

# Casper Amateur Hockey Club

## Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday November 1, 2012  
Casper Ice Arena

**Attendance:** *Angie Donelan, James Bargett, James Ewald, James Wetzel, Jolene Whitley, Kevin Whitman, Marvin Rone, Stephanine Means, Tanya Kourt, Ti Brooks*

**Guest:** *Blu Mcgrath, Liz Anderson, Jen & Steve Freel, Jamie Shopp.*

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:42.

*Jolene Whitley made a motion to accept the October minutes with the correction to Football Frenzy profit, it was seconded by James Bargett. The motion passed.*

### I. President's Report

- a) **WAHL State Bids:** It was reported that both Midget A & B, along with the PeeWee's submitted bids for State. Results will be announced in November.
- b) **Referee fees:** A request was made to look at the policy for the 4 man vs. 3 man refereeing system and how it is paid for. After a review by Roger Burns, the Referee in Chief, it was reported that ½ the fees are absorbed by CAHC and ½ the fee is charged to the team. Roger further explained that there is not a specific policy that requires a 4 -man system at the Midge level. It was advised that we use it when we feel its necessary.
- c) **ADM Clinic Spearfish SD:** Tanya Kourt reported that the ADM Clinic in South Dakota was very informative and well worth the time. She was impressed with the speaker who spoke about the different stages of hockey development, which include: training on and off the ice, rewarding hard work, not just wins, how to teach kids to loose gracefully and how to deal with distractions. Other subjects that were discussed were: standing up to bullies in the group, whether it be kids or adults, setting expectations and standards at each age level, and recognizing that kids develop at different rates and stages.
- d) **Pointstreak:** Tanya reported that data (rosters) is supposed to be placed in Pointstreak a minimum of 10 days prior to games or there could be a fine. Team's need to be aware of these deadlines and make sure their information is to Tanya in a timely manor.
- e) **Board meeting rules/etiquette:** Kevin Whitman reported that he meant to bring copies of the Board meeting Etiquette for everyone to have, but forgot them at home. He referred everyone to his email that had the same material as an attachment.
- f) **Update on AAU League:** Jolene Whitley reported that she had had a meeting with Andy from CO on Saturday Oct. 28th. There was a discussion held regarding the situation where some teams from CO did not show up for the 1<sup>st</sup> home weekend in Casper. It was also reported that the Renegades Organization was upset with Evolution and Big Bear for not attending that Casper weekend. It was also reported that there is organized advertising currently running in CO ( Mile High Super Series) that is helping create interest for the new league. There have been inquires made from various CO teams asking for more information on this league. Squirts completed their first weekend for the AAU league and parents were asked to share their positive and negative thoughts regarding the weekend. Some of the positives were: Lots of games, Good competition, Kids progressed with each game. Negatives: Casper being scheduled for late day games when we have to drive 5 hours home, Referee's not showing up at a game, Felt unwelcome from other teams/parents, Some competition was to high for our kids.

An email from Kevin Taheri was shared with the board, which expressed his concern that CAHC has been lied to and that the CO League has broken the contract with us. When CAHC committed to the league we were told there were 3 teams at the B level, 2 at the C level at the Squirt level. We were also told that Jackson was committed to the league as well. After speaking to members of the Jackson hockey organization, Kevin found out that they had never intended to join the CO league and were not involved in talks with them.

There were several parents from the Squirt age group at the board meeting to share their feeling in regards to the CO league. Below are a few of the comments shared with the board.

