

## **Casper Amateur Hockey Club**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

#### **Casper Ice Arena**

**December 2, 2010**

#### **NOTE: MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE CAHC BOARD**

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm with CAHA President Jolene Whitley presiding. Additional members present were Mike Nighswonger, Troy Williamson, Roger Burns, Kevin Taheri, Doug Floyd, Kim Salvesson, Kevin Whitman, Rev Morton, James Robinson and Todd Hammond. James Ewald, Jeannie Wolford, Jennifer Wilson, Blu McGrath, Tami Griffin, Pat Christensen and Jim Wetzel were also present.

The minutes for the November meeting were presented. Kim Salvesson moved to approve the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Roger Burns and passed without dissent.

Blu McGrath presented the idea of bringing a Junior Hockey team into Casper to potentially play at the Casper Ice Arena. He noted it would be beneficial not only for the Casper Ice Arena but as well as growing and maintaining hockey in Casper. He sees it as a community based program where it is supported by the residents and businesses of Casper. Blu asked to put the program together as a wing of CAHC. Although the program that would have its own board, funding and survive its own schedule. He also stated he would like to see the two groups work hand in hand and not against each other. A preliminary idea of ice schedules was also presented with many games being held on weekends and practice times being held during the middle of the day. Jolene asked about presenting the idea to Casper College and Blu noted he has not spoken to them but it could be a possibility. Rev stated he had concerns about what the team would take away from the CAHC and suggested Blu asks the city for help and backing of the team. Kim suggested that if the team wanted the 501c3 status that the team would be ran and owned by the CAHC. Kevin Whitman asked the question regarding the CAHC taking on all financial responsibility. Topics such as gate sales, alcohol sales, etc. were discussed. Rev moved the board would like to talk to the past owner of the Junior Hockey in Casper, about further exploring this possibility. Todd Hammond seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion was passed with no dissent. A committee was selected consisting of Rev, Roger and Mike.

Jim Wetzel, the former coaching coordinator of the CAHC, introduced himself to the board. Jim brought an issue that happened during the Hyland Cup tournament. While at the tournament, Jim noted he saw problems with the coaching and what lessons we are teaching the kids at this young of an age. Jim discussed that during the semi-final game the benches were shortened during the end of the game in order to come back and win in overtime. Jim said B players were benched in order for A players to play and win the game, while the team was in the B division. He saw it as we do what we have to do in order to win a game at the expense of the kids. Jim suggested the board review our current mission statement and coaching qualifications. Rev asked whether or not the concept of shortening the bench in certain situations was discussed at the parent meeting at the beginning of the season. James Robinson noted the bench was not shortened in any of the other games. Kevin Taheri asked whether or not the good players are benched during blowout games and James said yes. Further discussion followed. Jolene suggested we should look at our mission statement but reminded the board that it was a travel team situation in a competitive tournament. Rev suggested that we table the discussion and moved that James Ewald meet with all the PeeWee coaches involved and give us an oral and written report for the next meeting. Roger Burns seconded. Discussion followed. Kim suggested it's not a PeeWee level issue that Jim is looking at but it's something for the board to look at. Kim also noted that every single team shortens the bench in every single game when needed. The vote was split with Kevin W., Kevin T., Mike, Todd and Roger voting for and Kim, James, Doug, Troy and Rev voting against. Jolene voted for the motion and was passed. Discussion followed regarding a motion needed to be made for the policy manual to be re-evaluated. Troy suggested that Jim look at the policy manual and bring it to the next meeting. Jim agreed.

The parents of a current player introduced themselves to the board. They stated that their son only goes to WAHL games and not travel tournaments. They asked why they are getting charged for travel dues if they are only on the

WAHL team. Discussion followed. Roger made a motion that the discussion be tabled and given to the member relations committee to further discuss. Discussion followed and Roger withdrew his motion. James Robinson moved that for this specific family only and this year only they will be released from any fees outside of WAHL fees. Roger seconded. The motion passed with Rev voting no.

### **President's Report**

Jolene mentioned that Josh Brown's father was killed in an automobile accident and the board did buy flowers for them.

Jolene congratulated the PeeWee team for winning the Hyland Cup. The Bantams got second place while the Squirts made it to the Semi-Finals. Roger noted that the U8's did a very good job at the Arvada tournament.

Jeannie Wolford, team representative for the Pee Wees, was present and wanted to discuss the expenses and how fundraising would work for the team to go to Canada. Jolene asked about the registration fees and Jeannie reported it was a \$1,025 fee for the team. She also noted then you add in plane tickets and hotels as additional costs. Jeannie expressed a concern about having to pay for everything out of pocket immediately and then have their account credited. Jolene read the minutes from last December's meeting regarding how the money which was raised was disbursed among the players. Discussion followed. James Robinson moved to allow Kim to write a check, based on the amount of money raised, to be written to a team hotel for the duration of the PeeWee team's stay with any leftovers be credited to the players accounts through the scholarship account. Kevin Taheri seconded. Discussion followed. The motion passed with Rev voting no.

Jolene reported Jamie Rupp and herself met with Brad Diller and Frank Mello regarding making Casper Hockey a club sport through high schools. Jolene said there was a positive response and noted it wouldn't be a Kelly Walsh team and a NCHS team. They would be together like club rodeo is. Jolene said there are some advantages as kids getting letters, having excused absences, tracking grades and attendance in school, a page in the yearbook, and improve organization/community relations. Jolene said she will be getting more information.

Jolene said WAHL State Tournament bids are due December 30<sup>th</sup>. Jolene and Kim stressed all teams need to make a bid.

Pee Wee and Girls – February 25-27  
Squirts & Midgets – March 4-6  
Bantams – March 15-16

Jolene mentioned a WAHL incident regarding two Pinedale players playing for Riverton. Riverton wanted to change the game with Casper to Pinedale. She noted the comments about the situation that were made did not make it to the commish site as Mark Lantz did not let it be posted.

Jolene had a coach ask about having Medical Kits on the bench during games but did note there is one behind the front counter at the Ice Arena. Jolene asked James to let all the coaches know where it is.

James Robinson discussed the fact of having James Ewald get certified through the American Red Cross to become a first aid instructor. Jolene said she talked to James about having Certified Athletic Trainers come in, meet with the coaches, and train them at no cost. She then discussed a situation at the Hyland Cup where a child was back-checked and went to the hospital in an ambulance. Jolene asked James to check the Medical Kit and make sure coaches know about it. She also requested he set a date for first aid training and have that date set before the Executive Board meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Kim reported that the biggest loss was through in-kind donation from the city which was \$12,880. We received \$19,000 last year. Kim also noted the city broke it down into categories.

Tournaments – 66 hours half price ice  
Player Development – 25 hours  
Team Wyoming Tryouts – 18 hours

State Tournaments – 25 hours

Kim noted we need to make a push for selling sponsorships this year due to the donation reduction from the city.

Kim reported there are two accounts that will be turned over to collections.

James Robinson moved we accept the financials as presented. Kevin Whitman seconded and the motion passed without dissent.

### **Finance Committee**

Jolene reported she has 50-60 cards that have been returned. She asks if anybody knows people who want to sell more to let her know. All thank you notes have been delivered except two.

Doug reported on the delivery of donuts and wreaths to sponsors. He also reported he is trying to get Tacos Mexico to purchase a dasher board.

### **Scholarship Committee**

Kevin reported there are two more players getting a scholarship. Kim reported that \$1,320 has been awarded plus the \$350 Stefilino scholarship.

### **Coaching Committee**

James reported all of the background checks are off to the state except for one coach. Rev will take care of getting that coach his background check completed. James also reported the Level 3 coaching clinic was going to be held at the Ramada. He believes three people were registered. But, he believed 3 or 4 more will attend.

