

# Andover Huskies Youth Hockey Association

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @7:00PM

Andover Community Center

As recorded by **Monica Hamling, AHYHA Secretary**

**Members in Attendance:** Mark Chevalier, Jason Patton, Jason Hemp, Dave Johnson, Derrick Johnson, Monica Hamling, Nyssa Nypan, Penny Mackey, Dale Martenson, Jill Hadtrath-Aadland, Mike Clough, Penny Portner, Ron Meissner, Chris Markus, Laura Lazan, Laurie Klepinger,

**Members not present:** Laura Nissen, Aaron Gardner, Mark Manney, Nyssa Nypan

**Guests:** Patti Howard, Curt Carbaugh (Acceleration MN), Craig Strom

Meeting called to order by Jason Hemp at 7:08pm.

## Approve Board June Meeting minutes

Hemp asked for motion to approve. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY Meissner, SECONDED by Dave Johnson, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## Gambling Manager's Report

Patti Howard presented the monthly gambling report.

June 2010 Gross Receipts were \$153,934 less prizes paid of \$131,496 leaving Net Receipts of \$23,920 before taxes & expenses. Checks written for the month totaled \$28,467 for which the board had previously approved up to \$53,255 Allowable Expenses & Lawful Purpose expenditures at the Board Meetings.

Jill Hadtrath-Aadland, via manager's report, also submitted Expenses for August 2010; Allowable expenses were projected to be no more than \$45,100. & Lawful Purpose Expenses requested were \$2,500.

**A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF GAMBLING EXPENDITURES AND TO ACCEPT THE GAMBLING REPORT WAS MADE BY Clough, SECONDED BY Meissner AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\*\*An Addendum with all the gambling report detail can be found as an attachment to this report. Anyone wishing to review Gambling records is asked to submit a formal written request to the AHYHA Board Secretary. An appointment will then be made for a review with the Secretary of the requested information.**

## **Brief discussion following the gambling report:**

We average 22,000 – 32,000 net each month (gross sales). This month was the lowest month we've seen. Jason is asking whether we can see trending reports.

Patti Howard indicated she could provide the annual report that goes to the state of MN.

**ACTION:** Patti & Jill to bring the 12 month summary – starting next month

### **Additional dialogue about the upcoming raffle:**

- Raffle updates: Jill is collecting final tickets and payments - She has collected \$300 worth of tickets (from both the booth and outstanding tickets from board members)
- Board members confirmed the tickets they have and will return by Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Tent Party Update:**

- We need volunteers for the tent party. Penny Mackey sent sign up sheet around for board members to sign up.
- Also need to buy prizes for the other raffle items. **ACTION:** Patti and Jill to provide funds (Jason Hemp) will buy the prizes - \$2000 Best Buy gift card, SA gas gift card.
- Car will be raffled first at 11pm.

### **Treasurer's report:**

Mike Clough presented the Treasurer's report.

Hemp asked for motion to approve the Treasurer's report. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY Portner, SECONDED by Chevalier, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Acceleration Treadmill Update:**

Guest: Curt Carbaugh from Acceleration MN

Decisions about what he'll do with the skating treadmill at SuperRink are still uncertain. He has offered an opportunity for Andover to buy it. Board will take under consideration, but are making no commitments at this time. Several Options proposed by Curt:

**Option 1:** Sell it to Andover Association – we put it up here in Andover and enable other associations to use it (at a cost). It could be used as a fundraising opportunity. We would need to determine space available to set it up (requires 200 square feet). Anticipated cost of \$8000 to pull it out of Super Rink and \$8000 to install it in another location. Curt would need a verbal commitment from us.

**Option 2:** \$9000 expansion of Super Rink being explored, but USA Hockey would have to agree to keep the treadmill in the Super Rink.

### **Policy Review:**

Monica Hamling review the material changes made in the policy and procedures for the 2010-2011 season. The board had discussion around a number of important topics.

- 1) Player move up language did not appear to represent what the subcommittee had decided. Board discussed corrections. **ACTION:** Monica to fix language on player move-up
- 2) Registration needs to check to make sure the registration materials match the proposed procedure recommendations. **ACTION:** Monica and Penny Portner to follow up with Nyssa Nypan on this action item.
- 3) Coach Selection: had some discussion about timing of telling parent coaches they've been selected for a team. We've agreed that the Coach Development and Traveling Directors can tell a candidate they are the "leading candidate", but need to wait until after tryouts, and after their player makes the A pool before announcing the final decision.

Final **ACTION:** Monica will make edits above and will send out the policies. Board members support the policies with the condition of the above changes being made. Want to see the final copy before we fully approve. For this reason, we will conduct e-mail approval upon final document being reviewed with said changes. (See addendum for details on approvals)

### AHYHA Logo:

Patti Howard has the electronic version – Jason Patton is getting it from her. We will use that logo on all future apparel. Andover Hockey’s logo is now “official” and we can put the “jpg” on the website so that people have the ability to use it for their communication as well.

**ACTION:** Dale to provide logo to Jason Patton (for warm ups) and Monica / Laura Lazan for website

### Helmet Decals:

Jason Patton presented options for helmet decals. There are 2 stickers on a sheet. Cost: \$800 for 1000 decal stickers. \$.80 per sticker. The board would like to get a lower cost, but likes the idea of having them for the players. We would hand them out at the manager’s meeting.

