

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

MEETING MINUTES

Sunday – September 17, 2006

6:35 pm – 11:15 pm

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

Members not in attendance: Melissa Olson

Guests: Adam Denny

CALL TO ORDER:

President Howard called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. There were no meeting minutes to approve since Melissa was out of town on business.

Presidents Report: Tony Howard attended the District 10 meeting. Helmets are required for all coaches on the ice – no exceptions. Team declarations were discussed by the various associations, and are due by the end of October.

Treasurers Report: Eugene Bjerkebek reported the primary checking account balance of \$140,675 and the savings account balance of \$2,317 for a total balance \$142,993. **A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Due to the gambling earnings this year it was necessary to file for an extension on the tax return. A third party firm will be hired to do the return – it was agreed that the cost would not exceed \$4,400. **A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF A TAX FIRM TO DO THE TAX RETURN FOR THE COST NOT TO EXCEED \$4,400.**

Monthly Gambling Report & Expenses: Jill Hadrath-Aadland presented the gambling report. The estimated expenditures were presented to the board for October's Gambling operating costs which totaled \$24,150. The increased costs included start-up costs for a second location at Tanner's Station on October 1, 2006. Attached in hard copy form to the meeting minutes is a copy of LG1004 Monthly Gambling Report to members which is filed with the meeting minutes. **A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE GAMBLING EXPENSES FOR OCTOBER OF \$24,150.**

A discussion was held regarding the meat raffles, and they will be offered to the various teams as a fundraiser with first priority going to the High School Boosters Club.

The compliance review was positive, only a few adjustments are required.

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.

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OPEN FORUM:

Goalie Club: Adam Denny presented the Goalie club strategy to the board. The strategy is to develop the goalies mentally, physically and emotionally individually, as well as make them part of a unique group of goalies. A name and logo would be developed for future use for this club on gear, and outerwear. A budget will be put together and submitted at a later date for review.

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED TO ALLOW A GOALIE CLUB AT AHYHA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Apparel Discussion: Jill Merriam and Cathy Mathers discussed the girls' committee process of streamlining the apparel for all of the girls. The vision is for all the teams to have the same apparel from U8 to High School. The options offered will include a track suit, a jacket, a hat, sweat pants, and two different sweatshirts. The items will be made available for sale during tryouts.

Gambling Committee: A discussion was held to create a gambling committee to approve the funds and process for the gambling proceeds. This would allow a process to be put into place that included forms, and requirements for application of disbursement for funds. The board agreed that seven people should be named: Chairperson – Matt Larson, President – Tony Howard, 1 representative from each of the boys and girls High School teams, and three people not on AHYHA's Board of Directors. A call for applications will be placed on the web-site for those parties that are interested to fill the three open positions, as well as on the walls at the Andover Community Center.

Strategic Plan Discussion: A review was conducted of the goals and opportunities from the Strategic Planning meeting. The board discussed and agreed that most of the goals outlined fall under the coaching and development of the players and coaches. The Hockey Operations needs to be the next area that is addressed from the Strategic Plan. David Jaegar will solicit feedback from the coaches meeting on October 17th as to what they want the Hockey Operations to accomplish, and submit to the board the next steps for the Hockey Operations plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising Report: The fundraising committee reported that the Barn Bash made \$250 which will be used to buy or reimburse helmets for the coaches. A statement will be placed on the web-site stating that a \$25.00 helmet replacement fee will be available for any coach who opts to purchase their own helmet instead of having one supplied by AHYHA. There will be a Bowl-A-Thon in March at Andover Lanes as a fund raising opportunity. The picture date for all teams has been set for November 8th at Rum River Elementary. The championship banners will need to be the size of 2 ½ or 3 by 4 to fit on the wall of the arena. Jill Mathers will work on the content for the banners – and they will be unveiled at Girls Youth Night on November 18th.

Equipment/SKATE: Rick is in the process of ordering all the hockey socks, and mite jerseys given the final registration numbers.

Volunteers: Volunteer guidelines were proposed and will be made available on the web-site.

Ice: John is working on finalizing the ice schedule which will begin practices on October 13th. An order to utilize the suggestions from the strategic plan more 1 ½ and 2 hour ice times will be utilized as shared practices.

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Mites: Assistance has been low for the learn to skate program. Six applications for the D mite coaching job were received – an interview process will be conducted and a coach will be hired for the D Mite coaching position. The mite meet and greet will be held on October 8th and the skills evaluation for the Mites will begin on October 14th and 15th. The A & B teams won't start their games until after January 1st, and the timing for the C and D teams has yet to be determined.

Player/Coach Development/Ace: The skills development has been going well. Helmets are being worn by the coaches on the ice, and the 10,000 shots club results should be calculated and available by try-outs.

Registration: Diane reported that 428 kids were registered for hockey during the 2006 – 2007 Season. The break out is as follows:

Traveling Teams

Squirts	54
U10	21
U12	29
Peewees	47
U14	6
Bantams	68

In-House Teams

Squirts	24
Peewees	12
Bantams	4
Jr. Gold	2
Mites	145
U8	16

Tournament/In-House: Jason Eveland reported that the December Girls Tournaments for the U10 and U12 Girls were only half full. The Girls Committee needs to decide on a name for their first tournament in December – it was decided to use, “THE 1ST ANNUAL GIRLS HUSKIES CLASSIC TOURNAMENT”. A gift bag will be put together that will include t-shirt, wrap, tape and other misc. items. They are still looking for a sponsor to underwrite the cost of the Tournament. It was decided that there will be a gate fee to get into the tournament, a fee to be determined at a later date, and the brochure will offer space for ads that could generate additional sponsorship income.,

Try-Outs: Paul Oster reported that everything is set for tryouts. The parent meetings are scheduled for September 20th and 21st and will detail the tryout schedule and expectations. Still looking for referees, Paul will work with John Stong to finalize. It was noted that the judges will interact with each other, but the coaches are NOT to interact with the judges, and the area for the judges will be sectioned off from the general public.

Traveling: Scott Freitag was named as the U10A coach.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 23rd at 7:00p.m. in the Andover Community Center Meeting room.