

SUMMARY OF Annual Membership Meeting
March 27th, 2011

Gambling Manager's Summary for 2010-2011:

Patti Howard presented the summary of the 2010-2011 charitable gambling results.
For the time Period July 2009 thru June 2010:

AHYHA *grossed* approximately \$2.2 million / paid out \$1.8 million in prizes. We paid \$127,107 in Taxes/Fees leaving approximately \$212,874 for allowable and lawful purpose expenditures. Each month, we carry a number of allowable expenses to manage our gambling business. The detailed monthly gambling reports can be found posted at the AHYHA website alongside the meeting minutes from the respective month that the gambling report is presented to the board.

This year, with the economy continuing to struggle, many associations struggled. The state of Minnesota has gone to a 5 star system where an association is awarded stars based on how the program is run and how much we give to other charitable organizations. We are required to give away 10% -- and we more than qualify each year. We are a 5-star charitable gambling association. With over 1200 in Minnesota, we rank in the top 10%. We run it efficiently and will continue to manage expenses tightly.

In December we opened a new site at Pov's and are considering another new site in the next 90-180 days.

Treasurer's Summary for 2010-2011:

Mike Clough presented the Treasurers summary for 2010-2011

We took in \$470,000 throughout the year through registration, fundraising...etc. As you know, we are a non-profit, and most of the funds we draw in throughout the year goes directly toward the expense of our programs including ice bills, coordination of our programs and general expenses. Throughout our season, we spend \$76,000 on tournaments. This year, with the final expenses of the outdoor rinks, and other expenditures, we will have approximately \$40,000 remaining in our account to support expenses for our summer programs.

Last year, people had trouble seeing their accounts online and seeing the credits on their accounts. I'm working on improve online access and communication to members this next year. It will be helpful to identify an Assistant Treasurer to help with this effort.

Approval of board meeting minutes for Annual Membership Meeting March, 2010

Hemp asked for motion to approve the annual meeting minutes from 2010. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY Nypan, SECONDED by Meissner, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President summary of the 2010-2011 season

Jason Hemp shared a few of his perspectives about the season. Overall, it has been a good year with just a few bumps in the road. The car raffle held last summer was the first time we had tried such an event and it provided us good learning for future fundraising events. We worked to recruit additional kids and saw some great progress with our Junior Huskies programs and other youth opportunities to introduce kids to hockey. We completed the outdoor rinks which was a huge accomplishment! Thank you to Tony Howard and other committed members who helped make this a successful project. We

had many volunteers who committed hours of hard work to make this a reality. Finally, Thanks to all the outgoing board members. You've committed your time, effort and dedication to AHYHA and we thank you for your contributions.

By Law Proposal:

Hemp asked for motion to approve the proposed by-law changes for 2011-2012 season. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY Nypan, SECONDED by Portner, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OPEN FORUM:

Question from a member: What do we intend to do with the survey information that we found.

AHYHA Board member response: The team/coach surveys will be given to the appropriate board member to review the results. We do plan to review the results and make future decisions based on the feedback. The general satisfaction survey will also be used by the board to make decisions about how we plan for the upcoming season.

Question from a member: We've heard about the changes to the checking policy with USA Hockey. Does AHYHA have a point of view on this topic?

AHYHA Board member response: USA Hockey is going to vote this summer. They have not asked for Association input. There has been significant research – and USA Hockey has overwhelming support from other states (aside from MN Hockey). There is extensive information on the US Hockey website for those who want to understand more about the recommendation:

Some highlights to be aware of:

- A study was done in Canada in 2001. The study compared Quebec and Alberta and found that players were four times more likely to get a concussion where checking was allowed
- From a medical perspective, 10-12 year olds take longer to recover than a 14-16 year old.
- Additional information and research found that at the Squirt level, a player was more likely to make a strategic move. The peewee was more likely to play the body than play the puck. This leads me to believe that we are losing sight of the true skill of the game. By delaying checking, we may be encouraging our kids to focus more development on the basic skills of hockey rather than the physical “hitting” aspects of the game.
- Based on what we're hearing from District 10 and USA Hockey, I think is likely that checking will be removed for PeeWee levels next year.

Question from a member: I've heard a rumor that the board doesn't believe we'll have enough talent for an “A level” Peewee team.

Response from board member: We will make this decision when we see the numbers from registration. Of all of the levels, we have the lowest participation numbers at the PeeWee levels. We will make our decision based on what is best for the association and the development of our kids. Once we have the numbers from registration, we can determine what levels we can support.

Question from a member: Question about the locker room attendant - Is it really needed? And if so, how many are needed? Some teams heard we needed 2 – which was very difficult to manage.

Response from board member: USA Hockey just passed this decision down to all associations this year. We do expect this might be discussed at D10 level. Was this a trial? No—this is a done deal and we (the board) struggled with how to make this work. So, we will continue to explore ways to most effectively manage this requirement and are open to your input (and support) to figure out a solution.

Jason Patton showed the new white jersey – we'd had the old jerseys for 4 years. We will try to get at least 3 years out of the new set. The Pee wee A set is going to be kept for the C teams.

Newly Elected Board Members:

Traveling Director: Cole Hudek

Mite Operations Director: Bernie Knox

Coach Development: Bill Thoreson

Registration Director: Heather Baden

Girls Director: Dave Johnson

Marketing & Events Director: Laurie Klepinger

Recruitment & Retention: Craig Strom

Treasurer: Mike Clough

Nominations requested for Ice Director: There are several interested members, but no immediate candidate was identified for the election.

Jason Hemp entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION MADE BY** Nypan, **SECONDED BY** Portner and **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm