

Andover Huskies Youth Hockey Association

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

August 16th, 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, Laura Nissen, Penny Mackey, Mark Manney, Jill Hadtrath-Aadland, Mike Clough, Penny Portner, Ron Meissner, Chris Markus, Laura Lazan, Laurie Klepinger

Members not present: Aaron Gardner, Dale Martenson

Guests: Craig Ahlstrand, Bill Thoreson, Scott Chartier, Sara Clough, Ben Monahan, Tony Howard

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

Approve Board July Meeting minutes

**We did not have the gambling narrative available for the July meeting. Will approve these minutes at the September meeting.

Gambling Manager's Report

Jill Hadtrath-Aadland presented the monthly gambling report.

July 2010 Gross Receipts were \$248,924.02 less prizes paid of \$204,046 leaving Net Receipts of \$44,878.02 before taxes & expenses. Checks written for the month totaled \$75,210.55 for which the board had previously approved up to \$105,350 Allowable Expenses & Lawful Purpose expenditures at the Board Meetings.

Jill Hadtrath-Aadland, via manager's report, also submitted Expenses for September 2010; Allowable expenses were projected to be no more than \$39,100. & Lawful Purpose Expenses requested were \$2,500.

A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF GAMBLING EXPENDITURES AND TO ACCEPT THE GAMBLING REPORT WAS MADE BY Nypan, SECONDED BY Portner 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.

Approve Treasurer's Report:

Mike Clough presented Treasurers Report.

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

AGENDA ITEMS:

1) Player Move up petitions:

Bill Thoreson represented rationale to support move up for Mike Clough, Eric Chartier, Gunnar Thoreson to Squirt level in 2010 – 2011.

- They are all three ready (as a coach to them last year) and have played 4 years at Mites levels A-D.
- From a physical/emotional standpoint – they are ready – and this will help accelerate the development of these kids to grow each year.
- This was a D mite team that had a lot of success last year, and can attribute some of their success for the skill of these kids – they were in the top ½ on the HEP tests done for skill assessment.

Hemp entertained a motion to approve the move up of Gunnar Thoreson. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Portner, **SECONDED by** Meissner **AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Hemp entertained a motion to approve the move up of Mike Clough. **A MOTION WAS MADE by** Chevalier, **SECONDED by** Markus **AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Hemp entertained a motion to approve the move up of Eric Chartier. **A MOTION WAS MADE by** Markus, **SECONDED by** Chevalier **AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Clarify – with approved tonight – they are approved to *tryout* with Squirts – and then they “fall where they fall” on the Squirt teams as they are selected through the tryout process.

U8 Move up (Craig Ahlstrand)

Brittany Ahlstrand: This is her 4th year of U8. She was an A mite in Anoka. Craig suggests that if we need people to move up to U10, he would want her to be considered. Hemp indicated that we don't need U10 players, but could move players up as needed.

Concern of the board: If we move players up, and then end up with unbalanced numbers for the teams, we could end up stuck in between. Because we don't know how many U8 / U10 we'll have, we could end up lacking girls at the U8 level and have too many at the U10 to form the appropriate number of teams.

U8: anticipate we are down to 20 players

U10: approximately 25 players

**We are trying to get away from doing move up's just to “balance the numbers”. We prefer to decide upon a move-up when it is in the best interest of the girls and their development.

RECOMMENDATION for Ahlstrand: Sign up as a U8 and then wait to see how the teams play out. We can then consider whether we can move up to U10 if there is room/space to move her up to U10 after Mite Registration. Time frame – should know more by mid-September.

2) Approve Expense / Budget Requests:

Tryout Expense Request – Mark Chaevalier is requesting up to \$20,000 to cover the expenses of the tryout process.

Hemp entertained a motion to approve the tryout budget request. **A MOTION WAS MADE by** Nypan, **SECONDED by** Klepinger **AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Equipment Expense Request: Jason Patton is requesting purchase of a Rubbermaid storage chest for storage of ice teaching tools. Anticipated cost of up to \$200. Will be used for bags of pucks / pullovers // other coaches items.

Hemp entertained a motion to approve the purchase of the storage chest. A **MOTION WAS MADE by Nypan, SECONDED by Mackey AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Patton also asked about cabinets in ACC. There is new space available for storage and ACC gave us the whole back wall in one of the ice arena rooms on the end. Patton wants to take bids for cabinetry. He has a bid from the person who did our mailboxes – the bid there was \$4200 – he wants to target a bid closer to \$2000. We would use the space for Junior Husky stuff and other storage.

