

Armstrong Cooper Youth Hockey Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 13th, 2009 – 6:30pm

New Hope Ice Arena – Meeting Room #1

Meeting called to order at 6:38pm

Board Member Attendance: Mike G, Derek Olson, Joanne Rooney, Greg Erickson, Len Lopez, Jim Seide, Matt Deterding, Dave McDonough, Carolyn Soper, Tom Keller, Mark Gauer, Holly Martin.

Mike Goergen welcomed everyone to the July meeting.

Charitable Gambling update:

BOARD APPROVAL ITEMS

1. Approval of monthly report to board
2. Approval for expenses for August 2009 - \$28,350
3. Approval to pay June 2009 taxes to the City of Maple Grove - \$132.91

Motion to approve three gambling related items as stated above by Troy Loken, Second by Derek Olson. Motion passed.

Tracey also stated in an e-mail to Mike Goergen and Holly Martin that she would have reports to the board for review as soon as the accountants had them completed. The accounting firm is going through a transition and is trying to catch up on all ACYHA related reports.

General Reports:

Carolyn Soper, Concessions:

Carolyn discussed compensation for managers and director position. Also wants to add a 5th manager to the team due to the longer season. Last year the Assistants were granted \$1,500 toward fees of youth skaters, and Carolyn in the director role was granted \$4,500 toward fees of youth skaters. She is comfortable with the

compensation staying the same for 09-10 year. But would like one additional head count to the team at another assistant level and granting 1,500 toward youth fees. She has lost one assistant from last year so she needs to recruit for 2 assistant managers for the 09-10 season.

Motion to approve the above details for 09-10 season by Tom Keller, Derek Olson second, motion approved.

Tom Keller, Girls Coordinator:

Tom discussed St. Louis Park prospective departure that had been explained in a thorough e-mail the he gave out in paper form at the meeting. In a nutshell the situation takes the girls u14 to the Storm hockey association and u12 would come to Armstrong Cooper. This takes the St. Louis Park skaters out of the picture but invites them to play under the AC name or the Storm name. What is the risk of damaging the relationship with St Louis Park? This is the dilemma. Many of the girls have been playing with each other for several years and don't want to be separated. But we have enough girls to have our own team but still would like to keep the invitation for the ST Park girls to continue skating with their teammates.

Motion to approve taking the girls program alone and invite the St Louis Park families to skate under the Armstrong Cooper Association by Derek Olson. Joanne Rooney Second. Motion approved.

Last order of girls business is to figure out jersey numbers in an attempt to try to use current inventory.

Greg Symiceck, Ace and Coaches Coordinator:

Business goal is to vote in coaches. Although Derek Olson suggested that we should have Scott get with the Ace coordinator and more of the HDC team to go back to the candidates and revisit the 3 recommendations to make sure they have the same vision of the HDC due to the new leadership in the HDC. Want to make sure the group is on the same page in the coach selection process.

Mike Baker, Marketing and Membership Coordinator:

Mike is looking at summer opportunities for Mite Recruiting -Duk Duk Days scheduled for July 17-19 and we are registered to have a booth. Troy Loken volunteered to set up Friday and Saturday and Jim Seide volunteered for Saturday tear down and Sunday set up and tear down. Wings Soccer Jamboree is coming up and is registered to have a booth.

A recommendation that Mike start to look at the principal lists for open houses in August was made to give Mike a heads up in recruiting at the schools.

Mike Goergen, Youth Director:

First order of business was to vote the fundraising Coordinator – Len Lopez to the open position.

Motion to approve Len Lopez to the position by Derek Olson. Second by Jim Seide. Motion approved. Welcome to the board Len Lopez.

Second order of business is to present the HDC candidate. The committee reviewed 3 individuals interested: Kevin Gray, Larry Gonrowski, Scott Brightenfeld. The group has recommended Scott Brightenfeld as the best match for the position. A paper vote was taken and Scott Brightenfeld has been voted to fill the HDC Director position. Welcome Scott. In the review process Scott mentioned that he would like to ask the other interested parties to take part in the HDC committee.

Third order of business was to discuss fees for 09-10. Mike would like to get the fees settled soon and doesn't see them more than last year. The fees will be set by August.

The At Large member position is still open. Mike opened the topic to the floor to the floor. He is not actively recruiting for it. He is looking for someone who may be transitioning. Do we need to be recruiting this position? Troy Loken recommended unless we have someone with a specialty to bring to the board that we should hold off on actively recruiting.

Troy Loken, Assitant Youth Director:

Troy has set up a Linkedin group for ACYHA and all are invited to join it. The site gives you an opportunity to openly discuss topics and news through the website. Great way to recruit as well. He also put an orientation book together for all new members and existing to help with the transition and assist everyone on being up to date with current board information and policies and procedures.

Jim Seide, Parent Volunteer Coordinator:

The computer system is up to the 95% wish list status for 09-10. More training will have to happen with the new upgrades to the system. Recruiting for Duk Duk Days; some parents already set up for shifts. Troy setting up Friday and Jim setting up Saturday/Sunday. Jim would like to get a better idea of member numbers for next year on volunteer hours and going to wait until we have a better feel for registration numbers and obligations on the volunteer commitment.

Mark Gauer, Treasurer:

Mark mentioned that Ice fees/donation/gaming/equipment numbers changed due to moving of items into more specific areas.

Joanne Rooney, Registrar:

Joanne has set registration dates as follows: August 17th to September 4th. New Mite Open house walk-in will possibly be September 24th, Thursday. All registration must be on-line and will be through the Minnesota Hockey link. This process is different from previous years. She wants to see how Maple Grove, Wayzata and other associations are handling it before she gets into the details of the process.

Holly Martin, Secretary:

Would like everyone to update the contact sheet that was in the book that Troy handed out. Will have it updated and out to everyone by the next meeting. Getting many inquires about the new participation rule.

Derek Olson, Ice Scheduler:

Ice commitment is good at New Hope and VMIA has doubled. Plymouth is still out and usually the latest one to schedule and he is trying to get as much ice time as possible. Gmail accounts are a good idea to keep everything consistent. Everything is set up for all members.

Matt Deterding, Mite Coordinator:

Matt is meeting with coaches this week to talk about levels of mites. Sending out post cards by the first part of August. He needs to get free ice clinic times from Derek for Mites and get the equipment bags organized for 09-10. Also trying to set up an equipment swap for this year. Wants to set up a date before September 14th.

Dave McDonough, Equipment Manager:

No new business. Will be working with Mites on equipment swap program as well as working with Tom Keller on the girls jersey numbers.

Greg Erickson, Tournament coordinator:

Greg is still planning the Advanced 15 as well as the invitational. Do we want to do another tournament and if so what time of the year would be the best? He is currently looking at a B2 or C option for January or early December.

Other Business:

Open discussion on the new Participation rule. Mike Goergen opened the discussion with the question, "How do we think it will affect our association?" Some board members mentioned the idea would not fair well with our association and it could impact our numbers tremendously. Other board members were hopeful that it would increase our numbers at the mite levels and then could grow our membership down the road. We will not know how the rule will impact our association until registration is complete in September.

Motion to Adjourn July Meeting by Troy Loken. Derek Olson second. Meeting Adjourned.