

Armstrong Cooper Youth Hockey Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 14th, 2009 – 6:30pm

New Hope Ice Arena – Meeting Room #1

Meeting called to order at 6:38pm.

Board Member Attendance: Michael Baker, Greg Erickson, Tom Keller, Len Lopez, Dave McDonough, Greg Symicek, Paul Wood, Joanne Rooney, John Piazza, Derek Olson, Jim Siede, Mark Gauer and Holly Martin.

Board Members Absent: Matt Deterding, Troy Loken, Mike Goergen, and Carolyn Soper.

Additional members present: Dave Ruoho, Tracee deNeui.

Charitable Gambling update – Tracee deNeui, ACYHA gambling manager:

Needed board approval for the following:

- 1) Approval of monthly report to board
- 2) Approval for expenses for January 2010 - \$31,175.00. Needs to be in minutes.
- 3) Approval to pay November 2009 taxes to the City of Maple Grove - \$142.82

Tracee shared with the board that we have looked at pulling out of Steve O's but we ride the good with the bad.

Motion to approve three gambling related items for November 2009 as stated above: Motion by Derek Olson, Second by Holly Martin. Motion passed.

Greg Erickson brings up a situation with the Froom family that includes a possible refund for the season that was paid in full at the beginning of the season. The player went through the tryout process with his high school team after the player had gone through the try out process with ACYHA and already been placed on a bantam level team. It is stated in the bylaws that once a youth player steps onto high school ice that the player is no longer eligible to participate in youth hockey. Per Greg the family was unaware of this bylaw. Their player has decided to play for his high school team and would like a refund for the season.

The board was unaware of this situation until this meeting and would like to have Mike Goergen and Troy Loken present to discuss this situation further. It will be added to the January meeting for further discussion.

General Reports:

Holly Martin, Secretary:

Holly is working on forming a subcommittee of parents and coaches to review and analyze the Tryout process working to make sure we are treating our players with respect and making sure the process is fair and inclusive at all levels of play.

If anyone is interested in participating in this process please contact Holly to be added to the committee. Research will be conducted through the month of January on other organizations and meetings should start in February.

Notes from September, October and November need to be approved. Motion to approve minutes from September, October and November made by Derek Olson, second by Greg Erickson, Motion passed.

Mike Goergen, (presented by Holly Martin due to absence)

- We have scheduled the Christmas Cup (probably better labeled the Holiday Cup) for the day after Christmas. The Mound West Tonka director has asked if we want to do anything special with that tournament. Such as “stars of the game”, traveling trophy at each level, etc. They have volunteered to either help coordinate the trophies or just share in the cost. This is the first year we have done this so I am unsure if we plan on an ongoing tradition with them. Thought I would put it out there for the group to discuss.

- One parent approached me about the scheduled payments for registration. They thought the November payment would be processed on the 15th (which turned out to be a Sunday) but was actually processed on the 13th which caused him some overdraft fees. He was under the impression that since the 15th was a non-business day that it we be moved to the 16th. In general, if we have the option of scheduling our payments with Puck Systems, it should never be prior to the date communicated.

- Currently addressing two items that were brought to my attention within the last week. One Bantam parent was verbally abusive over the weekend to another teams coaching staff. There was an apparent incident tied to alcohol at one of our traveling teams out of town tournaments. In the initial stages of assembling info regarding both incidents and have nothing more to report at this time.

Len Lopez, Corporate fundraising:

Upcoming events: Jan 2nd Minnesota Wild and American Family Insurance. Jan 4th Pond Hockey Movie at New Hope Cinema Grill for our association. Tickets can be purchased at our Concession stand at New Hope Ice Arena. Wreath Sales were good

and we would like to look at more options for purchase to make sure we are giving all of our members a better variety to meet their needs for the holiday season.

Joanne Rooney, Registrar:

Her final meeting for roster books is next Monday. Mites are being re-rostered with Beth's help.

Tom Keller, Girls Coordinator:

U14 will be getting 6-7 more hours to get them equal game time. U8 program is moving along very well. Looking at 2010-2011 season and our numbers are looking pretty good. Working on spring and summer seasons.

John Piazza, District 3 rep:

Will be digging into the Bantam level discrepancies on 90 minute A/B team games and the 60 minute C team games.

Mark Gauer, Treasurer:

Looking to collect information on ice time per team and get all information. Need to get ice allocations from Derek Olson. Mark would like to make sure we can use the information to try to use that information for the benefit of the organization. Mark needs some feedback on what numbers would like to be seen. His term is up on his 3rd year. He would like to stay at least one more year and then hand it off. Review his current job description and update. Coaches' checks are in the process of going out. Tax return due March 15 for 2009. The wreath checks are deposited and paid.

Greg Erickson, Tournament coordinator:

Crunch time for February tournaments. The girls side is having trouble finding 12A level and he is working on making phone calls to fill it. Tournament committee meets on Wednesday.

Greg Symicek, ACE and Coaches Coordinator:

Inquiring about coaches' reimbursement and Mark mentions that half of what he has is paid out and is working on the rest. New policy for coaches to have a chin strap or will be penalized is being put into place. Greg is working on an e-mail to the coaches.

Mike Baker, Marketing and Membership Coordinator.

Working with Wayzata mite coordinator to come up with new ideas.

Dave McDonough, Equipment manager:

no report.

Jim Seide, Volunteer coordinator:

Still have checks outstanding and working on following up on them.

Paul Wood, travel coordinator: his last meeting is February and he recommends that his position should be a non voting position incorporated into the HDC rather than a voting traveling coordinator position.

***Motion to Adjourn November Meeting by Len Lopez, second by Greg Symicek.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:01pm.***