

AAHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6/12/12

7:00 P.M.

ANOKA HOCKEY BOARD ROOM

Meeting called to order at: 7:02 pm by Rob Savini

Motion to adjourn meeting at: 9:16pm

Minutes taken by: Mike Horsch

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Members Present: Rob Savini, Kelly Peryam, Mike Horsch, Julie Huspek, Al Blomker, Paul Duerre, Kevin Terzich, Kelly Tews, Craig Johnson, Jon Tollette, John Heckmann,

Members Absent: Charlie Weaver, Mike McCauley, Josh Christoff, Chaz Weaver, Ann Guimont

Ancillary Members Present: Jeff Zwerdling, Chris Hedlund,

Guests Present: Brett O'Neil, Justin Johnson (MEGA Goalie Training)

Next Board Meeting: 7/10/11

OPEN FORUM:

1. Justin Johnson presented his proposal again for the MEGA Goalie Training program that he developed specifically for AAHA goalies. The program would cover training for kids on and off the ice (Herb Brooks Center), goalie training seminars for coaches and educating existing and potential parents.
2. Justin believes that there are many kids that want to play goalie but are not given the chance due to reluctance from parents and potential financial burden. There would be an introductory program to recruit and help encourage players to want to play goalie.

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Kevin T. made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting held May 8th, 2012, second by Jon T., motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

Hockey Operations Committee Report (Brett O'Neil)

1. Brett explained how the HOC will gather information and ideas to improve player development for all levels of players and then present their recommendations to the Board.
2. This month's recommendations:
 - a. Try to have as many 90 minute practices as possible for the Bantam and U14's.
 - b. A new AAHA Coaches Agreement will be refined and presented at the July Board meeting.
 - c. PeeWees starting tryouts a little later than the other groups.
3. Chris Hedlund noted that there are many other coordination issues to consider with 90 minute practices. Rob suggested that we phase in the 90 min. practices to accommodate some of these issues.
4. John H. asked the committee to consider putting together practice plans for the Mites, Squirts and U10 levels for the first part of the season to make sure they are all on the same page and moving in the same direction.

Gambling Report/Gaming Committee Report (Jeff Zwerdling)

1. June's report for April was distributed by and reviewed by all present. Mike H. made a motion to approve the gambling report, second Kelly P., motion carried.
2. Bar Bingo is played at our sites, **Courtside** on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays and **Serum's** on Wednesdays. Pull Tabs are also sold at those sites.
3. **There continues to be \$99 payouts on all \$1 Bingo games. Bingo starts at 7pm during the week and 1pm on Saturday.**
4. The Charitable Gambling meeting is scheduled for Sunday following each board meeting at 8:00pm in the Board Room.
5. The Anoka County Fair has requested that we have bingo again. The Board all agreed to proceed.
6. Kelly P. made a motion to approve the estimated lawful and allowable expenditures for May, second by Kelly T., motion approved.

Ice Scheduler's Report: (Chris Hedlund):

1. Whoever is scheduling away tournaments must make sure not to have a lot of teams gone at the same time unless it is during one of the three home tournaments.
2. If the Board is deciding whether or not to delay the tryouts for some levels then they need to consider the amount of ice that may be wasted during that time.
3. Chris reiterated that there are many coordination issues to consider with 90 minute practices for Bantams and U14's.

Chris asked the Board to consider whether or not to have 10:10pm ice hours.

Registrar's Report (Ann Guimont):

1. None.

Treasurer's Report (Kelly Peryam):

1. The Treasurer's report for May was distributed by Kelly and reviewed by all present.
2. Julie H. made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for May, second by Craig J., motion approved.

