



**ACYHA Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
September 2011**

Meeting Type: Monthly Meeting
Date: September 13, 2011
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: New Hope Ice Arena - Meeting Room #1

Attendees:	P	Mike Baker	P	Eric Berns	A	Dale Bjerke	P	Alicia Brown
	P	Brad Caron	P	Kevin Conway	P	Matt Deterding	A	Mike Goergen
	P	Tawnia Johnson	P	Josh Levoir	A	Len Lopez	P	Dave McDonough
	A	Derek Olson	P	Dave Parenteau	P	Beth Preissing	P	Cristy Siede
	P	Greg Symicek	P	Anne Winter				

Add'l Reps:	P	Kirk Anderson	P	Jon Campion	P	Tracee de Neui		Eric Marsh
		John O'Dell		Jon Piazza				

Guests: Carolyn Soper Mike Adams Carrie Adams Jerry Mlekoday
 Dave Ruoho

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| Topics: | Presenter(s): |
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- 1) Call to Order
 Meeting called to order by Kevin Conway at 6:28 pm.
 - 2) Roll call
 Attendance taken; results indicated above. Cristy Siede
 - 3) Approval of Meeting Minutes/Report Cristy Siede
 - a) July 11, 2011 Regular meeting – revision
 Revised minutes from the July 11, 2011 regular meeting presented for language correction; Broadway Pizza approached ACYHA for charitable gambling at their new Crystal location; the minutes incorrectly indicated the City of Crystal approached ACYHA for charitable gambling at Broadway Pizza.
 - b) August 8, 2011 Regular meeting
 - c) August 25, 2011 Phone meeting
 - d) August 29, 2011 Phone meeting
 Moved by Brad Caron and seconded to approve ACYHA meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 4) Reports/Updates Tracee deNeui
 - a) Charitable Gambling Manager
 - i) Monthly approvals:
 - (1) Approval of monthly report to the board
 - (a) Checkbook balance \$ 40,909.47 as of August 31, 2011
 - (b) Profit for August 2011 = \$15,893
 - (c) Revenue for August 2011 = \$48,000
 - (2) Approval of expenses for October 2011 in the amount of \$33,675.
 - (3) Approval to pay August 2011 taxes to the City of Maple Grove in the amount of \$149.48.
 - (4) Approval for payment to City of New Hope in amount of \$15,000 for ice time.
 Moved by Cristy Siede and seconded to approve the charitable gambling report as presented. Discussion regarding profit levels; profit on track including revenue from Broadway Pizza. Motion carried unanimously.

- ii) Report:
 - Bingo starts up at Steve O's tonight with a special BBQ bingo event; Broadway Pizza has their first bingo event on 9/14.
 - Meeting with auditor Jere Bartz on October 12, 2011 for annual audit. Jere will present findings in November or December.
- iii) Status/report on meeting with Len Lopez and Chris Rude – Not discussed; bring forward in October
- iv) Status/report on MN Gambling Board re: Broadway Pizza security assistance – Not discussed; bring forward in October
- b) Girls' Traveling Coordinator Anne Winter
 - U14: OMGHA is willing to waive in three skaters and one goalie; according to OMGHA by-laws and D3, waived skaters may only play on the B team.
 - U12: Started skating Friday, 9/9. Current headcount of 21 skaters and two goalies. HDC will work with Anne to determine process for and identification of U10 skaters to move up to U12 level. Meeting to take place on or before 9/25 HDC meeting. In the event U10s move to U12, Anne to provide names of skaters to Registrar as soon as possible for roster purpose.
 - U10: Current headcount of 27-28 skaters
 - Camps are on track.
 - Anne shared that she is in support of the two waiver requests on tonight's agenda.
- c) Boys' Traveling Coordinator Brad Caron
 - Bantam: Started skating Friday, 9/9. Tryouts scheduled 9/29 – 10/5. Current headcount of 41 skaters and two goalies.
 - PeeWee: Started skating on Sunday, 9/11. Tryouts scheduled 9/30 – 10/6. Current headcount of 58 skaters and seven goalies.
 - Squirt: Tryouts scheduled 10/27 – 11/1. Currently have 48 skaters and four goalies. Pursuing five skaters who have not registered. Anticipate having teams at A, B1, B2 and C levels. Need to encourage more kids to play goalie at Squirt level to avoid goalie number issues later.
 - Discussion regarding potential of moving up Mite 3s.
- d) ACE and Coaches Coordinator Greg Symicek
 - A-level coaches have been notified of the change in number of evaluators from five to three.
 - PeeWee A coach has declined to be paid; this will enable non-parent assistant coaches to be paid. One person is interested; looking at one to two more. Ultimately this will allow ACYHA to groom non-parent coaches within the system.
- e) Registrar Beth Preissing
 - Coach certification requirement information posted on website.
 - Registration: Received all paperwork with exception of one PeeWee and one Bantam; Squirts to bring paper to parent meeting.
 - Apparel follow-up:
All Star Sports, Dave's Maple Grove, and Lettermen agree to honor the prices originally offered.
Moved by Dave Parenteau and seconded to approve the following standard ACYHA apparel for 2011-12:
 - CCM Skate as preferred warm-up brand; Warrior Vision as alternate, depending on zipper or elastic on bottom of leg.
 - Logos and fonts to be standard, as communicated to vendors.

- Warm-up jacket logo placed [as worn] on left chest, name on right chest (optional), jersey number on left sleeve (optional).
- Hooded sweatshirt logo placed on chest, name on hood (optional), jersey number on left sleeve (optional), Girls Hockey stitched under logo (optional).

Motion carried.

- Dave's and Lettermen will have link on our website; All Star Sports will not have link available this year.

f) Assistant Youth Director Dave Parenteau

- Recapped the Sept. 12 City of New Hope Celebration; thanked those who helped with the event; close to 200 people in attendance; Representatives Lyndon Carlson and Sandra Peterson and Senator Ann Rest were in attendance along with members of the New Hope City Council and staff; ACYHA donated \$5K to New Hope City Council.
- At the Sept. 12 New Hope City Council meeting the bond funding resolution for a 17-year bond with a funding interest rate of 0.56% was approved. Anticipate taking down the north sheet on March 19; both sheets will be taken down for two weeks in August while both ice plants are installed. Improvements will extend the viability of the facility for 30-40 years. Work on roof improvement anticipated to begin week of Sept. 19. Discussion regarding roof construction impact on parking lot.

g) Equipment Manager Dave McDonough

- Working with apparel vendor to obtain quality reversible jerseys prior to tryouts; will order inventory to sustain future association needs.
- Socks have been ordered.
- Practice jerseys have been received and distributed.
- Discussion regarding reason for delay in decision to use reversible jerseys. A-level coaches decided at Sept. 11 HDC meeting to use reversible tryout jerseys. Further discussion as to the importance of communicating equipment needs directly to Equipment Manager.

h) Hockey Development Committee (HDC) Jon Campion

- Expressed appreciation to Dave McDonough and Brad Caron for their assistance with tryout jerseys.
- Matt Deterding has submitted his resignation as the Mite Coordinator, effective at the end of the Sept. 13 meeting. Kevin Conway read the resignation letter and thanked Matt for his 11-year contribution to the association. Resignation accepted.
- HDC nominates Derrick Raymond as the new Mite Coordinator. Derrick has children Mite and pre-Mite age children and has been a JV boys coach. Matt has agreed to transition Derrick into the role.
- Moved by Dave McDonough and seconded to appoint Derrick Raymond as the Mite Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.
- HDC nominates Matt Deterding to fill the open At-Large Position on the HDC. Moved by Beth Preissing and seconded to approve Matt Deterding to fill the open At-Large position on the HDC. Motion carried unanimously.
- HDC has established the schedule for evaluators; evaluators have been confirmed for boys' tryouts; need one evaluator on both U10 and U12 levels.

i) Youth Director Kevin Conway

i) Player Requests

- Two U8 skaters have requested to play at U10 level. As part of the due diligence process, Kevin Conway asked the families to obtain comments from coaches. Kevin shared with the board that the ACYHA guidelines state (V. ACYHA Tryout Program. Section O.) "Playing up is not encouraged or recommended..."

