

## Armstrong Cooper Youth Hockey Association

### Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – 6:30pm

New Hope Ice Arena – Meeting Room #1

#### Meeting called to order at 6:34pm Troy Loken

**Board Member Attendance:** Troy Loken, Derek Olson, Joanna Rooney, Greg Erickson, Len Lopez, Jim Siede, Anne Winter (attending for Tom Keller), Dave McDonough, Carolyn Soper, Mark Gauer, Holly Martin, Baker, Greg Symicek, Paul Wood.

*Troy Loken (running meeting due to Mike Goergen's absence) welcomed everyone to the August meeting.*

#### **Scott Dornfeld, District 3 Representative:**

Scott sees the new rule as a one year standard and the district will review the rule throughout the year and will re-evaluate the rule before the next season.

Len Lopez asked what the district sees as concerns for the rule. The focus is to play where you live and likes that portion of the rule. Wants to maintain that portion of the rule. Scott personally feels that the rule is fitting for a small percentage of the organization and wants to make sure that it works for the majority of the district.

Derek Olson comments that district 3 has done a good job of policing the registration process and the concern is that the kids will have to re-establish where the players fit best into the organization. As well as knowing where kids go to school and the paperwork that it entails to put players in the right organization.

Derek Olson asks is it at all possible that the rule will go back to the original? Scott responded probably not fully back to the original rule as it was written.

John Gautsche asks if this rule was set up for high school originally and if it only applies to youth hockey currently? Scott responds yes it is only for youth hockey but was driven by a high school coach originally.

Troy Loken asks on Mike Goergen's behalf, if an A level player wants to stay in there current hockey association then they need to let the other school know that they will be staying with the current association and not go with the school they go to. But this year they have to decide where they want to play out their youth hockey career? Scott responds, Yes that is how it is understood at this point. That being said the rule will be re-evaluated throughout the year.

There is a meeting at the Crystal Community Center Wednesday, August 12th, 7pm that is open to the public for any question or concerns pertaining to the new rule.

**Scott Breitenfeldt, HDC Director:** The process is starting. Trying to get the bantam tournaments scheduled and in place. Evaluating the tournaments to be in for all levels. Given estimated lists for each level, Squirts 72 skaters, 6 goalies, Pee wee 59 skaters, 4 teams, Bantams 54-57, could drop due to numbers. Want to be able to have 4 teams. Looking at evaluators trying to have 2 outside and 2 internal evaluators for each level. The budget projection of \$1200 for outside evaluators needs to be approved by the board. Goalies are looking at Pete Samargia again.

**Holly Martin makes a motion to approve \$1200 per level for outside evaluators in the try out process to include PW, Squirt, Bantam, Girls U12, Greg Erickson second. Derek Olson Nay. Motion passed.**

Derek Olson states that all times will be scheduled by registration.

Greg Symicek is asking for a grade waiver for his daughter Adrianna to play with the U10 level.

**Derek Olson makes a motion to approve this waiver for the duration of her hockey career, Joanna Rooney seconds and the motion passed.**

#### **The Charitable Gambling update:**

##### BOARD APPROVAL ITEMS

1. Approval of monthly report to board
2. Approval for expenses for September 2009 \$27,870
3. Approval to pay July 2009 taxes to the City of Maple Grove - \$117.75

**Motion to approve three gambling related items as stated above by Derek Olson, Second by Greg Erickson. Motion passed.**

#### **General Reports:**

##### **Paul Wood, Boys Traveling Coordinator:**

Board recommends John Gauche as Bantam coordinator, Gary Gilbert as Pee wee coordinator, Paul Wood as Squirt coordinator. **First motion to elect these coordinators by Paul Wood, Greg Erickson second. (NOTE: These positions are not voting board members.) Motion passed.**

Paul Wood mentions that the bantam level can be a challenge and the numbers are difficult. Warning that the numbers of the bantams could be bigger than we would like. HDC discussed the urgency and warning of this level.

**Carolyn Soper, Concessions:**

Is actively recruiting for assistant position. Need to send e-mail out to all organization about the positions available.

**Anne Winter (attending for Tom Keller), Girls Coordinator:**

Anne brings up that the u8 will be handled that same as last year's mite 3. U8 will continue to practice with the boys and have been given the date of September 18<sup>th</sup> as a deadline to work out the pond hockey program. U14 Tom has been talking to Hopkins to get some of their girls to waive into our organization under our colors. Dave McDonough asks if we have jerseys for the U14 level? We currently have 8 girls including 2 goalies. We have enough jerseys for the U10 but need to look at U14 and socks for girls since they are a custom order. Troy Loken comments that there is not a change from the original numbers from Tom. Will likely lose 2 girls to the new residency rule. Anne is putting together a flyer for recruiting.

**Greg Symicek, Ace and Coaches Coordinator:**

**Have come up with six names for recommendation:**

Josh Aberly at Bantam A

Peter Hayek at B1 Bantam

Lance Mayer Peewee A

Darren Aho Peewee B1

Mike Jechorek Squirt A

Rob Roy for U12 A (returning coach)

Still have an ad on Minnesota Hockey and not seeing much flow.

Greg asks for a motion for appoint these coaches, Derek Olson makes a comment that it is not always necessary to have non-parent coaches on the back burner and we need to be careful that we have the right candidates for the positions. Motion was not passed.

Holly Martin comments that we don't know anything about these coach candidates and or about the process they went through to be put into these positions. We as a board need to know more information on the candidates before we blindly vote them into position.

