



CYHA PUBLIC BOARD MEETING – 1.24.2008

CYHA Board meeting – Thursday, January 24, 2008

New Hope Arena – Meeting Room #1

Present: Laurie Ahrens, Diane Eliason, Greg Erickson, John Gautsche, Holly Martin, Eric Marsh, Lisa Rogers, Troy Loken, Derek Olson, Joanna Rooney, Scott Syzmanski, and Dan Longhenry.

Visitors: Mike and Carrie Adams.

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm by Derek

President's report (Derek):

- Positive feedback from traveling program coaches, player and parents re: shared teams with Armstrong this season.
- One task in the executive session is to cover the discussions regarding a potential CYHA/AYHA merger. No actions have been taken as of yet. We need to discuss our plan of action. We will communicate to the membership both in writing and in a public forum of any decision of substance.

Secretary's report (Troy):

No report. Dec. 20, 2007 notes (no quorum or official actions) handed out.

Treasurer's (Scott):

- Checkbook balance is approximately \$40,000. Doesn't reflect the January bill from New Hope Ice Arena or the February and March ice. \$13,000 - \$14,000/month ice bill in the busy months. Paid approximately \$15,000 in December, but will be much less in March.
- VMIA has been paid for January per their contract.
- Scott recently sent out final reconciliation notices for 3rd and final ice payment. Collection of overdue payments is about normal. Everyone who is past due 31-60 days has received at least an e-mail notice. Players who are past due in mid-February will not be able to participate in District playoffs.

Equipment Report (John):

- Scott said we are up to date on accounts payable with All-Star Sports, but there may be jerseys that are not yet paid. John and Scott follow-up.
- Coaches' warm-up bill needs to be distributed between associations.

Ice Report (Lisa):

- District tournaments/games are starting and the schedule overlaps with the existing ice schedules through Feb. 17 so adjustments need to be made.
- Working on ice Schedules for Squirts/U10s and Mites through the Jamboree March 14-16, 2008.

District 3 report (Greg):

- District playoffs starting in February. Pee wee A's hosted by CYHA; Pee wee B2's are being hosted by AYHA. Coordinating the two tournaments together to share the work. Greg will meet with the new Armstrong district playoff rep (John Piazza).

Registrar Report (Joanna):

- Final meeting Feb. 4 with District 3 registrars.
- Talking about a uniform registration form with MN Hockey for next year. Also, talking about getting rid of "temp" rosters. Usually receive a number of last minute coaching registrations for coaches who need to update their certification. In the future, late additions may not be allowed. Our web site is compatible with the potential changes.

Traveling and Ace report (none).

Mite Director (Scott for Eric Marsh)

- Good pond hockey experiences.
- Starting combined Cooper/Armstrong Full-ice Mite IIIs play other teams in District 3

Girls Report (Diane):

- A couple finance meetings planned. Hope to have reconciliation before the end of the year.
- Any ice that CYHA paid for at VMIA can be deducted from the amount CYHA owes AYHA for the Rainbow program.
- District 3 is promoting U8, but CYHA hasn't had the numbers.

Fundraising report (Holly):

- Monetary rebate received from National Sports Photography
- Businesses were brushing off Holly until after the Holidays
- E-mail from Chilis in Plymouth – Salsa and chips packet for \$0.50 – could add to concessions stand. Holly talk to Lisa.

Volunteer Report (Laurie):

- Doing very well on volunteers this year. Other volunteer commitments filled through February. AYHA picking up more hours. CYHA still have a lot of people who need to get their hours.
- Tournament volunteer commitments are filled except for scorekeeper/timekeeper (Feb. 1 –3 New Hope Invitational).
- Greg asked Laurie about Locker room attendants for District Pee wee Tournaments.

Tournament Report (Derek for Dan):

- Concession money and gate can be very lucrative.
- Looking to have more people on the tournament committee.
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- Have to market early if you want Thanksgiving tournaments
- A lot of unused ice over Thanksgiving this year.

Concession Report (Lisa):

- Did very well last weekend with Cooper/Armstrong Day. Raised approximately \$2,500.
- No equipment broken and managers are working out well this year. New rules and expectations as well as training this year have helped re-focus the group.
- Diane, Lisa, and Laurie are on the Concessions Board.

Holly attended Dec. 10 AYHA board meeting:

She reported two objectives:

- 1) Hear from AYHA board any thoughts about a potential merger.
- 2) Learn from AYHA what they do in their corporate fundraising.

Hoping to improve communication between the two associations.

Motion to adjourn (8:30 pm): Holly

2nd: Laurie

CYHA EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD ON JAN. 24, 2008

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Meeting called to order at 8:39 pm. Having a discussion about the merger. Do we feel this is the right time to bring a merger proposal to the CYHA membership? Everyone share your thoughts at this point.

QUESTIONS:

- 1) Colors: White (both associations), Red (represents Armstrong), Navy (represents Cooper) vs. Royal Blue (also an Armstrong color).
- 2) Mascot: Falcons, Hawks, Raptors? A/C Falcons with their colors?
- 3) A/C brand: adding A/C to all jerseys?
- 4) Board representation: AYHA Board intact vs. Joint board? HDC? Transitional board? Equal representation or 2/3 Armstrong, 1/3 Cooper?
- 5) High School Hockey: Are we a feeder program for the High School? Yes or no.
- 6) What is the impact of a merger on charitable gambling?

COMMENTS:

- 1) Only 4 CYHA peewees played on the Combined A/B1 teams this year.
- 2) Uncomfortable with the attitude/approach of the current merger proposal.
- 3) If Cooper is going away, it will be a hard sell to accept Falcons and Royal Blue.
- 4) We only have cash assets – we don't have any capital equipment or significant resources – to complicate a merger.
- 5) Changing colors every year (back and forth) costs \$ too: many CYHA players bought new helmets, new breezers, and warm-ups to play on Armstrong teams this year.
- 6) Goals for any potential merger: Retention, skill development, and cost effectiveness.
- 7) Recommend a meeting with everyone in the same room. Colors are an important and emotional issue for many board members.
- 8) Two sticking points in the current merger proposal are the colors and the board representation (Point 4 and Point 10)

Motion (John): We reject the AYHA/CYHA merger proposal.

Second: Greg E.

Discussion.

FAILED: 5 votes to 6 votes

Motion (Lisa): We approve the AYHA/CYHA merger proposal with the exception of #4 “Board of Directors” and #10 “Youth Team Names/Identity” to be re-written, and presented to the CYHA board electronically for approval, and upon approval, submitted back to the AYHA board.

Second: Eric.

Discussion: Royal blue vs. navy. Cooper representation on a combined board.

PASSED. (see friendly amendment)

Friendly amendment to Lisa's motion (Lori): Propose a change in language to #9 "Hockey Development Committee" (HDC) to include two CYHA members be appointed to the HDC initially.

Second: Greg.

Discussion: Email comments to Derek for changes.

PASSED.

Motion (Lisa): If our board approves revised version, we set up a meeting with the Armstrong Board to present the new proposal in person.

Second: Eric.

Discussion: If approved, then we want to present to their Board.

PASSED.

Motion (John): To adjourn.

Second: Eric.

PASSED.