

Casper Amateur Hockey Club

Board of Directors Meeting

Casper Ice Arena

November 4, 2010

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm with CAHA Vice President Erica Costello presiding. Additional members present were Kim Salveson, Kevin Whitman, Kevin Taheri, Troy Williamson, Roger Burns, Doug Floyd, James Robinson and Mike Nighswonger. Tracey Ewald and James Ewald were also present.

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

President's Report

Erica noted that Blu needs to know how many locker rooms are needed at each age level. It was suggested by James Ewald that the U8 A/B level does need two but the rest of the groups are ok with one.

The subject of tobacco use at the arena was discussed and introduced by Erica Costello. She noted not only are we seeing players using chewing tobacco but coaches and players in the men's league as well and it is not allowed. Kim suggested that James Ewald send out an email to all coaches about the no tobacco use policy. James agreed to do so.

Erica noted that at the Executive Committee meeting a decision was made regarding the allowance of Pee Wee guest players from other organizations to help form a team for the Hyland Cup. Erica said one player was out of Douglas and another was out of Sheridan.

Erica discussed the U8 tournament and what happened because of the players being so late to the game. There were also problems with the ice arena being open at the correct time. Roger noted that times were given to the players and parents, as well as emails were sent, and all of them should have known what time the games started and when to be at the ice arena. James Ewald did agree that plenty of notice was given ahead to the parents about game times. Erica mentioned that we need to make sure all players are on time so this situation does not happen again.

Kim discussed the 6th vs. 7th place game that was determined by vote at the last WAHA conference call. The problem lies in the Midget B and Girls divisions that there were too many teams to fill the spots for state. Kim mentioned that Laramie introduced the proposal. This game would be a "play in" game at an undetermined location with the winner qualifying for the state tournament. Kim noted that Casper Squirt age rep voted against it and the Casper Midget age rep voted for it while Debi Collins was not on the call and didn't vote.

Treasurer's Report

Kim mentioned that the club was awarded a potential \$3,000 from the Casper Area Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Kim also noted that she spoke with Pete Myers about in-kind assistance from the City of Casper. She said they were not fond of the size of donation we were asking for. She guesses we should expect half of what we received last year. We received 180 hours of in-kind ice last year. Kim noted this will effect our hockey bills significantly. It was noted that Blu had discussion with Pete Myers and he had a very pro hockey stance towards answering those questions. Kim made a motion that every WAHL player be assessed \$125 and every travel team player \$150. Kevin Taheri seconded. Discussion followed from Troy about how teams with both players and how they will be assessed. A vote was held and the motion passed without dissent.

Kim also discussed outstanding balances we had and that some of them have been paid. The ones that have not been paid will have to be sent to collections.

It was discussed how much to assess the U8 players for extra ice. Kim suggested we discuss the matter further until March. Kim made a motion that we do not assess the U8 group anything until March. Roger Burns seconded and the motion passed without dissent.

Kim discussed the policy manual regarding the reimbursement of fees when paying for coaching clinics. Austin Lee, who is the head coach of the Midget B team turned in his fee schedule. Discussion followed regarding the mileage and whether the expenses were pre-approved. Roger moved we approve the expenses and reimburse Austin Lee all costs except for mileage, which ½ would be reimbursed to him. Kim seconded and the motion was passed without dissent.

Finance Committee Report

Erica mentioned that Jolene was thinking of ordering additional Hat Trick cards if needed depending on what is returned. Jolene asked for the boards advice on ordering more. Kevin Whitman didn't think we should order more because wreaths sales will soon start and Kim noted we need to keep the demand up for them. Kim made the motion that we do not order any additional Hat Trick cards for this season. Kevin Whitman seconded and the motion was passed without dissent.

Erica said Jolene will be getting 14 thank you cards for sponsors and Kim said for her to just turn in her expenses.

Donuts will soon be distributed to sponsors. Mike will print up stickers and get with everyone to give to them.

Scholarship Committee

Kevin reported that all letters had been sent and two more requests came in at that time. The Tom Stefilino Scholarship was awarded to Cecelia Laughon for a total of \$350. The two others, Kylie Campbell and Seth McCollugh will each be awarded \$100 each. The total amount of scholarships given out this year was \$1,325 plus \$350 for the Tom Stefilino scholarship.

Coaching Committee

James reported that about 75% of coaching background checks have been completed. Some referees and team managers still need to be finished.

