

Andover Huskies Youth Hockey Association

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

September 18th, 2011 @7:00PM

Andover Community Center

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

Members in Attendance: Mike Clough, Mark Chevalier, Monica Hamling, Jason Hemp, Dave Johnson, Derrick Johnson, Laurie Klepinger, Laura Nissen, Jason Patton, Rhonda Hudek, Bernie Knox, Laura Lazan, Cole Hudek, Heather Baden

Members not Present: Bill Thoreson, Jill Hadtrath-Aadland

Guests: Mark Manney, Ryan Conway, Patti Howard

Call to Order: Jason Hemp called the board meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Approval of August Board Meeting Minutes

**Patty revisited gross receipts from August to ensure Board understands July operations.

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

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mike Clough.

In August we paid ice for summer programs and took in fall skills payments. After paying for tournaments and checking savings, the accounts are sitting at approximately \$38,000. With traveling registration and fall skills complete, we made another significant deposit this week to fund the year. With October Super Rink ice to pay for, we are overall in decent shape for starting the year.

Mike is going to meet with Chris Wilson to help him throughout the year and he has identified another member who has accounting background who has agreed to do a quarterly audit for our financials.

Hemp asked for motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Derrick Johnson, **SECONDED** by Baden, **AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approval of Gambling Report:

Gambling report was presented by Patti Howard:

MN Gambling board used to look at expenditures vs. what you took in for revenue. They have decided to change this grading to a "star" system based on how much we give. Our rating has dropped from a 5 star to a 4 star. For the fiscal year July-June, our gorges revenue was \$374,000. \$21,000 was given away to our own youth program, \$6880 to groups who do meat raffles (HS boys hockey team...etc). Patti is filing this information with the state tomorrow.

Question: how much is in our gambling account right now? \$37,000

Question: Can we make payment of \$400 for Cross Country Team? Yes. **ACTION:** Monica to send Patti Howard the paperwork necessary.

August 2011 Gross Receipts were \$247,987.00 less prizes paid of \$214,337.00 leaving Net Receipts of \$33,650.00 before taxes & expenses. Checks written for the month totaled \$23,313.13 for which the board had previously approved up to \$77,950.00 Allowable Expenses & Lawful Purpose expenditures at the Board Meetings.

Jill Hadtrath-Aadland, via manager's report, also submitted Expenses for October, 2011. Allowable expenses were projected to be no more than \$67,900.00 & Lawful Purpose Expenses requested were \$4600.00.

Hemp asked for motion to approve the Gambling Report. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY Derrick Johnson, SECONDED by Laurie Klepinger, 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.**

RETENTION / RECRUITMENT DIRECTOR VOTE:

Ryan Conway has been nominated by the board for the Retention / Recruitment Position. Ryan has already been helping actively on a number of our programs and is well equipped to move into this open position.

Hemp asked for a motion to appoint Ryan Conway to Retention / Recruitment Director. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY Derrick Johnson, SECONDED by Dave Johnson, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

REGISTRATION:

The board received a summary of the current registration numbers.

We've got only one B2 team at the Bantam level vs. 2 and so we actually have 4 extra tournaments that Laura Nissen has to adjust. She was anticipating 2 B2 teams based on our previous board conversations.

Question: What should we do about Jr. Gold? We might like to have an Andover Junior Gold team. There was a B Junior Gold team last year. Did we have our own, or was there a co-op? Two years ago we had a co-op with Coon Rapids and Anoka. After board discussion, we decided to plan for a team. Cole will be responsible for coordinating.

Update on Parent/ Coaches Meetings:

Meetings went generally well. Most questions were about numbers in C programs. We primarily talked about how tryouts will work. Conversation about C level teams getting fair treatment for ice and tournament time. Need to make sure someone makes adjustments if needed. **ACTION:** Jason Hemp will monitor and follow up as necessary.

Goalie Training:

In previous years, we have provided \$300 reimbursement for goalie training at u10/squirts and younger; \$500 for all other levels above. Do we still plan to reimburse these training funds?

