

Armstrong Cooper Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2008 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. Board members present were Mike Goergen, Kris Harnett, Mark Gauer, Joanna Rooney, Larry Gonrowski, Carolyn Soper, Mike Terres, Jim Siede, Troy Loken, Greg Erickson and Paul Wood. Tracee deNeui and Deb Jacobson from the Charitable Gambling Committee were in attendance as well.

Tracee deNeui, Charitable Gambling Manager, stated that the current balance in the charitable gambling account is \$32,047.07; the profit for October was \$8,848. She broached the subject of our situation with Champps and Osseo/Maple Grove Hockey. The agreement is that they get 30% of our profits. Discussion ensued in regard to when and how to pay this. We're going to finalize our first year at Champps and then take a look at the numbers. Tracee also mentioned that our February 2008 payment to the City of New Hope was put in to another fund at the City and not credited to our account. It has now been set right and Julie at the City of New Hope has decided to provide some type of invoicing system for ice time so that credits are assigned properly and immediately.

Tracee had an employee meeting yesterday for the pulltab sellers to ensure that things are being done correctly; she will be attending a class this week at the GBC to meet continuing education requirements for her position as Gambling Manager.

Deb Jacobson reported that the Mite Pancake Breakfast profited \$2,020. ACYHA is grateful to Champps in Maple Grove for providing the venue (and some staff) for the event. She is working on putting together a spaghetti dinner as well. We'd be using another locale, perhaps Piazza's in Golden Valley, for the fundraiser.

Greg Erickson then made a motion to approve the following three items in regard to Charitable Gambling:

- 1) The monthly report to the Board;
- 2) The expenses for the December 2008 in the amount of \$31,450;
- 3) To pay October taxes to the City of Maple Grove in the amount of \$38.42

Joanna Rooney seconded the motion; motion passed.

The board took a few minutes to discuss the results of the New Hope Mayoral election and what our **strategy** could be in regard to the **Ice Arena**. The endowment fund suggested by the existing mayor and city council may not even happen as Kathy Hemken may have other plans. The board discussed the general repairs and renovations needed at the arena. Suggestions were made about what we as an Association could do to help but

the general consensus was to wait until Ms. Hemken takes office and see what we can work on with her.

General Updates were given by the Board Members Present:

Mike Goergen, Youth Director: Mike has been focusing on our various insurance policies. As two Associations, we needed several policies, but it's been determined that the Concession Stand can now be covered in the main policy. Charitable Gambling will continue to maintain its own policy.

Troy Loken, Assistant Youth Director: Troy passed on to Kris Harnett an essay contest on "Teamwork". Kris will send an email to the membership announcing the contest.

Kris Harnett, Secretary: Minutes from the October meeting were approved; motion by Troy Loken, seconded by Jim Siede. Kris also mentioned that some concerns had come up in regard to website security. Instead of locking down each team page, we are just making sure no last names of any players are used on the site. We do have the option of locking down each team page, but we don't feel the need to do that at this time.

Mark Gauer, Treasurer: With electronic payments coming in, we have about \$140,000 in our money market account and another \$50,000 in checking. Team check books have been distributed to all teams; managers are doing their own budgets. Mark has a template for that if needed. We are paid on ice time at Plymouth Ice Center through February '09; New Hope Ice Arena is paid through November; All-Star Sports has been paid for the new jerseys. We have a payment of \$13,000 coming due to USA/MN Hockey. Mark is still waiting for confirmation that our official name change has come through.

Mark mentioned that he saw a product being used at the Elite Tournament that electronically kept track of all stats in a game. Greg Erickson stated that "Point Streak" had been presented at a District 3 meeting, but that it was not well received due to the high costs.

Paul Wood, Travel Coordinator: Paul's report was only that the last of the tryouts at the traveling levels had been completed; Squirt teams have been announced.