Jolene asked James about sending out an email to all coaches about tobacco use. James said he did and is planning on sending another one to them and the men's league.

Jolene also noted that coaches have to be in the locker rooms with the players at all times. Kim stressed it isn't a CAHC rule anymore, it is now a USA Hockey rule.

### **Discipline Committee**

Jolene reported that the Discipline Committee has been working on the new Code of Conduct and was presented during the meeting. Jolene discussed the new parts and additions to the current policy. Discussion followed regarding when to set the new policy in place and which age group would be presented.

Kim moved the Midget team only receive the Code of Conduct being effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Kevin Taheri seconded and the motion failed with Kevin Taheri, Kim and Doug voting for.

Roger moved the new Code of Conduct be to the Girls, Pee Wee, Bantam & Midgets by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Rev amended the motion changing the date to January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Kevin Whitman seconded and the motion passed with Kim and Doug voting no.

Kevin Taheri moved we accept the new revised Code of Conduct and put into effect by 1/15/11 plus adding the phrase "probation and parole" when needed. Kevin Whitman seconded and the motion passed with no dissent.

Discussion followed regarding what would happen to players who do not sign the new player Code of Conduct. Kim moved that a player must sign the new player Code of Conduct by 1/15/11 or the player can no longer be on the ice for any CAHC activities. Kevin Taheri seconded and the motion passed with Rev voting no.

### **Bylaws and Policies Committee**

No report. Kim did refer to Jim Wetzel's topic of discussion from earlier in the night. Discussion followed.

### **Scheduling and Special Events Committee**

Kevin reported the ADM Model reps from USA Hockey will be here on February 25 – 27. On Saturday night there will be a social gathering. Kevin also reported they would like to have all statewide association presidents present during that weekend. Jolene suggested all U8 and Squirt coaches be present during these events.

Kevin then reported on the extravaganza. It will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Ramada. The Red White & Blue Tournament is that same weekend.

Saturday, April 16th

1:00 – Annual Meeting

5:00 – 7:00 – Cocktails & Mark Johnson

7:00 – 8:00 – Dinner

7:45 – 8:30 – Auction

8:30 – 9:00 – Speech

9:00 – 9:15 – Awards & Thank You's

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

4:00 – 6:00 – Awards & Dinner Banquet

Kevin suggested having a calendar completed in order for the board to know when and what needed to be done on specific dates throughout the year. Jolene asked that before the next meeting all committee chairs give Kevin information to place on the calendar.

### **Member Relations Committee**

No report.

### **Communications Committee**

Mike reported on the costs of a new website and what it will include. Kim moved the board purchase a new website for a one time set up fee of \$500 through hpGraphics Design along with a \$30 per month maintenance fee. Rev seconded and the motion passed with no dissent.

Discussion of sponsorship on the website followed. Kim moved to table the discussion of advertising until the next meeting. Kevin Taheri seconded and the motion passed with no dissent.

### **Goalkeepers**

Jennifer Wilson reported that their total income has been over \$4,900 dollars and net income is -\$39,000 but that is just due to the cost of the wreaths. She also reported that we ordered 200 less wreaths than last year and there are around 325 left looking at a \$5,000 loss right now.

Jennifer also commented on the hat-trick cards and how it may have affected overall wreath sales. She requested to suspend hat-trick cards during wreath sales. Jolene said sales are pretty much finished.

Jennifer asked Mike to update the goalkeepers page on the web site. Mike agreed.

### **Referee-In-Cheif**

No report.

### **Registration**

Jolene presented the report from Debi. Kim discussed some players who have not finalized their registrations and cannot be on the ice until everything is finished.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

Jolene mentioned that we need host families for the Goalie Camp.

Jolene noted that we need to heavily promote Senior Night for the Midget team.

The time for the next business meeting was set for January 6th at 6:30 at the Ice Arena.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Nighswonger, Secretary