through the end of August. For those from whom we have no check and their hours are unfulfilled, we will offer hours through the end of August as well. If there are people who have not sent a check and have not worked ANY hours, we will a) ask them to work their hours before August or b) send a check. Any family that has not fulfilled their required hours by the end of August will have their check cashed. For those that never sent a check, their registration for 2008-2009 will be blocked until a check for last year is received and cashed.ö

Mike Terres seconded the motion and the motion passed. Jim will contact those families that this affects. We have two tournaments coming up in August so people will be able to get their hours in.

**Mark Gauer, Treasurer**, reported that the former AYHA has up to \$20,000 in outstanding receivables. He will print out a list of the families that owe monies for last season and he, Todd Pannek and Mike Goergen will contact people to get them settled up.

Matt Deterding, Greg Erickson, John Gautsche and Dave Jensen presented the new ACYHA jersey options to the board. Several samples were shown on paper as to what the jerseys could look like. There were also two actual jerseys offered so that we could choose the material. Kris Harnett made the motion for the board to use the K1 jersey; Derek Olson seconded it. Motion passed. John Gautsche also passed around an idea for a öcrestö logo that could be put on the jerseys or incorporated with the Associations name. Board members spent several minutes weighing their options and then each member voted on their favorite home and away options. Ultimately, the board chose for Home jersey the original design present by Larry Gonrowski this winter. The away jersey that was chosen is a Calgary design. The board also chose to have the jersey



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within the Armstrong Cooper name. We are going to  
es and whether or not to have laced jerseys. These  
will add to the cost of the jerseys, so we will make that determination later. Matt will have  
actual jerseys made up for us to look at before we make that decision.

The board agreed to hold its next meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Derek Olson made  
the motion to adjourn at 9:45. Ed Kirchoff seconded it; motion passed.