

# **AAHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**6/14/11**

**7:00 P.M.**

## **ANOKA HOCKEY BOARD ROOM**

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:00 pm by Rob Savini

**Motion to adjourn meeting at:** 9:40pm

**Minutes taken by:** Mike Horsch

**Minutes typed by:** Mike Horsch

**Members Present:** Rob Savini, Charlie Weaver, Mike Horsch, Kelly Peryam, Greg Tirevold, Julie Huspek, Al Blomker, Josh Christoff, Paul Duerre, Troy Lundsten, Kevin Terzich, Doug Kartio, Kelly Tews, Craig Johnson,

**Members Absent:**

**Ancillary Members Present:** Jeff Zwerdling

**Guests Present:** Martin Schindel

**Next Board Meeting:** 7/12/11

### **OPEN FORUM:**

1. Martin Schindel, owner of Tornado Alley Sportswear and member of AAHA, presented his formal request to use the AAHA Flaming 'A' for apparel to be sold in his store (13949 St. Francis Blvd., Ramsey). Rob Savini stated that it is not a registered trademark of AAHA and that Tornado Alley is welcome to use the logo for any apparel.

### **APPROVE MINUTES:**

1. Amendments to May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as follows:
  - a. Change Next Board Meeting date to June 14, 2011 in lieu of May 10, 2011
  - b. Delete item #6 under the Gambling Report
  - c. Change item #2 under the Ice Scheduler's Report to be second by Kelly T. rather than Kelly P.
2. Charlie W. made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendments above from the Board Meeting held May 10th, 2011, second by Kelly P., motion carried.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **Gambling Report/Gaming Committee Report:**

1. June's report for April was distributed by Jeff Zwerdling and reviewed by all present. Kelly P. made a motion to approve the gambling report, second by Kevin T., motion carried.
2. Bar Bingo is played at our sites, **Courtside** on Saturdays, Mondays & Thursdays, **Serum's** on Wednesdays **at 7pm** and Pull Tabs are sold at those sites. Jeff Z. invited all of the members of the association to support our sites.
3. **There continues to be \$99 payouts on all \$1 Bingo games. Bingo now starts at 7pm during the week and 2:00pm on Saturday.**
4. The Charitable Gambling meeting is scheduled for Sunday following each board meeting at 8:00pm in the Board Room.
5. Julie H. made a motion to approve up to \$75,000 in payments to Anoka Area Ice Arena (AAIA) from 7/1/11 to 6/30/12, second by Doug K., motion carried.
6. Kelly P. made a motion to approve charitable gambling at the Anoka County Fair. Second by Troy L., motion carried.
7. Craig J. made a motion to approve the estimated lawful July expenditures, second by Mike H., motion approved.
8. Kelly P. made a motion to approve the Charitable Gambling report, second by Kevin T., motion carried.

#### **Registrar's Report (Ann Guimont):**

1. Registration will be live on-line on approximately July 5<sup>th</sup>. \$225 for registration prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> and \$250 thereafter.
2. Registration for first year mites will be free as it was last year. Kelly P. made a motion to approve up to \$2,500 for mite equipment for 1<sup>st</sup> year mites, second by Al B., motion carried. Mike H. proposed a \$50 deposit for the mite to ensure we either get the equipment back or we get a portion of the money in order to purchase new.
3. Tryout fee will be \$100 plus an additional \$20 if a player needs a reversible tryout jersey.
4. Kelly T. asked if we could add a box on the registration form to donate \$5 if they choose. Ann G. stated that she would put that on the registration form.

5. Rob S. proposed to make the Bantams and U14s pay an increased registration fee to get them to commit to playing for the team/level they try out for rather than playing for one month and then moving on to a high school team. In the past, teams get disrupted for that month and kids have been cut that could have been had a position if some players would not have moved to the high school team. Rob proposed to have a mandatory \$925 registration fee to cover the following costs:
  - a. \$225 registration fee (\$40 USA Hockey registration fee paid separately).
  - b. \$100 tryout fee
  - c. \$200 fundraising fee (calendars)
  - d. \$400 ice bill for the month of October

These fees are in line with many of the associations in our area. Elk River charges \$1,500 for the same levels.

6. Julie H. expressed concern about the financial burden it will put on parents
7. Kelly T. made a motion to approve that the all the registration fees, including the registration fee, tryout fee and fundraising fee, for U14 and Bantam players be non-refundable, second by Kelly P., motion carried.
8. Al B. made a motion to approve a \$400 non-refundable fee for the first month's ice bill for Bantam and U14 players at registration, second by Julie H., motion carried.
9. Rob S. strongly stated that these decisions have nothing to do with what high school a player may go play for but rather they are to protect our other players at those levels.

