

AAHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6/10/08

7:00 P.M.

ANOKA HOCKEY RINK BOARD ROOM

Meeting called to order at: 7:03 pm by Mike Cunningham

Motion to adjourn meeting at: 11:18 pm Motion made by Todd Mathisen, second by Michelle Peterson.

Minutes taken by: Mike McCauley

Minutes typed by: Mike McCauley

Members Present: Mike Cunningham, Rob Savini, Mike McCauley, Charles Lehn, Julie Huspek, Jeff Asfahl, Todd Mathisen, Charlie Weaver, Greg Tirevold, Troy Bergstrom, Bob Murphy, Michelle Peterson, Craig Stevens

Members Absent: Tye Jensen

Ancillary Members Present: Jeff Zwerdling, Chris Hedlund

Guests Present: Tammi Wiedenbach, Karin Marsz, Dave Johnson (AAIA President), Rick Wesp (AAIA), Denny Sauer (AAIA),

Next Board Meeting: 7/8/08

OPEN FORUM: At the May AAHA board meeting, the board approved the ice committee proposal to buy all of the available ice from the Anoka Area Ice Arena (AAIA) for the next 5 years. The proposal was presented to the AAIA board on May 28th. The proposal was rejected and the AAIA board voted to increase ice rates \$10 per hour across the board that evening.

Members of the AAIA board were present to distribute a letter justifying the increase and take questions from the board. AAIA's letter stated that this is the first increase in ice fees in three years. Some factors that were considered in raising the ice rate were the increased cost of energy, increased payroll, the decrease in charitable gambling revenue, and necessary repairs to the roof and repaving of the parking lot. They stated that they were committed to keeping the cost of ice to AAHA as low as possible, while not jeopardizing its ability to keep the facility in good repair and meet its financial obligations. Denny Sauer stated that if the arena was in a good financial situation at the end of the year, the arena board would consider giving AAHA a rebate.

The AAIA board explained its planned expansion of the lobby and locker rooms. Jeff Asfahl asked how that planned expansion would be funded. The AAIA board said that the project would be funded through a donation from the school district to match funds that had been used in the past for other high school locker room construction and the balance would be added to their mortgage which would be paid off using its charitable gambling funds, not from its ice rental fees. Charlie Weaver asked if AAIA was willing to sell 2,100 hours to AAHA for the upcoming season. The answers varied, they could not answer at this time and they would get back to us. Charlie W. asked if the arena would be willing to work out a 5-year contract where we would buy all the hours. They did not feel that was in their best interests. Charlie W. asked if AAIA had signed a long term contract with any other organization, specifically the organization that runs indoor soccer. AAIA responded that they had entered a 5-year contract with the soccer organization, but AAIA was more confident in the ability to control the variable costs for dry-floor activities compared to on ice activities over a long period of time. Mike Cunningham thanked the AAIA board members for their time & willingness to attend our board meeting to answer questions.

APPROVE MINUTES: Julie Huspek made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held May 13th, 2008, second by Greg Tirevold, motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Gambling Report/Gaming Committee Report: June's report for April was distributed by Jeff Zwerdling and reviewed by all present. Charlie Weaver made a motion to approve the gambling report, second by Julie Huspek, motion carried. Charlie Weaver made a motion to approve the lawful expenditures report, second by Julie Huspek, motion approved. Bar Bingo is played at both of our sites, Jackson Street on Mondays and Serum's on Wednesday. Jeff Z. invited all members of the association to support our sites in Bingo and pull-tabs. The Charitable Gambling meeting is scheduled for Sunday following each board meeting at 8:00pm in the Board Room.

Charlie Weaver made a motion to approve Charitable Gambling paying an estimated \$250,000 in ice payments for the 2008-2009 season to the Anoka Area Ice Arena, seconded by Julie Huspek. Motion carried. This will allow Jeff Z. to get approval from the Gambling Control Board to spend up to this amount next season; the actual amount spent will be determined by the funds generated by Charitable Gambling.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report as of June 10th, 2008 was distributed by Charlie Lehn and reviewed by all present. Michelle Peterson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, second by Troy Bergstrom, motion carried. Charlie L. gave an update on the progress of the Financial Reporting committee. Charlie L. handed out budget templates and asked all directors to fill

one out for their respective areas of responsibility. Charlie L. reported that he has ordered 50 lawn signs to help communicate dates for registration.