Question from the board: Warming house will be available next year. Do we really need to do this right now? Board would prefer to wait on this until next year. Board agreed to postpone decision on this request.

Preliminary budget for outdoor rink:

Minimal goal this year is to get boards up, and get slab done for the warming house. Working to get lighting complete as well. If completion is possible – then we will get more completed as funds allow.

Cost estimates were given to include: fencing, warming house, concrete for footing, blocks for warming house, flooring, insulation, and rink lighting. The cost estimate is \$46,500.

Hemp entertained a motion to approve up to \$50,000 for completion of the first stage of this work. A **MOTION WAS MADE by Meissner, SECONDED by Nypan AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6) Multiple player/family discounts:

Last year, during hardship cases, it was brought to our attention that other associations provide “discounts” for multiple player families. Fourth child was given free registration (\$200 off). This member brought examples from:

- Anoka (Dome Dollars – opportunity for their members to work at the Metrodome, Target stadium).
- Cambridge offers discount at 2 or more players.

All of our costs are “real” costs. Clough was trying to figure out how we could do this without drastically impacting the Association. We had 15 families with 3 or more kids last year. If we offered to give free registration to the fourth child, the expense to the association would be:
22 kids at \$200 = \$4400 impact on the association.

Our goal is to continue to attract players to Andover Hockey. To benefit from this program, we would have to promote that we intend to offer this discount to multiple player families.

Hemp entertained a motion to start a 3+ player discount starting this season. A **MOTION WAS MADE by Meissner, SECONDED by Chevalier AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7) Elementary School Open House:

We always have a table at these events (3 local schools) on September 1st a table will be set up. Laura Lazan just needs volunteers to assist at the tables:

4-6pm Andover: Jason Hemp

4:30 – 6:15pm Rum River: Dave Johnson and Laura Lazan -- gymnasium

4:30 – 6:00pm Crooked Lake: Nyssa

**Set up – Laura will provide flyers / just show up and bring any hockey Andover equipment or jerseys to “show off” and provide information to kids. This is mostly for Mites.

**Pucks to give away are in the equipment room - Ron Meissner or Jason Patton can provide.

ACTION: Laura will coordinate giveaway items with Jason Patton and follow up with volunteers

8) Boys High School golf tournament sponsorship:

We have been a hole sponsor (\$100) for this event in past years. We’ve been asked if we’d like to be in the program again this year. If we do an Advertisement and the hole sponsor, the price is probably around \$150. No decision needed today on the ad, but a decision to be a hole sponsor is needed now.

Hemp asked for motion to approve sponsoring a hole at the High School golf tournament. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Klepinger, **SECONDED BY** Lazan, **AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9) Raffle and tent party final update:

Overall, there was a great turnout for the tent party, we made money for the association and considered the event a great success. At the administration meeting, we began talking about what we could consider doing better / differently next year to increase our success, but for a first year event, we are happy with the success of the event given it was an “off-season” fundraising effort.

10) Executive board member at large (nominations and vote):

The Executive board maintains one member “at large” to play a role on the executive board. Jason Hemp nominates Derrick Johnson for this role.

Hemp asked for motion to approve Derrick Johnson for member “at large”. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Portner, **SECONDED BY** Lazan, **AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11) Board Member E-mail:

All board members should be aware that not all email communication may be received if AHYHA is not in the subject line. Another option: send it from our AHYHA g-mail account. Members may have blocks that prevent receiving e-mail that is not clearly identified. This is just a reminder.

**If any board member wants a gmail account through AHYHA, contact Penny Portner or go to the website and sign up for an account.

TREADMILL update: Cost of leasing/renting has gone down to \$500. But sharing with Centennial seems just too risky. Questions to consider:

- Could we buy it for \$40,000?
- Could we put it in the extra space in the warming house of the outdoor rink?
- Who’s going to manage it?
- Would we need to consider Insurance...etc.?
- Essentially, the cost would be \$6000 per year for lease and then \$70 per hour for training time with Acceleration coaches / trainers.
- Do we need a decision this month?

\$6000 would be our commitment now if we decide to do this. We would need to book 15 kids per month. 6.5 hours of use in a month would pay for the expense. This would cost us about \$12 per kid.

