

Casper Amateur Hockey Club

Board of Directors Meeting

October 4, 2012

Sky Box

Attendance: Darin Myers, James Bardgett, James Ewald, Jim Wetzels, Kevin Taheri, Kevin Whitman, Marvin Rone, Stephanie Means, Ti Brooks Guest: Jamie Rupp

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm.

Marvin Rone made a motion to accept the September minutes as written, it was seconded by Darin Myers, motion passed.

President's Report

A. WAHL dates/locations age groups: WAHL schedule has been posted on the WAHL website. Casper does not have a WAHL team at the Squirt or Bantam age levels.

B. WAHL State Bids: Since CAHC has ice time available the weekend of state tournaments for Midget and Peewee's, those teams need to put in a bid for state.

C. Goalie Coach (Kenny Ainsworth): Kenny was out of town, therefore unable to give a report. However, there was a proposal read on Kenny's behalf, which included discussion points about hosting goalie clinics and time set aside for each age level. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Kevin Taheri to accept proposal, it was seconded by Jim Wetzels, with the stipulation that it include possible clinic dates and fees.

D. Football Frenzy: Jamie Rupp reported that there had been 1,030 Football Frenzy tickets sold. After expenses, CAHC would see a profit in the \$5,570 range, which is double from last year.

E. Girls Hockey: Jamie Rupp reported that the girls team is upset over ice time and had requested more information on how/why ice times are divided up. Kevin Whitman sent an email to the girls' team explaining the process. It was decided that the girls' team would start skating on Sunday evenings with one of the travel teams (6:15-7:00). It was pointed out that over the past couple years the board has tried to do specific things for the girls team, i.e. girls team had 2 hours of ice time this year for tryouts- did not have that last year, brought in Mark Johnson, a girls hockey coach at the collegiate level. It was also stated that ice time is scheduled, in part, on enrollment. The goal is to give all teams ample ice time, but it doesn't always work out, despite best intentions. While it is not the board's "job" to go out and find players for any team, it was felt that there could be more promotion for girls' hockey at various activities in our town. i.e. bill boards. flyers at schools, self promotion at younger age levels (helping U8's)

F. Update on AAU League: Stephanie Means reported for Jolene Whitley that the following things would be taking place with regards to the Colorado League:

- Squirts will not be playing Martin Luther King weekend, but the 1st weekend in February instead.
- PeeWee's and Bantams have 4 teams coming to our weekend in October
- At the Midget level, Jackson is not playing in the CO league

Again it was stressed that this is a growing year for the AAU league and there are going to be growing pains and things are going to be challenging for a while. It was also restated that the focus on the CO league is to provide a higher level of competition and more ice time for our skaters, but it was acknowledged that the goal might not be met this year. It was expressed that CAHC jumped on board before the league was completely established, and that may not be in the clubs best interest.

G. ADM Clinic, Spearfish 10-05-12: It was reported that James Ewald, Tanya Kourt and Kevin Whitman would be attending the clinic. WAHA is paying the expenses for Tanya, CAHC is paying the expenses for James Ewald. There was a discussion regarding whom, if anyone would cover the expenses of Kevin Whitman.

A motion was made by Jim Wetzel that CAHC pay for the expenses for Kevin W, Darin Myers seconded this motion and it passed.

H. Board meeting rules/etiquette: A discussion was held about general meeting expectation and etiquette. It has been pointed out that the meetings are often off topic, disrespectful to those who have the floor and to many side bar conversations. All board members were emailed a copy of meeting etiquette guidelines. It was also pointed out that the majority of our work should be done within the assigned committees, not every subject is to be discussed and debated at the monthly board meeting. Our club needs to get back to utilizing our committees and present items when they are ready to be voted on.

I. Treasurer's Report: It was reported that our bookkeeper is working on posting Football Frenzy credits to our skaters, no statements will be sent until that is completed. Requests are starting to come in for tournament fees.

Marvin Rone made a motion to accept the report as given, James Bargett seconded it, the motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports

1. **Finance:** There are still a few outstanding balances, but significantly less than years previous.
2. **Scholarship:** There have been 3 applications submitted, The committee chair, Darin Myers, asked for clarification on how scholarships were given out and how much funds families are usually given. It was explained that it is up to that committee to decide but to look at the following items when making the decisions: were fund raising opportunities taken advantage of, do the

parents try and volunteer when the club is in need of assistance at tournaments etc. A suggestion was made that the committee this year come up with a general outline of how funds are dispensed.

3. **Coaching Committee:** The issue of “locker room 6” was brought back to the board to discuss. The ice arena manger, Blu Mcgrath, does not want CAHC or the coaches using locker room 6 without paying a fee. In past seasons coaches used this room for storing items such as water bottle’s dry erase boards, skates etc. Blu feel that it has been left a mess and is upset that his staff has to clean it. He wants CAHC to “rent” the room for the season.

