

Armstrong Cooper Youth Hockey Association

Annual Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2010 – 6:30pm

New Hope Ice Arena – Meeting Room #1

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm.

Board Member Attendance: Mark Gauer, Mike Goergen, Troy Loken, Derek Olson, Jon Piazza, Joanna Rooney, Jim Siede, Carolyn Soper, Greg Symicek

Board Members Absent: Mike Baker, Matt Deterding, Greg Erickson, Tom Keller, Len Lopez, Holly Martin, and Dave McDonough.

Additional Association Members Present: Alicia Brown, Jill Byrnes, Brad Caron, Tracee deNeui, Mike Johnson, Doug Lundell, and Anne Winter.

CHARITABLE GAMBLING REPORT – Tracee deNeui, ACYHA gambling manager:

- 1) Approval of monthly report to board
- 2) Approval for expenses for June 2010 - \$39,175
- 3) Approval to pay April 2010 taxes to the City of Maple Grove - \$56.53
- 4) Approval to pay Gambler Mgrs. Bond in the amount of \$120.00
- 5) Approval of \$600 for shelving for the storage until.
- 6) April to make a donation to the City of New Hope in the amount of \$20,000 for ice time.
- 7) Approval for the general account to make a payment in the amount of \$2488 to the gambling account to correct an accounting mistake.

Tracee reported she is currently using a Public Storage facility in New Hope and running out of space. She has to keep games for 3 ½ years and would like to move to a new facility with additional storage. Every year for the annual audit or for compliance report every two years, she has to access these files. Shelves would help with organization.

Mike Goergen reported on a bookkeeping/accounting error for last 24 reporting period. Larson, Allen (the auditor) and State of Minnesota are recommending that the association make a transfer to correct the error. It isn't a cash shortage and not worth hiring an accountant to find the error.

Motion by Derek Olson to approve April 2010 gambling report to the Board and the numbered action items listed above. Jim Siede second. Motion Passed.

April Minutes – Troy Loken (for Holly Martin):

Copies were distributed and the motions from April 2010 were highlighted.

Motion by Derek Olson to approve April 2010 minutes. Second: Joanna Rooney. Motion passed.

Potential By-law Change – Mike Goergen:

Board members must be members of the association. The At-large board position has been vacant, but has used historically for the outgoing director. However, an outgoing director cannot serve on the board if the he or she does not have a child in the association. A motion at the April board meeting forwards a resolution to the Annual meeting for a requested change to the by-laws so a non-member may serve a one-year term in the at-large board position.

From the April minutes: ***“Len Lopez makes a motion to amend the bylaws to allow the at large position to possibly be a non-member. Tom Keller second. One abstain. 8 approve. Motion Approved.”***

Mike Goergen explained that this would be a change to Article III, Section 3, of the current by-laws

Discussion: Whether making a non-member to the board is wise. Concerns were raised that a voting member should have a personal stake (i.e., a child in the association) in the program. A potential candidate was also discussed for this position, but this is a separate issue from the recommendation to change the by-laws. Suggested that the youth psychologist being considered for this role serve as a “special advisor” or consultant to the board without voting privileges.

No motion made. Change to by-laws does not become effective.

Selection of Coaches – Greg Svmicek:

All paid coaches are asked if they want to re-apply for their respective position next year at the end of the current season. Also, Greg has reviewed the coaching evaluations and discussed with the non-parent head coaches whether they are interested in returning. Greg recommends that all non-parent head coaches be retained for 2010-11 at the same level; however, this may not work in one case depending on the number of girls' teams next season.

Policies II ("Selection of Coaches") of the by-laws states: "Prior year head coaches desiring to return for the following year at the same level or another vacation level shall notify the Youth Director at or prior to the May Board meeting. A majority vote by the Board at the May meeting is required to reappoint a head coach for the following year."

DISCUSSION: Coaching, on-ice activities, camps built should go through the HDC. Concern to not string the coaches along waiting for a decision and the HDC to meet. Mike Goergen tasked with contacting the HDC and conducting an electronic vote ASAP.

Greg shared some additional feedback from the coaches' evaluations that communication with the parents is a perennial issue.