**We should focus our energy on completing the outdoor rink at this time.

Additional Item:

U14 players who are likely to tryout for the girls high school hockey program are concerned about registering and paying fees for AHYHA if they make the high school team.

Question for the board: Which AHYHA fees are *non-refundable* if a player ends up making the high school team? Non-refundable expenses are the Tryout fee (\$85), Fundraiser (\$80), warm-up purchase deferred for later purchase once they land on a U14 team.

**Tryouts for High School are November 1st.

Fundraising Opportunity through Polaris: Mark Chevalier

Mark can get 25% off retail (\$9000) on a machine we could raffle next year. It needs to be purchased by August 31st. Mark would have to hold it for 12 months before raffling or selling. The board is interested in considering this, but we need to wait until we determine timing of another raffle event. We are limited by the gambling board on how often we can conduct such a fundraising event.

12) Director Updates:

Secretary: Recruiting Role / find job description / send for request for interested parties / contact my contact from the YMCA board to explore interest.

Traveling Director: Junior Gold – Eric Nelson wants to have a team – he’s got 8 players that were Bantam C. Should he recruit them now or should they wait. We should suggest they wait until we have greater interest in the Junior Gold Program.

Chris Markus: Winter Ice handout. We will have 200 hours less than we need right now. There are also hours for sale on the website now. Will coaches be able to use these hours? Chris doesn’t expect a stockpile of ice available, but when there is excess ice available... then we can use the website.

Laurie Klepinger: Website is creating a new session for the season. It will be up in the next week or two. Mark and I are working through the volunteer details for tryout process. Members will be making a commitment during registration for their volunteer hours at Tryouts.

ACTION: Jason Hemp – send list of outdoor rink volunteers to Laurie Klepinger

ACTION: Laurie to recommend recognition for the volunteers

Aaron Gardner – Last session for Jr. Huskies on Saturday. Offered for new mite recruitment: 10:00am

Dave Johnson: Fall development: 150 kids started today.

35 Squirts was the largest group

25 for Peewees

25 bantams

25 for U8-10.

Question: At what point do we break even on cost? Competitive Edge: \$125 / hour cost... Dave to come up with break even for September?

Nyssa Nypan: Registration is going well. Through today we have:

44 mites

22 bantam traveling

25 squirt

16 peewee traveling

1 peewee c

2 squirt C
10-U10
11-U12
5-U14
5-U8.

**Last day available to register August 31st

-A Couple system issues: most have ended up using Macintosh // Safari – we've worked out the bugs. Techs at Active Network helped fix one problem. Merged a few accounts where there were multiple players ending up in separate accounts. Added grade level, goalie, volunteer (Exempt 1st year families), Players are checking what they are interested in for volunteers.

Question: Do we have a sense for the number of players last year? 363 families (485 skaters)

- New this year: If the player is in the high school tryouts – they cannot be on the ice during tryouts for bantam.

- Participation rule: If you go to an Andover School – you can waive into our Andover Association. But can only waive once. You can't waive back to old association later. If you live in the Andover High School residency area, they've got to talk 1st to their association to waive and they need their USA Hockey #. Their association cannot deny them if they go to school in Andover. Then have to let Nyssa know so that she can prepare properly for it.

- D10 Has required that coaches need to sign up with USA Hockey on their own. Nyssa cannot do that for them anymore. They can request reimbursement for their registration – and then we (the Association) get a refund from USA Hockey.

ACTION: Derrick to include Nyssa in the Coaches meeting when that time comes. She still needs paperwork from the coaches.

ACTION: Nyssa to put the forms on the coach's corner of the website

Penny Mackey: gathering stuff for fundraising – we will have tables up for Registration Open House
Laura Nissen – needs logo for gift items for tournament planning. Most tournaments are pretty well set with no significant challenges. A few teams are adjusting tournaments – but most are planning to stick with those planned for them. Laura has no volunteers on her committee, so help from members would be appreciated.

Dates for Open house:

Tuesday Sept. 14th 6-8pm. Bring paperwork, get fitted for warm-ups, and get candy bars

Sept. 20th 6-8 pm... will be in the A and B conference meeting rooms

October 7th: 6-8pm – mites

13) Reviewed Decisions / Votes

Hemp entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY Meissner, SECONDED by Portner, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.**