James reported that the skill testing has been done and all that is left to do is compiling data.

James noted that there was a decent turnout for the Level One and Level Two coaching clinics. Level Three will be held December 4th. Mike will see if we can use the RE/MAX The Group conference room. Erica said she will ask Todd Hammond if we can use it for the clinic if RE/MAX won't work.

Kim recognized the amount of hard work Debi has done as registrar.

James also reported that there was a Squirt parent that emailed him regarding house games and the use of score sheets at the games. It was the first game and the sheets were not used. The concern was not being able to keep track of first time goals, assists, playmakers, etc. They will be used immediately for the rest of the season.

Discipline Committee

Debi was not present but presented a letter discussing the work the committee was doing and that there will be something available by the December meeting.

Bylaws and Policies Committee

No report.

Scheduling and Special Events Committee

Kevin reported that Mark Johnson, a member of the 1980 Olympic Team and a coach for the women's Olympic Team will be the guest speaker for the Hockey Extravaganza. Kevin reported that the event will possibly be held at the Ramkota.

Erica discussed the lack of teams for the Squirt Travel Tournament and how unfortunate it is. Mike noted it has been very hard trying to get teams in because of either lack of ice for some teams, other teams not having tryouts yet, or other larger tournaments being held in Colorado.

Member Relations Committee

Erica requested that she needs information for the newsletter to get finished and out.

Communications Committee

Mike reported that we are getting prices for a new website. He said we do have a preliminary cost for a very fancy website that will elevate the web presence for the club. It is a \$500 set-up fee with a \$30 per month maintenance fee. Mike reported that Tracey said the maintenance fee right now for our website is \$40 per month. Mike mentioned he has to further look into server costs and hosting fees. He also said he will send out some links to the board members on examples of the website. Kim had a concern about the new website designer being responsive and getting things completed when needed. Mike answered with his previous experience and how well it has worked. Kevin Whitman mentioned we need to find a sponsor to put on the bottom of the website in a banner ad to help pay for the cost of the website. The board gave Mike the go-ahead to further pursue the development and cost of getting a new website.

Goalkeepers

Angie Smith reported on wreaths and when they were coming in. A flyer will be emailed and given to all age reps regarding this information. The wreaths will stay at \$20 and skaters will receive the same amount as previous years. Angie also noted that new members were elected.

President: Cory Lynn Whitman
Vice President: Angie Smith
Secretary: Jamie Bjorklund
Treasurer: Jennifer Wilson

Referee-In-Cheif

Troy reported there was a good turnout for the referee clinic that was held.

Registration

Debi handed out the report of all registered skaters. Kevin commented on the increasing amount of new U8 skaters.

James Robinson was asked by a Midget B parent about separating out costs for WAHL and Travel players. Kim explained the different billing situations and how they apply to different age groups.

Debi reported that we have 198 new skaters this year which is up from last year. Erica thanked Debi for all her hard work with registration.

Unfinished Business

Erica asked if the Midget jersey's have come in yet. Debi reported they are coming in slowly and are being printed as fast as they can. Some red jerseys will not be in until next month. Kim asked if we can order several jerseys at a time this year in order to be ready for next year.

New Business

Debi reported that Senior rings have been ordered.

Kim mentioned that there was a suggestion that instead of handing out the rings at the awards banquet, they be handed out at senior night.

Debi reported that a situation has come up in the state in regards to registration and team rosters. There are 21 PeeWee players in Gillette who want to be rostered and the request was sent to roster all of them for WAHL. Debi noted USA Hockey said it's ok if John Colter will sign off on it. Discussion followed.

Angie Smith reported that she was approached by the President of the Casper Swim Club. He was looking for a contact person for the CAHC Board. Angie discussed the idea they had about the Casper Swim Club wanting to build a new pool. They have been conducting research and have found it is easier to build Swimming Pools and Ice Arenas together. Kevin Whitman commented that if you do not have capital you only have an idea and the problem is we would need a large amount of money to even begin the process. Kevin also commented we are not against it, but raising the capital is the problem. Erica suggested to Angie to attend the Casper Swim Club's board meeting and to report back at our next meeting.

Doug commented about the upcoming Goalie Camp. He said Curtis Shultz and Kenny Ainsworth from the UW hockey team will be teaching it.

The time for the next business meeting was set for December 2nd at 6:30 at the Ice Arena.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Nighswonger, Secretary