D10 & President's Report (Rob Savini):

1. The goalie replacement policy was discussed again and they hope to have one drafted by next month. It would allow teams to have a substitute goalie if needed.
2. The Presidents again discussed the protocol for handling players from other associations that want to waive into their association. They agreed that, if a parent asks about waiving into their association, they will tell the parent that they must talk to their home association president. All Board members are stressed to follow this policy.
3. Many D10 associations may not have U14 tryouts until after girls high school tryouts are done. We may have a camp for the U14 players until the tryouts start.
4. Co-oping with other associations for the girls teams should start immediately. Jon T. has been talking to Coon Rapids already.
5. Jeanne McDonald has officially given her resignation due to other time conflicts. Kelly P. and Mike M. will be taking care of the office manager duties until another manager is appointed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Acceleration Summer Camp:
 - a. All levels are pretty much full except Mites and high school girls. Due to the high school girls not having at least 25 players sign up, Acceleration MN will not issue the \$1,000 to the Booster Club.
 - b. The Sweet Hands program is nearly full at every level. Goalies are encourage to come and will play for free.
2. MEGA Goalie Training
 - a. Rob stated that goalies are a very important part of every team and strongly suggested that we consider approving the program in order to improve our goaltending.
 - b. Al B. suggested making it mandatory for the goalies attend the training or get on-ice training during practices so that coaches know that the goalies are benefitting from the program.
 - c. Mike H. suggested having the goalies be held accountable monetarily for attending the training sessions.
 - d. Craig J. made a motion to approve the MEGA Goalie Training program, second by John H., motion approved with one opposed

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Registration
 - a. Rob proposed to raise the registration fee for returning players from \$200 to \$225 plus a \$25 late registration fee after August 15th. This will help cover some of the costs for the player development programs.
 - b. The \$125 tryout fee for traveling players will remain the same. The \$200 fundraising fee (\$150 buyout) will remain the same.
 - c. Bantam will be charged \$900 at registration to cover the above costs and the remaining going toward ice bills
 - d. First year Mites will not have a registration fee but they will be required to do the fundraising.
 - e. Mike H. made a motion to approve raising the registration fee to \$225 plus a \$25 late registration fee after August 15th, second by Craig J., motion carried.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

1. **Traveling – Youth & Girls** (Jon Tollette)
 - a. Coaches application were due by 6/10. 18 applications have been received.
 - b. Coaches interviews will take place at the end of June and beginning of July.
2. **Mites/House** (Al Blomker).
 - a. None.
3. **Player Development** (Paul Duerre)
 - a. The additional equipment for the stickhandling training is in the dryland room.
 - b. The MEGA Goalie camp will begin the last week of August and run for four weeks.
4. **Tournaments** (Julie Huspek)
 - a. Julie is putting together the final draft for the tournament ad for Let's Play Hockey.

5. **Recruitment & Retention** (John Heckmann)
 - a. John passed out some ideas of how we can increase our new Mites by 50% (63 players).
 - i. Local parades and sports tournaments
 - ii. Elementary school open houses and take-home flyers
 - iii. Free ice time for new players in the summer and fall
 - iv. Create a Twitter account
 - v. Cable access advertisements
 - b. Craig J. made a motion to approve up to \$2,500 for recruitment and retention, second by Kelly T., motion carried.
6. **Equipment** (Craig Johnson)
 - a. The jerseys order needs to be placed by June 15th. Numbers will be moved down 3” so names can be on top.
7. **Fundraising** (Kelly Tews)
 - a. Kelly asked if the Board liked the idea for smaller calendars (i.e. magnet calendars) that would cost less and possibly be easier to sell.
 - b. There will be beef jerky that families can sell as an optional fundraiser and take all the profits. There will be other selling incentives that the distributor will have also. This fundraiser will not be in lieu of the mandatory calendar sales.
8. **Tryouts** (Mike McCauley)
 - a. None.
9. **Communications** (Josh Christoff)
 - a. None.
10. **Volunteer** (Kevin Terzich)
 - a. None.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16pm made by Craig J., second by Mike H., motion carried.

The next AAHA Board meeting will be on 6/12/12 at 7pm.