Greg Erickson comments that we are being asked to vote as a package deal? We the board have not seen several of the coaches or their resumes. Scott B responds that a committee was elected to interview candidates and the committee presented the candidates to Scott and Greg and is feeling that the board put trust into the coach selection committee and should know that they have done the job that was asked of them.

John Gautsche comments that there should be more participation on the boards' part to evaluate the election committee of coaches. He would plead to the board to be more involved and scrutinize the coach selection process. Why would a coach from the one of the high schools be put in place in the youth organization?

Jim Siede comments that the board gave the committee the ability to present the candidates and the board should feel that we are comfortable that the committee has done a complete job.

Greg Erickson comments that there is not enough information about these candidates and the board should have a better picture of who they are and where they come from.

**Paul Wood makes a motion that we accept Josh Aberly as a Bantam A, second by Jim Siede, *motion passed.***

**Paul Wood makes a motion to accept Rob Roy and girls U12 coach, second by Jim Siede; *motion passed.***

**Jim Siede makes a motion to accept Lance Mayer as Peewee A coach, Paul Wood second, one Nay, *motion passed.***

**Jim Siede makes a motion to accept Darren Aho as Peewee B1 coach, second by Greg Erickson, *motion passed.***

**Jim Siede makes a motion to accept Peter Hayek for Bantam A coach, second by Paul Wood, *motion passed.***

**Paul Wood makes a motion to accept Mike Jechorek for Squirt A coach, Greg Erickson second, *motion passed.***

Troy Loken comments that we did not have a lot of information due to changeover in the board. The nominating committee was not given specific direction. Coaches have to apply every year for their positions and we should review the process for next year's selections. This year's process was not specific in the beginning and the changeover affected that process. Time restraints keep us from changing the process this year but we will make sure it is on our priority list for the next season.

**Mike Baker, Marketing and Membership Coordinator:**

Mike has spoken to all of the principals for the open houses. Getting volunteers for these through Jim Seide. Would like to contact Todd Richards a possibility as a major marketing tool for the mite open house or someone who can draw people.

**Troy Loken, Assistant Youth Director:**

Troy Loken discusses fees for this 2009-2010 staying the same as last year. We would like to reduce the fee by \$40 due to the registration fee to USA hockey is being paid directly to USA hockey this year due to the new registration process that directs families directly to the USA Hockey sight to start the registration process. Rather than to our own website. Len Lopez comments that the fees for new mites might be too low. Sees it as an opportunity to add in \$20-30 in apparel or something that the kids may wear to school that would increase marketability of the organization. The girls have already used a t-shirt in the past at registration. Len comments that it will help in the fundraising process to have our organizations name out there more often. Greg Erickson would be opposed to adding additional costs to this year. Mike Baker comments that they could put a pole together to see if they would be open to spending \$10-15 on something for the kids. Derek Olson comments that we have done that per team every year through the team manager. Dave McDonough comments that last year was confusing and that everyone had something different. Carolyn Soper comments that all levels have had different logoed items. Comes down to whether we want to include some kind of apparel for each level at registration. We would like to leave it at the team level for apparel.

**Scholarships:** (Troy Loken) Last year we waived 3 limited scholarships. The total bill was \$1050 in 08-09. Troy suggests that scholarships should not be considered if they did not full fill previous years agreements. ***Derek Olson makes a motion to not consider scholarships unless previous years agreements have not been met. Holly Martin seconds, Motion passed.***

***Derek Olson makes a motion that the fees will reduce by \$40 at all levels, Mite level reduce by \$20, Mark Gauer seconds and motion passed.***

**Jim Siede, Parent Volunteer Coordinator:**

Jim is looking to have the wreath dollar amount added to the registration form when they opt out of the wreath fundraiser. Which is different than last year.

**Mark Gauer, Treasurer:**

Nothing

**Joanna Rooney, Registrar:**

Registration is set up and we are ready to run. Letters have been sent out to all levels expect Bantam.

**Holly Martin, Secretary:**

Copier should be up and running by Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Derek Olson, Ice Scheduler:**

Mite clinics scheduled and are listed on the website.

**Len Lopez, Fundraising:**

Len wants to thank Laurie Ahrens for a thorough transition. 2 major events for the season are: Mite pancake breakfast – Champs will donate \$250 in food. Need to coordinate a date with Matt Deterding. Need Mike Goergen to contact Deb Jacobson at Champs. Dave Jensen is coordinating the Wreath sale. Want to consider the Pond Hockey Movie and need to look at dates and coordinating the event. They will split the revenue from the screenings that we organize or we can sell the DVDs retail at \$20/wholesale is \$10. Looking into options for apparel. For 09-10 season want to continue the “I put a kid on ice” program created by Laurie Ahrens. \*Please let me know if you have any business contacts to reach out to. Land O Frost is currently in the budget review process and will be in touch with us in Oct/Nov for sponsorship information. Would also like to find an alumni contact list to use as a fundraising tool.

**Dave McDonough, Equipment Manager:**

Ordering jersey deadline has passed. Any orders for this season should go to him ASAP. U14 should have new jerseys ordered.

***Motion to order enough jerseys for 3 girls teams and socks by Dave McDonough, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn Soper, motion passed.***

**Greg Erickson, Tournament coordinator:**

Nothing

**Other Business:**

Scott Dorfeld comments that there is a survey in process from all organizations that our fees include the USA hockey fee and will be sent to the right person.

***Motion to Adjourn July Meeting by Troy Loken. Len Lopez second. Meeting Adjourned. 9pm***