Marvin Rone made a motion to propose a rental fee of \$300 a season for locker room 6 for CAHC coaches to use. Kevin Taheri seconded the motion, it failed.

There is a second year Bantam player who would like to cross roster and play with the Midget B team as well this season.

Kevin Taheri made a motion to allow this skater to cross roster as long as the procedure is followed that has been outlined on the CAHC Policy Manual, Darin Myers seconded the motion, it passed.

Coaches were asked to return any med kits that they may still have so that they can be restocked and redistributed among this year’s coaches. It was reported that a girls coach has been secured, the Midget B assistant coach had to resign due to scheduling conflicts with his job and practice times. Logan Coffman, a former CAHC player will step in and help with that team. It was also asked that phone numbers for coaches and other club members not be shared with out direct permission from all parties. It has been reported that an evaluator during try outs is now being harassed by parents for their skater not making the “A” team in their age division.

It was reported that a request had been made by a former CAHC head coach to read a letter to the board regarding a possible conflict of interest issue that has risen at the Bantam level between a goalie family and this years head coach. Kevin Taheri gave a brief overview of that goalie/coaching/parent issue and reported that it was being handed over to the coaching committee for review. Board members were given the opportunity to read the letter, and the coach mentioned in that letter gave his side to the story. The coaching committee will meet, discuss and investigate the issue, then report back to the board with its findings at the Nov. meeting.

Marvin Rone reported there are some hard feelings at the Bantam age level regarding the Casper First policy adopted by the CAHC Board. He has volunteered to speak with the families and report back to the board in Nov.

4. **Discipline:** Nothing to report
5. **Bylaws/Policies:** Joining New League (Dates), Casper first WAHL policy?
6. **Ice Scheduling and Special Events:** Nothing to report
7. **Member Relations:** Stephanie Means reported that the new CAHC handbook has been completed. All board members were emailed a copy and asked to read it and report back with suggestions/comments. After a short discussion it was asked that the new handbook replace the old version on the website. Ti Brooks, will send that to the Webmaster to be updated. It was also reported that there would be hospitality rooms for all WAHL and CO league weekends.
8. **Communication:** Ti Brooks reported that she has been in contact with the Webmaster and has sent all the website updates and asked for them to be completed. It was also reported that the Webmaster had been ill and there were some items that did not make it to the website on time. There was discussion about how the CAHC facebook page was being updated, it was reported the Kevin Whitman has been posting items, not the secretary.

Marvin Rone reported that he has been working with Superior Signs trying to get all the new banners and dasher boards printed so they can be installed at the ice arena. He did state he is having a hard time getting them to finish the job. Superior Signs is not paid for making the banners/dashers; CAHC has a work agreement with them in exchange for Superior Sign banner being placed at the rink at no cost.

Marvin volunteered to contact Beartooth Photography and get things started for team pictures for the 2012/13 season. He will give Beartooth a list of age reps and their contact information. It will then be up to the age reps and Beartooth to set a time for pictures.

K. **Goalkeepers:** Goalkeepers would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the hockey swap. There were 22 families who donated items. A total of \$843.25 worth of items were sold, goalkeepers get 10% of the total sales. Expenses were \$30 (pizza for volunteers) profit was \$22.22. It was also reported that goalkeepers did purchase \$99 worth of items at the swap. Also, there were as many equipment rentals this year, but new skaters are still coming in.

L. **Referee in Chief:** CAHC is still in need of more referees for WAHL and for the Squirt level. The referees for Squirts have to be endorsed with AAU.

N. **Registration:** Nothing to report

N. Unfinished Business: There have been a few board members who object to having their pictures posted on the internet/website. Instead board members pictures will be placed on the bulletin board at the ice arena. The goal is to help make the board more recognizable to the membership. It was also reported that Tanya has registered with pointstreak.

New business

Goalie reduced fees: There was a short discussion about reducing goalie fees starting next season. This was tabled for the time being and will be addressed again at a later time.

Skybox use: Blu had requested that CAHC try and schedule use of the skybox with the front desk. There have been a couple times when CACH has been using the skybox area and the ice arena staff was unaware of it. It was pointed out that CAHC did raise the money to build the skybox and the original purpose was for club/hockey use.

Mini-Mite/Mite opportunity with the Colorado Eagles: Kevin Whitman received an email from the CO. Eagles stating that in order for the kids to skate with the Eagle players, a minimum of 50 tickets must be purchased, the kids get 15 minutes on the ice and the only night available happens to be when the CAHC skaters have a game.

November Meeting: The next meeting will be Thursday November 1st at 6:30pm in the skybox.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:33pm