At Mite levels – it doesn't make much sense to offer goalie training given it is too early to be certain they'll play as a goalie in the future. We are ok to support A mites / but not the B or C levels. Squirt level and above we should plan to do this, but Mite only considered on an exception basis.

The board had additional discussion about creating a more intentional plan for goalie development. While the \$300-500 reimbursement is helpful, the board might like to identify an internal solution for the association so that we can ensure consistency in how our goalies are developed.

IDEA: Could we consider a policy at mite level that would give kids opportunity to try the goalie position? Squirt level only has 3 goalies, but Mite level will have potential goalies and this might help us feed the program.

How do we make sure we do the right things to generate “interest” in the position and then make sure we have a goalie advisor on every team, or consulting every team to get the goalies well developed with a common/consistent development plan. **IDEA:** Get a Goalie Coordinator that reports to the Traveling Director. This person would be responsible for building a goalie development program to ensure we get direction, process and consistent training.

ACTION: Mark Chevalier to work on job description for a goalie coordinator position with Cole Hudek.

Director Updates:

Laurie Klepinger: Equipment Swap is ready to go on the website. She is also going to put a donation link and box at ACC. Teams are all set up on the website, she’s working to create more information for teams on the website. Lots of fundraising going on: Wreaths, LePage, Raffle Tent Party, Anyone interested in helping to plan Tent party- let Laurie know. She’s also working to plan an all team picture.

Mark Chevalier:

Question: According to the new D10 Notes, Do we need referees on the ice for scrimmages with other teams during the tryout process? Does Mark need approval to spend money on this expense? For instance, Blaine and Rogers come to scrimmage our teams trying out. Last year, this was a problem for one association. Yes, any scrimmages for the pool sessions Mark wants to know about it so that he can get necessary referees.

Hemp asked for motion to approve up to \$1000 to fund referees for tryouts. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Derrick Johnson, **SECONDED by** Baden, **AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Rhonda Hudek: Found out that Mark has to go get his own D10 refs from the website.

Laura Nissen: Needs to know when the team manager meeting will be. Some teams have early tournaments and Laura wants to make sure the rosters are ready for that meeting and the upcoming tournaments. **Question:** when do we want to schedule the manager’s meeting? **Answer:** Sometime early November?

Laura Lazan: Started Jr. Huskies today. We have 18 in the advanced session – but a total of 52 kids. Had a number of Dad’s out there, a few high school kids to help and with the equipment fitting last week. We are still recruiting Mites and are going to try to get some of the Jr. Huskies into the mite program after the advanced group finishes.

Dave Johnson: Needs U12 girls for a complete team. Dave has been working with St. Francis to try to coordinate but they are not willing to waive girls out. Dave thinks he’ll be ok if he could get 3-4 girls. Ideally would like 7-9 to fill the team. **IDEA:** Could we have 10-15 of the practices up in East Bethel to make the distance more feasible for the St. Francis families? This is a possibility.

Patton: Just waiting on jerseys. Land O Frost – the name gets automatically printed on the mite jerseys – so should be ready to go when they come in.

Bernie Knox: About a dozen people interested to coach at the mite level, so we have lots of interest. **IDEA:** consider setting up a table at the mite meet and greet.

Jason Hemp: 50 down on mite registration. Probably just delayed because of late registration. How do we encourage Jr. Huskie’s kids to sign up? Equipment starter kit is offered for \$150.

Ryan Conway: Could we consider advertising in Let’s Play Hockey? We don’t do any advertising there now. Jason Hemp’s comment: If you read let’s play hockey – you probably have a kid in hockey already.

Rhonda Hudek: She confirmed ice scheduling with Mark Chevalier. Was told she has to put kids on the ice right after tryouts are complete (next day) – after teams are posted.

Hemp asked for motion to adjourn the meeting. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Derrick Johnson, **SECONDED by** Dave Johnson, **AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm.