

**Andover Huskies Youth Hockey Association (AHYHA)
Board of Directors**

MEETING MINUTES

Monday – August 20, 2006

6:37 pm – 9:40 pm

Members in attendance: Diane Gilbert, Melissa Olson, Eugene Bjerkebek, Rick Bruesch, Tony Howard, Jill Hadrath-Aadland, John Stong, Cathy Mathers, Tim Koltos, Jason Eveland, Jill Merriram, David Jaegar, Ron Meisner, and Paul Oster.

Members not in attendance: Jill Hadrath-Aadland, David Jaegar, and James Flannagan

Guests: Dave Johnson, Joe Blandino, and Sue Goodin

CALL TO ORDER:

President Tony Howard called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. The meeting minutes for the July board meeting were reviewed and discussed. **A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE JULY 17th MEETING MINUTES.**

Treasurers Report: Eugene Bjerkebek reported the primary checking account balance of \$122,265.46 and the savings account balance of \$23,017.76 for a total balance \$138,627.29. It was noted that \$5,000 was borrowed to Gambling for their start-up in December 2005, and a \$5,000 payment was made to the Blaine Sports Center ice Arena, to ensure priority in ice assignments for available ice when the new arenas are completed. **A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Monthly Gambling Report & Expenses: Tony Howard presented the actual Monthly gambling report in Jill's absence. The expenses from July totaled \$3,829.54 and the board approved in June's board meeting minutes the expenses estimated up to \$8,301.47.

The estimated expenditures were presented to the board for September's Gambling operating costs which totaled \$13,492.42. **A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE GAMBLING EXPENSES FOR SEPTEMBER OF \$13,492.42.**

AHYHA is currently undergoing its first compliance audit. All information and recommendations will be available upon its completion.

A detailed list of expenditures for each month's gambling expenses are kept in hard copy form with a copy of the approved monthly board meeting minutes, and can be reviewed by any AHYHA member, upon written request to the Board Secretary.

A letter was received from an AHYHA association member requesting copies of all of AHYHA's gambling information. It was agreed by the Board of Directors that it is not the responsibility of AHYHA board to provide any members with a copy, however as it states in the monthly meeting minutes a reviewal of the AHYHA gambling books is available by written request. A follow-up letter will be submitted by the secretary addressed to the member stating these facts.

OPEN FORUM:

Player Petition to Move-Up: Sue Goodin petitioned the AHYHA board for her daughter Mikayla Goodin to play up according to AHYHA's By Laws – Section 9.2. She presented the board with the appropriate parents', coaches' and player letters and pertinent information. **A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ALLOW MIKAYLA GOODIN TO TRY-OUT AT THE GIRLS U12 LEVEL ACCORDING TO AHYHA'S BY-LAWS – SECTION 9.2.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Try-Outs: Paul Oster continued to finalize the try-out policies and procedures. The dates for the 2006-2007 tryouts would be September 30th through October 12th with no skating on Friday's. He reported the evaluation forms were complete, and he only needed to secure another couple of judges to complete the sessions. An EMT was reserved for the necessary sessions. Two informational meetings will be held for the parents to inform them of what is to be expected during try-outs and for Diane to collect the necessary paperwork from the on-line registrants before they are allowed to skate.

Fundraising Report: The fundraising committee reported a \$470.00 profit from the Fun Fest 2006 Shooting Station that will go to buy coaches helmets. Opportunities continue to be sought through Candy Bar sales, and other opportunities. The Barnyard Bash tickets need to be sold soon and the money for the tickets needs to be turned into Beth Meissner. Tony would like to have an all Association Picture taken again this year! Date is still to be determined.

Strategic Development Plan: The strategic plan continues to stay in the forefront of the board members minds. Many of the recommendations for try-outs were implemented into the plan this year, as well as communications. The strategic plan overall continues to be looked at and prioritized with the season.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Player/Coach Development/Ace: N/A

Mites: They had a good response to the Learn to Skate Program. Approx 50 skaters participated. They added another hour of ice to each session, first hour for the kids that need more help and still have to use a walker, and the second hour is for the more advanced skaters. They spoke to Coach Thoreson regarding more help at the sessions; they would like to have a one to one ratio with the kids. They are looking into setting up another session, possibly in March. Ron & Tim will be meeting with the mite coaches to discuss their expectations for the coaches. They are planning to be at each elementary open house to answer any questions regarding AHYHA hockey and handing out information.

Registration: Diane continues to put the finalizing touches on the numbers, and is still getting a few late registrations. A recommendation was made that next year there be an absolute drop dead date for no more late registrations. Diane will work closely with Paul Oster to ensure that all players have the necessary paperwork turned in before they are allowed to skate on the ice per District 10. This applied to the applicants who registered on-line. Two informational meetings will be held prior to registration, and Diane will also be available at Tryouts to ensure all the teams have turned in their necessary paperwork.

Equipment/SKATE: Rick has two quotes for the mite jerseys, he is waiting to hear back as to how many teams we will be having this season before he places the order.

Tournament/In-House: Jason Eveland reported that the cost of tournaments for the new hockey season has risen. Each team had only been budgeted \$2,000 per tournament, and the actual cost was \$2,250 per tournament. Teams with less than the 15 players on the roster per the coaches choice could see a significant increase in costs this year. Jason reported that all four Andover tournaments are registered. He also reported that he has lined up hotels for these tournaments for the visiting out of town teams. Jason stated that he would like to put together a 'C' Committee to help with the In-house program.

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Ice: John reported that the Super Rink expects to receive around 200 hours back from the Blaine Association. He will be in close contact with the Super Rink for availability of these hours. Anoka has committed to 240 hours of ice to Andover for this season. A lot of these hours are back to back Mon., Wed & Friday along with 11-12 hours of ice on both Saturdays & Sundays thru out the season. Ice schedules should be available earlier this season. A new ice scheduler software is available through Puck Systems, John has agree to 'test' the software out for them.

Traveling: C Peeewe parent meeting was held and the consensus was to have a Andover only 'A" team and not merge with St. Francis.

Referees: There was a sign-up sheet at registration for anyone interested in becoming a referee. The response was huge! The Clinic is scheduled for September at the Andover Community Center.

Girls: Girls night out was a huge success, they expect to see new girls sign up for the upcoming hockey season! There were many High School Girls there to help out with the event!

Volunteers: Jill would like clarification on what qualifies and what does not qualify as volunteer hours. Jill will be sending out a email to everyone for their input on this. Jill also stated that she plans to send out a statement to all Managers twice a season with a total to date of all volunteer hours for each family. A sign-up sheet will be available at the rink for families to come in and sign up for volunteer hours during try-outs. No one will be allowed to sign-up to volunteer during their child's try-out.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 17th at 6:30p.m. in the Andover Community Center Meeting room.