Jim Siede, Volunteer Coordinator: The board discussed feedback received in regard to the email sent about additional volunteer hours being assigned. We received less than 1 % negative reaction; most people understand the position we're in and are accepting the extra five hours in a positive way. On the subject of "fulfillment", Jim said that we have had several no shows in regard to volunteer hours. Some members are repeat offenders; they book as many hours as they can and then don't show up for the ones that end up not being convenient. This has left us short handed in the concession stand on more than one occasion. A targeted email will be sent; cashing volunteer checks for people who repeatedly do not show up for volunteer shifts will be considered. Jim would like to offer

a tutorial on running the clock and create a better “cheat sheet” for those that volunteer for that job.

Joanna Rooney, Registrar: she is finishing up traveling team rosters. Everything is going smoothly.

We have a situation with a U10B family; they are debating whether or not to sign up for hockey. The Board felt that since the girls had been skating for six weeks and teams had been assigned, it was appropriate to give the family a deadline. Joanna will consult with Tom Keller, Girls’ Coordinator, to see what’s appropriate.

Greg Erickson, Tournament Director: Greg is using a two-committee system; one will be for the regular tournaments and one will be specific to the PeeWee A State Tournament. The first meeting for his committees will be on November 17th. In regard to the Invitational Tourney, he reported that the PeeWee and Bantam levels were full; 6 out of 8 girls’ team have been booked. The brackets have been completed; EMT’s and photographers have been hired as well.

Carolyn Soper, Concessions: Carolyn provided a couple of reports that showed profit and loss for the concession stand, as well as the outdoor grill stand that had been used for the past two weekends. The grill stand was not as profitable as it had been last year during the Nike Bauer tournament. The pros and cons of using the outdoor stand were discussed. It’s quite possible that if we do this again, we will use gas grills and see how that goes. The other option would be to bring some new “hot food” options to the indoor concession stand. Walking tacos are always successful; Carolyn is also looking at pulled pork sandwiches and marinated chicken breasts as new items during tournaments.

She has four managers now and is hoping her hours spent in the stand will wind down; she would like to spend more time on the financial end of things. As it was, she worked 34 hours just over this last tournament weekend.

Carolyn’s last comment was in regard to an incident at the arena. An altercation between two non-hockey families broke out near the concession stand; as the incident escalated, Carolyn had to leave the concession stand and ask the parties to please move their argument away from the children. Her question is this: just who is responsible for security at the Ice Arena. The workers are hired as “zamboni drivers”; who do you turn to when there’s a real problem? The issue will be taken up with Jim Corbett and we’ll go from there.

Mike Terres, Equipment: all teams are now outfitted with jerseys. He is handing out medical kits and needs three more. He will order some new ones but it was apparent through feedback during the meeting that some coaches probably have hung on to the kits they used last year. Once those are turned in or “reassigned” we should have enough to go around. Larry has asked for a lockable storage locker for the dryland equipment; Mike will get that set up.

Larry Gonrowski, ACE Coordinator: Larry asked for a motion to approve the pay for non-parent coaches in the following amounts:

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| Squirt A | \$2,200 |
| PeeWee A | \$2,800 |
| PeeWee B1 | \$1,200 |
| Bantam A | \$3,400 |

Coaches will not be paid until the season is completed. Mike Terres made the motion to approve, Mark Gauer seconded it. Motion passed.

Larry will get Jim Siede a list of coaches who should receive volunteer hours for their time on the ice.

Dave Jensen asked Kris Harnett to report for the **Fundraising Committee** that we profited about \$22,000 in the Holiday Decoration Fundraiser. This is a fantastic outcome. We will need volunteers for the pick-up; Dave will contact Jim Siede to have hours posted.

Tom Keller, Girls' Coordinator, asked "by proxy" (also Kris Harnett) how much to reimburse two U12 families that left the "A" team. It was agreed that their time on the ice should be prorated; set fees for USA and MN Hockey will be withheld from the reimbursement.

Larry Gonrowski made the motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Mike Terres seconded. Motion passed.