**ACTION:** Jason Patton to take action to investigate options

### Steve Payne Stick Buying Program:

Jason Hemp introduced a program that would enable purchase of sticks through our website that would be at a lower cost than many of the local sports shops. Senior / Junior / and intermediate sticks. Junior = \$85.00 for one // \$160.00 for a pair. Steve Payne collects the orders, coordinates with our website and then they deliver a bundle of orders. They won’t deliver the order until they have volume. Board says “no”. There is not enough benefit to our association for a board member to take responsibility for making sure members get the sticks they order in a timely manner.

### D10 President’s recap:

- a) New residency rule – Players will play where they go to school
- b) B2 Level – is not going away – there was no support from associations to dissolve the levels at the B1-B2 level... so the designations will remain the same.
- c) Split league for higher levels is ‘going away’ – Pee wee split across association – one big league for district play and make sure scheduling of games are fairly distributed
- d) Age eligibility: Considering changing date:
  - a. **Jan 1<sup>st</sup> : 7 (2<sup>nd</sup> choice)**
  - b. July 1<sup>st</sup> (current) 6 (2<sup>nd</sup> choice)
  - c. **Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> choice - unanimous)**
  - d. June 1<sup>st</sup> :

**Board vote: 1<sup>st</sup> choice: Sept. 1 // 2<sup>nd</sup> choice: January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Jason Hemp will carry this recommendation forward to D10**

New Mite Rules:

- e. Flipping the designations A – top team // D – Lowest level
- f. 21 games maximum: max 15 full ice games // as many cross ice games as they might want. **Plan from Jason Hemp:** 1<sup>st</sup> part of the year, all cross-ice // 2<sup>nd</sup> half do the 15 full ice games. Some associations are going to ALL cross ice. At D level – they’ll get all Cross ice // C transition. Jason needs to work the details of his strategy for Mite games. All mites will get full ice games, but the trend will work toward more cross-ice games than we’ve had historically.
- e) Jr. Gold Coordinator: We have to have someone represent Jr. Gold – if you get players interested, need a point of contact to coordinate interested players
  - a. **ACTION: Jason Hemp appointed our Traveling Director (Ron Meissner) to take this role and stay in contact with D10 as our point of contact.**
- f) Miscellaneous:
  - a. D10 will not require mandatory coach/manager meeting – pee wee / bantam / U12, U14.
  - b. There will be mandatory meetings for all Squirt levels and U10

- c. Roster sign-off date: November 20<sup>th</sup>
- d. \$30,000 available for recruiting through USA hockey – there's an application process and money available for the purpose of recruiting new hockey players.

**Recruitment & Retention Director – new position requested by MN Hockey**

**ACTION:** Monica to investigate a job description. Draft it and contact a potential member who may be interested. We'll then send an e-mail to the association to explore other candidate options.

**Registration Marketing Opportunities:**

- Yard signs in our yards (Jason Hemp will have them available)
- Mass mailing to Andover families with children

Hemp asked for motion to approve up to \$1500 for marketing expenses. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Meissner, **SECONDED by** Martinson, **AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ACTION:** Jason Hemp to get the materials prepared and take lead on these efforts. He'll let us know when signs are available.

**Director updates:**

Chris Markus – 690 hours of ice allocation from Andover. This will reduce a bit from last year because the combination of fewer for Jr. Huskies and calendaring (~10 hours less). He is working through the process of working out details with Super Rink and will have tentative contract by August.

Penny Portner: There's a new registration site for teams to register for tournaments by credit card or check. They can set it up in 1 day. Link went live today – registration is now open.

Mike Clough: Evaluated hours and payment schedules – biggest changes (bantam / peewee) going to bill higher up front with fees to match last year expenditures.

**Ron Meissner:**

Discussed proposed payment for coaches in 2010-2011 season.

Recommendation: Pay coaches consistent with past years at all levels except:

- 1) Up to \$1500 for Squirt A
- 2) Up to \$2000 for U14 Coach

Hemp asked for motion to approve requested expenses for coaches. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Clough, **SECONDED by** Martinson, **AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Penny Mackey: Planning to e-mail her committee for fundraising once she has a committee established.

Mark C. – likes how the tryout schedule looks. He'll coordinate with Laurie Klepinger to plan volunteers accordingly. Asked about Budget approved expenses: Does he need to get approval from the board item by item? Yes – until the executive board reviews and approves the budgets.

Laura Lazan: Meet and Greet is back on for the first Sunday in October

Jason Patton: Moving forward with the apparel plans – will have samples from Letterman for open house.

Dave Johnson: Fall Development will be out on the website in the next few days. He's still working with Bill Thoreson to get something together for Cal to skate with the kids (stick handling clinics)

Dale Martenson: Exploring co-op with Spring Lake park for our U14 team. Lots of skaters but not enough goalies. Spring Lake Park – in their Association / goalies don't pay any ice bills. We have no goalies – so we will have to figure out a deal for them to encourage goalies to play here.

Registration Fees:

**ACTION:** Penny Portner to follow up with Nyssa on registration packet accuracies.

- Level play
- Registration fees

Derrick Johnson: Met New High School Coach for Girls program – Ben. He seems to be well suited for the program

Ron Meissner: Coaching interviews last week – have them ranked. Will share decisions after the tryouts.

Hemp entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Portner, **SECONDED** by Dave Johnson, **AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.

**Addendum (Policy & Procedure Approval):**

Monica Hamling made the appropriate changes to the policy and procedure manual and sent the FINAL copy to the board for approval on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Hemp entertained a motion to approve the policy and procedure manual as was discussed in the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Meissner, **SECONDED** by Portner, **AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

One board member chose not to vote due to concern about electronic voting, but was not opposed to the policy and procedure recommendations.