

Armstrong Cooper Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2008

The July board meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. Board members present included Mike Goergen, Kris Harnett, Mark Gauer, Derek Olson, Joanna Rooney, Tom Keller, Larry Gonrowski, Paul Wood, Matt Deterding, Troy Loken, Carolyn Soper and Jim Siede. Greg Erickson and Mike Terres arrived after the meeting started and therefore were not involved in all votes. Anne Winter and Rob Odell were in attendance as well.

Tracee deNeui was not able to be at the meeting to report on the **Charitable Gambling**. She had provided Kris Harnett with the report summary, but the board felt that they'd like to see all the documents and sub-reports before approving expenses for August. We are still not making a profit up in Maple Grove at our Champps location, and numbers are not terribly high at our other locations, either. The question was asked as to whether or not we have cut back on our pull tab hours over at Steve O's, as we were manning the booth for more hours than seemed necessary for the money we're taking in. Tracee will be able to answer our questions at the August board meeting.

Matt Deterding presented to the board the bids for the **new jerseys**. Matt had asked General Sports, Dave's Sporting Goods, Lettermen's, Varsity Sports and All-Star Sports to provide bids. Dave's and General Sports came in the highest, so Matt narrowed it down and only presented the numbers from the other stores. In addition to the raw numbers for jerseys, Matt also listed the additional benefits that each store would offer to the skaters in our Association. While being about \$1.00 to \$1.75 higher per jersey than Lettermen's or Varsity, the board discussed the importance of doing business with All-Star, a community based store that has supported our youth sports programs as long as they've been in existence. Larry Gonrowski made the formal motion to use All-Star; Jim Siede seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The board then took a look at the jersey samples. The "away" jersey was in keeping with exactly what we'd asked for. The "home" jersey will need a few tweaks to bring it to what our original idea was. The board also discussed using a different color collar and lace so that it would stand out more. The subject of numbers on the sleeves was then discussed. While adding \$3,900 to the cost of the jerseys, many board members felt that it was important to have this "add-on". Derek Olson made the motion to spend the money for numbers on the sleeves; Kris Harnett offered the second. After some discussion, a vote was taken. The board voted 8 in favor, with 3 opposed.

Rob Odell then updated the board on what the **HDC** has been working on. Their last meeting was on June 24th; they determined that their primary focus at this time is to improve the try-out process at the traveling levels and determine what the "play levels" will be for the coming season. The PeeWee coaches last year better used the tryout

process and that will be the model this year for the Squirts and the Bantams as well. Rob also stated that outside evaluators will be used for tryouts.

Rob has also been working with an individual, hoping to have that person come on board as the Training Coordinator. This person would develop a system that would encompass using the same terms and techniques for all players; he would work with all coaches at all levels. Rob will know soon if this person is going to take the position. Also, John Evans and Scott Breitenfeldt have agreed to join the HDC as “at large” members. They are welcome and qualified additions to the Committee.

Prior to the board meeting, **Carolyn Soper** had forwarded the new **Concessions Agreement** to the board. After a brief electronic discussion, the board agreed that the document looks pretty good. Carolyn stated during the meeting that she will be attending the New Hope City Council Meeting on July 28th, at which time the agreement will be instated. Mike Goergen will work with Carolyn on the few issues/questions board members had in regard to the agreement.

Larry Gonrowski, Ace Coordinator, announced that he and the HDC had decided on Squirrt A coaches for the coming season. Andy Johnson and Mike Jechorek have both worked with Kevin Gray in the past and the HDC is comfortable with hiring them for the season. Andy would act as head coach and Mike would be the assistant. Matt Deterding made the motion to hire Andy and Mike; Derek Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There was a brief discussion about coaches for the other traveling levels. Decisions will be made in the near future on “A” coaches for PeeWees and Bantams.

Mike Goergen then announced that he’d talked with Laurie Ahrens about taking the **Fundraising Chair** board position. Laurie has accepted and will come on board at the next meeting. Dave Jensen, formally the Fundraising Chair, has agreed to head up the wreath fundraiser that will take place this fall, enabling Laurie to get started on more of the corporate fundraising. Derek Olson made the motion to accept Laurie Ahrens as the Fundraising Chair. Matt Deterding 2nd the motion and the motion passed.

Derek Olson presented the **Waiver Policy** that he had agreed to put together at the June meeting. Discussion was held and a couple of changes were suggested. The board will vote on the new document once the changes are made and presented.