GENERAL REPORTS:

Mark Gauer, Treasurer:

Fiscal year end is May 31, 2010. Total checking account balance is \$72,000.

Some of the accounts receivable of \$19,000 is two to three years old and can be written off as bad debt. 40% to 50% of this amount is people not paying, but some of it is credits for working in the concession stand, injured players, scholarships, or credits to other board positions (ice coordinator and registrar). Of the amount that is from this year, we may collect \$5,000 or \$6,000.

For next year's on-line registration, we can assign a discount code (e.g., scholarship) and will be able to take checks electronically.

Mark will adjust inventory that is jerseys and socks that were purchased, and should be re-classified as an expense.

Jim Siede, Volunteer Coordinator:

38 families that still owe hours (approximately 638 hours). He will be working with Len Lopez to work on a final project for families to complete their 2009-10 volunteer hour commitments, or give them the option to cash their check. Two families have already said to cash their checks. Compared to last year, we have fewer hours. 30 shifts went unclaimed on the web site last weekend at the tournament. Tournament committee members, board members, and others covered all the critical shifts (e.g., scorekeeper and clock).

Jill will be recommending a reduction of hours for next year to the new volunteer coordinator. That new board member will be forwarding that recommendation to the board prior to registration.

Jim has worked 3 years as volunteer coordinator, and 1 year learning the position from Kathy Huit. Mike Goergen thanked Jim for his service to the board, and board members echoed this sentiment.

Jon Piazza, District 3 Representative:

Derek Olson reported that two former Armstrong alumni and former board members have leadership positions in Minnesota hockey. John Perry is Maroon Vice President John Perry (6-7 MN Hockey districts report up to him), and Dave Margenau is president of MN hockey.

Jon will be attending the D3 meeting this week.

Troy Loken, AYD, no report.

Joanna Rooney, Registrar:

Meeting in June to go through new processes for next season.

Carolyn Soper, Concession Manager:

PNL and Balance sheet handed out through April 2010. Some bills she still needs to pay for May, 2010 and will have some leftover. Can sell some to area Little Leagues and Softball leagues.

Net income is down from last year (\$32,063 through April 2010 compared to \$40,000 in last season). Advance 15 tournament in May but not a significant revenue producer for the concession stand. Expect to contribute \$33,000 to the association for the year. Checkbook balance is currently \$37,788.17. Need to carry enough to pay June and July lease payments (\$900/month) and have enough to purchase inventory (\$4,000) for next year.

Jim Corbett negotiating the cola contract for the city. Coke prices are very high through the city contract.

Carolyn reported that she is aware of one manager who is not returning, but already have a list of 3-4 candidates interested for next year.

Derek Olson, Ice Scheduler:

Met with Jim Corbett, Ice Arena Manager, and booked ice for ACYHA through early October. Discussed # of teams and tryout plan with HDC Director – assuming the same amount of ice time as last year.

Elite weekends hosted at New Hope Ice Arena (NHIA) this fall: Sept. 11-12, Sept. 25-26, Oct. 9-10, Oct 16-17, Oct. 29-31 and Nov. 5-7. Six weekends where the association will have limited hours at NHIA on those weekends. Supplement at PIC and VMIA.

Only one high school team at VMIA in 2010-11, so there is some weekend and weekday ice available at that location next season. Also, ice time is cheaper at VMIA --\$160 compared to \$191 at NHIA. We lacked some ice during the week last season with the number of teams we had and that we opted to use less of the 9:15, 9:30 and 9:45 pm ice times at New Hope. We may need to use some of that ice for U12, U14, Peewees and Bantams this coming year, including skating after high school games.

Derek will put together an ice utilization report for the season.

Other Business:

The following candidates were nominated for the open board positions. There were no nominations from the floor. A ballot was distributed, and the following members were elected by written vote:

Girls Travel Coordinator: **Anne Winter**

Treasurer: **Mark Gauer**

Volunteer Coordinator: **Alicia Brown**

Boys Travel Coordinator: **Brad Caron**

Welcome to the new board members!

Motion by Jim Siede to adjourn April Meeting. Second by Jon Piazza. Motion passed and meeting adjourned 7:43 pm.