**Ice Scheduler's Report:** (Chris Hedlund):

1. Rob S. stated that AAIA increased their hourly ice rate \$5 to \$155. That is still significantly less than other arenas charge (\$175-\$200/hour).

**Treasurer's Report** (Kelly Peryam):

1. The Treasurer's report for May was distributed by Kelly and reviewed by all present. Julie H. made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for May, second by Mike H., motion approved.
2. Kelly presented a new reimbursement policy. The new 'Request for Funds' must be used for all receipts and payments will be made within seven days. Original receipts must be turned in within 60 days of the purchase.
3. Mike H. made a motion to accept the AAHA Reimbursement Policy (attached), second by Charlie W., Greg T. opposed the motion, majority agreed, motion carried.
4. Kelly passed out the proposed budget for review. Kelly requested that all directors e-mail her any changes that they see necessary.

**D10 & President's Report** (Rob Savini):

1. From the D10 President's meeting,
  - a. USA Hockey passed the non-checking rule at the PeeWee level starting this upcoming season.
  - b. There will be tag-up off-sides at the Bantam and U14 levels.
  - c. In the 2012-2013 season, MN Hockey will go to a A/AA league format based on the size of their high school..
2. Courtside Bar & Grill is having a benefit golf tournament on 6/17 for the BlueLine Club for families of military members. Kelly T. made a motion to approve the \$360 entry fee for a foursome to play in the tournament, second by Julie H., motion carried.
3. The warm-up apparel that was offered last fall by Hat Trick Hockey has arrived and will be offered again as a packaged deal at registration.
4. 206 players have registered for Acceleration Summer Camps. Mites and Squirts still have openings.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Paul D. asked if the arena was going to have a training class on the new Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Rob is going to check with Bill about when they are going to do that training.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Rob S. stated that most of the jerseys that were turned back in last season were not in go enough shape to reuse. Craig J. got a quote to purchase two new jerseys every year for the next three years for \$40 per jersey. The players would keep both jerseys at the end of each season. Rob requested an approximate list of how many teams there will be at each level to determine how many sets of jerseys will be needed.
2. Mike H. made a motion that each player must purchase two new jerseys for the 2011-2012 season.

## DIRECTOR REPORTS:

1. **Traveling – Youth** (Greg Tirevold)
  - a. Coaching applications are due by 6/19 and interviews will be done in July.
2. **Traveling – Girls** (Julie Huspek)
  - a. Coon Rapids Hockey is requesting to co-op at the U12 and U10 levels.
3. **Mites/House** (Al Blomker)
  - a. Al requested that the C Squirts be put under the Youth Travel Director rather than the House Director.
4. **Player Development** (Paul Duerre)
  - a. There may be more player development sessions in September before the season either with Acceleration MN or organized by coaches. These sessions would be in lieu of the Pond Hockey sessions that are held after the season. Rob will discuss the potential conflict with Fall Conditioning with the Arena and Paul will come to the next meeting with potential plans for when it might start and how much to charge.
5. **Tournaments** (Troy Lundsten)
  - a. The ads for the three Anoka Tournaments have been placed in Lets Play Hockey and three teams have already registered. Anoka teams need to get registered.
  - b. We have raised the rates on all tournaments
6. **Recruitment & Retention** (Josh Christoff)
  - a. There will be flyers passed out in the schools at the beginning of the school year and there will be free hockey for new players on the second weekend of September.
  - b. Rob stated that we need to recruit goalies. Mike H. stated that we should consider offering free registration and/or ice bills to encourage more kids to play goalies.
  - c. Josh will be responsible for coordinating the Ice Is Nice program this year.
7. **Equipment** (Craig Johnson)
  - a. Craig requested a list of all the goalie form Julie H. so that he can inventory how much equipment we have and who has it.
  - b. Craig has sorted thru the equipment room and found a lot of goalie equipment that can either be thrown or given away. It was suggested that it be sold at the Used Equipment sale during registration.
8. **Fundraising** (Kelly Tews)
  - a. We will be selling the gambling calendars (10 per family x \$20 per calendar). There will be prizes for every day of the year ranging from \$30 to \$500. The public drawing of the winners will be held at a location that will be announced.
  - b. Kelly will be writing a notice that we intend to use the pictures from the SKATE Banquet for the monthly calendar pages and that parent should contact her if they do not wish to have their child's photo posted.
  - c. Kelly has made a flyer to solicit advertising for the calendar. She requested that each of the Board member try to get at least two advertising sponsors each.
9. **Communications** (Kevin Terzich)
  - a. None.
10. **Tryouts** (Doug Kartio)
  - a. None.
11. **Volunteer** (Kevin Terzich)
  - a. Rob requested a person to clean up the Dryland Room prior to Acceleration Summer Camp starting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm made by Al B., second by Kevin T., motion carried.