(1) Alison Mlekoday (attachment)

Alison is a 4th grader; request to play at U10 level qualifies as a grade waiver. Father Jerry Mlekoday was in attendance. Matt Deterding and Greg Symicek shared with the board that grade waivers have always been issued. In addition to the written request from the Mlekodays, recommendations in support of the waiver were submitted by U10A head coach, Tom Wright, and U8 coach, Jim Wilharm. Jon Campion also provided support of the waiver at the meeting. Grade waivers are perpetual; Alison will continue playing with these girls. Moved by Josh Levoir and seconded to grant Alison Mlekoday a grade waiver. Discussion. Dave Parenteau clarified that players receiving grade waivers are eligible for the A or B team based on performance during tryouts. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Olivia Adams (attachment)

Olivia Adams is a 3rd grader; request to play at U10 level is based on skill and appropriate development. Parents, Mike and Carrie Adams were present. Written recommendations in support of the waiver were submitted by U10A head coach, Tom Wright, and U8 coach, Jim Siede; additional support was provided by U8 coach, Jim Wilharm. Jon Campion indicated his support of this waiver. Josh Levoir shared that Olivia's contributions to the pond hockey portion of the [2010-11] U8 season added to its tremendous success. After a lengthy discussion about skill waivers and appropriate development concerning the U8 level and program, the Board took into consideration the request based on a need at the U12 level. The Board recognizes that the U12 program has 20 skaters and will be developing a strategy to move girls up from the U10 level to the U12 level. Cristy Siede clarified the U8 ice time includes on-ice skaters ranging in ability from Mite 1 to U8 for the first several months of the season. Moved by Tawnia Johnson and seconded to approve Olivia Adams' move from U8 to U10 resulting from the need to move U10 skaters to the U12 level. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Clarification regarding Olivia's eligibility to skate at the A level; she would have to score in the top five (5) skaters of all U10s trying out to be eligible for the A team. Mike Adams shared his appreciation for the observation others have for Olivia's talent.

- Discussion indicating need for HDC to evaluate the U8 program.

j) Concessions Manager

Tawnia Johnson

- Concessions were open in August.
- Broadway Pizza was sold the weekend of Sept. 9 – 11; anticipate volume of pizza sales to increase during regular season. Broadway Pizza will deliver pizza for events and/or busy weekends. Yellow banners advertising pizza sales have been posted.
- Smoothies will be available by end of September; four varieties.
- Volunteer positions filled for September.
- Discussion regarding repair or upgrade of existing equipment in disrepair; currently equipment is in good repair. If funds are available, Tawnia's preference is to address equipment room needs; State inspection flagged a non-critical ventilation situation in the equipment room.
- Kevin Conway inquired if Tawnia would regularly be providing the board with a financial report. Tawnia reported concession account has \$5K; not including expenses awaiting reimbursement.

k) D3 Representative

Josh Levoir

- Bantams/U14s will play tag up off-sides this season.

- Penalties decided by individual districts; D3 has elected 2:00 minute penalties for Bantam/U14; all other levels will be 1:30. Tournament penalties may differ.
- League games have been set; everyone will play 18 league games.
- D3 is contemplating changing rules at Squirt/U10 level to structure games with a 5-minute warm-up; two 20-minute halves and a 2:00 minute break between halves. D3 vote will be taken at the September 14 meeting. ACYHA board consensus is to keep the three- period game structure.
- AC has been selected to host the U10A district tournament; March 1 – 4. Potential conflict with Mite Jamboree. Josh to confirm number of teams in tournament and share that information with Matt Deterding and Derrick Raymond.
- D3 Administrator, Diane Margeneau, is retiring; her position will be available.
- District tournament price is going up.

l) Treasurer

Eric Berns

- Roughly \$51K of registration fees received to date.
- Roughly \$27K paid out in tournament fees to date.
- Looking to obtain a quarterly cash flow.