D10 & President's Report: Mike Cunningham reported that the District 10 President's meetings we set for June, July, & August. Some of the topics on the agenda for discussion will be the status of C-Squirts, ways to decrease costs district wide, ways to decrease travel costs for league games & player recruitment. Mike C. reported that MN Hockey announced that there will not be a change to the registration process this year; players will not need to register with USA Hockey before registering with AAHA. The process will be the same as in years past. Mike C. has been approached about the possibility of developing a co-op with Andover & Coon Rapids at the Jr. Gold level where the co-op would field a Jr. Gold A, Jr. Gold B, & a U-16 team. More discussions will follow.

Old Business: Coaches selection committee members were discussed. The Coaches selection committee will include the Traveling Directors of both Boys and Girls and Board members & Non-Board members who meet the criteria laid out in the coach's selection policy. Rob Savini made a motion to approve the members of the coach's selection committee, seconded by Charlie Lehn. Motion carried.

New Business: Mike McCauley discussed the results of the second annual association survey. The summary results will be posted on the website. Thank you to all of the association members who took the time to fill out the survey.

Jeff Asfahl presented the template of a new report designed to help board members more effectively communicate with each other before board meetings. Jeff prepared this month's tryout report using the format.

Committee Reports:

Equipment: Report given by Troy Bergstrom; Troy reviewed all of the goalie equipment that the association has available and the potential needs for next season. Troy determined that there is a need for more intermediate sized pads. Troy will make a proposal that will attempt to satisfy as many goalie needs as possible at the next scheduled board meeting or the potential special board meeting

Troy mentioned that there are still some outstanding Jr. Gold jersey's that have not been turned in yet & is having a hard time getting a hold of many of those families. Mike McCauley & Charlie Lehn offered to help with contacting these families. If the jersey's are not returned, the families will be billed the entire cost of replacing the jersey.

Fundraising: Report given by Charlie Weaver, Charlie W. worked with the candy bar distributor to customize the candy bar wrappers to include a Serum's coupon instead of the Pizza Hut coupon. The candy bars are set to be delivered the day before registration.

Charlie W. presented a rough draft of the brochure that will be used to distribute to local business for the sale of banner advertising that will be hung in Rink #2. Charlie W. presented the idea to the Arena board at their monthly meeting where they indicated that they were in favor of going forward with the banner advertising project.

Tryouts: Report given by Jeff Asfahl, Jeff explained ways that he would like to help increase player & parent understanding of tryouts. Discussion was held regarding the mission of tryouts. It was decided that based on the way the association would like to schedule our ice block with the arena, tryouts will start a few days later than in previous years. Charlie Lehn stated that this may increase the number of first & second level scrimmage opportunities with other associations as many hold tryouts slightly later than we traditionally have. Chris Hedlund and Jeff A. have already started working with other sports to try to limit the number of conflicts for players during tryouts. Jeff A. will be holding a committee meeting on June 15th following the Charitable Gambling Meeting.

Mites/House: Report given by Bob Murphy, N/A

Player Development: Report given by Mike Cunningham for Tye Jensen, Mike C. reported that Tye is setting up a committee meeting to discuss Player Development and Dryland issues which will meet on June 22nd. More information to follow. Contact Tye if you are interested in helping on this committee.

Communications: Report given by Todd Mathisen, Todd recommended signing a three year contract with Sunshine Photography for team & player pictures. Todd felt that his experience with Sunshine last year went very smoothly. By signing the three year agreement, we will receive a better rebate from Sunshine and give us a higher priority for when we schedule pictures. Todd has tentatively scheduled this season's pictures to be held on November 12th & 13th.

Traveling – Youth: Report given by Greg Tirevold, Currently working on assembling a committee to help with traveling team issues. Will start scheduling coaches' interviews starting June 16th.

Traveling – Girls: Report given by Julie Huspek, Has been contacted by at least one association looking to co-op with the U-14 team. Will start scheduling coaches' interviews starting June 16th.

Tournaments: Report given by Craig Stevens, Craig reported that we will need to take a look at raising tournament fees based on the new ice rate.

Volunteer: Report given by Michelle Petersen, Michelle reminded all directors to think about what help they will need for the upcoming season so she can begin to post this information on the website and work to get more people involved.

Registration: Registration rates will need to be set soon to have ready for online registration.

Ice: Chris Hedlund thanked Bill Ruckel (AAIA manager) for all of his hard work over the last month on attempting to work out a mutually beneficial agreement. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the rejection from AAIA's Board of the Ice Committee's proposal to purchase 2,100 hours of ice for 5 years and how to proceed going forward. The board discussed how to increase the number of hours needed for effective player development vs. keeping the overall cost of hockey as low as possible for all members. Mike McCauley made a motion to purchase up to 1,850 hours from AAIA, Jeff Asfahl seconded, motion denied 7-5. Rob Savini made a motion to purchase up to 1,900 hours from AAIA, Greg Tirevold seconded, motion carried 8-4.