Mark Norman from All-Star Sports arrived at Matt’s request to answer questions and take suggestions about changes to the jerseys we’ll be ordering. Mark felt that they’d be able to get the white jersey to where we want it and have room for numbers on the sleeves.

At this point in the meeting, each board member reintroduced themselves to the others, and gave a brief overview of what their duties were and what they’d been working on.

Following are brief synopsis of what each member is working on or hopes to accomplish in the near future:

Mike Goergen, Youth Director: Finished the affiliation agreement with John Perry and District 3 (necessary due to Armstrong/Cooper merge); Met with Laurie Ahrens and Dave Jensen in regard to Fundraising matters; Worked with past-due accounts (along with Todd Pannek and Mark Gauer) and took in approximately \$15,000 in funds that were owed. We still have 46 families that have not finished paying for the 2007-2008 season. This will be worked on during the next month and Mike will report back to the board in August.

Troy Loken, Assistant Youth Director: Troy took this position as it allows him the flexibility to coach while remaining on the Board. He is willing to help with any project and his focus will include making sure all players at all levels have equal opportunities in our Association.

Jon Piazza, District 3 Rep was not present at the meeting.

Kris Harnett, Secretary: Kris thanked Derek Olson for his work on the new website. The hours and hours Derek spent are much appreciated; the website looks fantastic. Troy Loken made the motion to accept the minutes from the June meeting; Matt Deterding seconded the motion; motion passed.

Mark Gauer, Treasurer: Mark is working on collecting past due funds and getting ready for the new hockey season.

Tom Keller, Girls' Coordinator: Tom explained that there are only 8 girls left to play U14 and that they may be waived out to Osseo Maple Grove to skate there. There are a couple of other options, as well, but this seems to be the most appealing and will keep the girls together.

Derek Olson, Ice Coordinator: Derek has begun the task of scheduling ice. At this time we will probably use the same formats from last year. He will be enlisting the help of former ice schedulers as he gets up and running.

Jim Siede, Parent Volunteer Coordinator: Jim has hours to post for concession shifts in August. The hours will first be offered to those parents that haven't finished their hours from last year. If they don't work, their checks will be cashed. He will then open it up to the "general population" and other families can get started on their volunteering for the 2008-2009 season.

Paul Wood, Travel Coordinator: Paul has been working on getting Coordinators for the various traveling levels. He made the motion, which seconded and passed, for the following people to take these positions: Joy Duma, Squirt Coordinator; Gary Gilbert, PeeWee Coordinator; and Nathan Ellegard, Bantam Coordinator.

Joanna Rooney, Registrar: Joanna will be working on getting letters out to the families to notify them of when registration will begin. The board discussed this and opted to start on-line registration on August 11th and have it run for approximately one month. We will have walk-in registration for new players on September 11th.

Greg Erickson, Tournament Coordinator: He's working with former coordinators on ideas for new tournaments. In addition to the tournaments he's already scheduled, he's been working on getting an article about ACYHA in "Let's Play Hockey".

Carolyn Soper, Concessions Manager: Carolyn has two managers so far and is looking for one more. She is also still looking for a treasurer.

Mike Terres, Equipment Coordinator: In addition to seeking a spot on the Citizens Advisory Council, he's getting help from other hockey parents who reside in New Hope to deal with the situation with the City in regard to the ice arena. Mike has also suggested that we get peg hooks for the locker rooms that don't presently have them. He'll update us on that in the near future.

Ed Kirchoff, Marketing and Membership Coordinator, was not present at the meeting.

Matt Deterding, Mite Coordinator: Matt stated that we'll most likely be raising Mite fees by about \$20 per child this season. The fee for a first year Mite will probably be \$50. In addition, it's been suggested that we collect for the Jamboree baskets, coaches gifts and end-of-year party at registration.

Larry Gonrowski, Ace Coordinator: Larry is working on the hiring of coaches at all levels.

In an electronic vote, Kris Harnett made the following motion, which was seconded by Greg Erickson and passed by the board:

"I make a motion to accept the reports as previously distributed by me on behalf of Tracee deNeui, Gambling Chair, including

- 1) Monthly report to the board (July)
- 2) Monthly expenses of \$34,250 for August

In addition, this motion shall cover the requests to

- 1) Pay BRAC (Berkeley Risk Administrators Co., LLC) for MN workers Compensation and
- 2) Pay June taxes to the City of Maple Grove in the amount of \$36.84"

A motion was made at 9:32 p.m. by Tom Keller to adjourn the meeting. Mike Terres seconded the motion and the motion passed.