m) Ice Coordinator/Website Administrator

Cristy Siede on behalf of Derek Olson

- Camp/Tryout ice schedule is posted online for Bantams, U12s, PeeWees, U10s, and Squirts
- We were able to acquire some hours of ice time at Breck this year
- Mite/U8 ice is being planned now; season set to begin on October 1
- Wednesday night skills clinics with Rick Beckfeld begin on October 19 for Bantams, U12s, and PeeWees
- By the start of tryouts, team ice should be posted for Bantams, U12s, and PeeWees
- D3 game scheduling is Tuesday, September 20th for A/B levels of Bantams, U12s, and PeeWees
- Thanks to the coordinators for getting their tournaments submitted promptly
- Cristy Siede reminded Brad Caron and Anne Winter to work with level coordinators to get school events (music concerts, etc.) to Derek in preparation for game scheduling meeting

n) Marketing & Membership Coordinator

Mike Baker

- Thanked board volunteers for help at back-to-school nights.
- Flyers going to District 281 schools this week and next.
- Mite event on September 20.
- Discussion regarding effectiveness of yard signs, similar to those used this year by ACYFA. Mike Baker to coordinate; placement of signs on public property must be approved.

o) Mite Coordinator

Matt Deterding

- Matt Deterding and Jon Campion will transition duties to newly approved Mite Coordinator, Derrick Raymond.
- Jerseys have been ordered in solid colors; Mini-mites will use jersey overages from years past; Derek Olson obtained U8 jerseys
- Socks need to be ordered for Mites by Mite Coordinator
- Pancake breakfast update: Matt asked Deb Jorgenson to contact Chris Rude at Broadway Pizza about hosting pancake breakfast. Matt suggested ACYHA contacts talk to Broadway Pizza. Tracee DeNeui volunteered to talk with Chris.

p) Volunteer Coordinator

Alicia Brown

- September concessions positions posted and filled.

- Matt Deterding suggested a 'how-to' volunteer process be posted on the website to help Mite parents and those new to the association understand they can sign up for volunteer sessions later in the season.
- 5) New Business
 - a) Manager Training Session Cristy Siede
Cristy will be coordinating manager training sessions in October. She will ask board members whose roles touch managers to attend these sessions.
 - b) New Hope Ice Arena History Photo Board Tracee DeNeui
In collaboration with John Gautsche, ACYHA member and employee of SportsStar Photo, and Sunny Sundquist, citizen largely instrumental in opening the arena, Tracee is working to create a photo board depicting the history of the New Hope Ice Arena. Team would like to display the photo board (approx. 4' x 8') on the wall outside the Fishbowl conference room. Tracee shared a brief history of the arena (land donated by railroad for sole purpose of recreational use; North rink opened in 1975 for cost of \$834K; South rink opened in 1996 for a cost of \$3.2MM). SportsStar has agreed to donate the cost of printing; City of New Hope will donate \$250; Greg Erickson, ACYHA member, can get discount for Plexiglas to cover photo board for \$426. Discussion regarding having the photo board framed for both protection and aesthetics.
 - 6) Open Floor Discussion Membership
Dave Ruoho discussed oversight of concessions safe combination; Tawnia Johnson is aware of the issue and is investigating. Dave suggested the wreath fundraiser buyout amount be equivalent to the per skater net profit realized by the association. Board shared that this was the intention and how the current \$50 buyout level was determined.
 - 7) Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cristy Siede, ACYHA Secretary

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
1. Schedule Manager Training sessions; solicit board member assistance with role-specific presentations	Cristy Siede	Sept. 30
2. Coordinate printing of ACYHA yard signs; determine approved public locations for placement	Mike Baker	Oct. 10
3. Talk with Chris Rude at Broadway Pizza about ACYHA pancake breakfast	Tracee DeNeui	Sept. 30
4. Status/report on meeting with Len Lopez and Chris Rude (brought forward from September agenda)	Tracee DeNeui	Oct. 10
5. Status/report on MN Gambling Board re: Broadway Pizza security assistance (brought forward from September agenda)	Tracee DeNeui	Oct. 10
6. Draft parent volunteer 'how-to' language for website for Mite parents	Alicia Brown	Oct. 10

Future Meetings: October 10
 November 14
 December 12
 January 9