- Parents and coaching staff want to continue with the CO league.
- A commitment was made to try this CO league for one year. We should stick with that decision and see how it turns out. If it is a failure, then we don't return next year.
- Even though the team (squirts) lost every game, the kids had a great time and learned from the experience.
- Since 2 teams from CO no-showed to our hosting weekend, will the Squirts have a discounted rate for 2 tournaments in CO?
- Casper tends to be out raged when we loose, but there isn't the same out rage when we blow other teams out of the water... why?
- We cannot put adult concerns on the kids shoulders and pull out of the league, the kids are excited about this league and we need to find a solution to the issues at hand

There was a Squirt parent meeting held on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, it was reported that 10 of the 14 families attended this meeting, the main focus of this meeting was to discuss the CO league, whether Casper Squirts continue after the CO teams no-showing. It appeared that the majority of the parents want to continue, but there appears to be some resistance from a few families. The following motion was then proposed:

*Jim Wetzel proposed that the public relations committee work with each age group affected by the CO league and find out how they want to proceed. The decision will be based on what the majority of the parents want. Marvin Rone seconded the motion, and it passed.*

- II. **Treasurer's Report:** Stephanie Means reported that so far there are not very many in coming bills for the club so our balance is pretty high. She also reported that there is In-kind ice approval of \$15,122.50 and refereeing amount of 4,555.56. There are a number of families who have not paid the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> installment of hockey fees and there will be list generated by the Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of who will still owe registration fees at that point. It was reported that there are still 2 skaters who own fee's from last season and are currently skating.

*Roger Burns made a motion to accept the Treasurers report as given, Marvin Rone seconded the motion, and it passed.*

### III. Standing Committee Reports

- A. **Finance:** A motion was made by Jolene Whitley to send out a Nov. bill that would include the first installments for WAHL (\$125) and Travel (\$150) with a February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for payment. Marvin Rone seconded the motion and it passed.
- B. **Scholarship:** Darin Myers reported that 3 scholarship applications have been turned in and all 3 were granted scholarships ranging from \$200-\$300.
- C. **Coaching Committee:** It was reported that there are several B teams who are interested in attending the Squirts in-house tournament, but the concern expressed by some of the teams is that Casper allows travel players to play on the in house teams. There were several key discussion points which include, but not limited to the following: having "travel" players on a in house (B/C) tournament causes issues every year, parents of non travel skaters have to step up and organize the event, there are times this has been an issue. Big concern that other teams will not come back to Casper if we continue to allow, "travel players" to skate in the in house (B/C) events.

*Jolene Whitley made a motion that if numbers allow, travel team players are not allowed to participate in the B/C Peewee/Squirt tournament. Marvin Rone seconded this motion and it passed.*

It was reported that the Med Kits are being distributed to the coaches. Also the Systems Manual looks good over all. There was a short discussion held regarding what the kids should know and what skills they should have before they leave an age group.

James Ewald reported that he met with the parents of a Bantam skater regarding an earlier complaint with coaching and placement of their child for the 2012/2013 season. It was reported that the family has decided to take the season off and see where they are next year.

A concern was expressed with the cross roster policy and the wording. There is a concern that with the current wording one person can stop the desire to cross roster a player. A request was made for Policy/Bylaws Committee to look at the wording again.

D. **Discipline:** Nothing to report

E. **Bylaws/Policies:** There was a suggestion for the Bylaws/Policy committee to consider adding emails/electronic communications to the 24-hour wait period that is already outlined.

F. **Ice Scheduling and Special Events:** The planning committee for the Extravaganza will meet Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> everyone is encouraged to attend, this committee has lost numbers over the past year.

G. **Member Relations:** Jolene Whitley reported that there is a need to assign teams to host the hospitality room each WAHL/CO weekend. Often times there is miscommunication as to who are the hosting teams on these weekends. There was also a short discussion on whether or not to continue having a hospitality room each WAHL/ Tournament weekend. It was the over all feeling of the board to have a smaller hospitality room on WAHL weekends, than tournament weekends. Often times for WAHL weekends, there are a small number of teams who benefit from the room. The following is the hosting schedule for the remainder of the season:

*11/17: Girls*

*1/12: PeeWee*

*2/2: Girls*

*2/9: PeeWee*

*11/18: Midget B*

*1/13: Midget A*

*2/3: Midget A*

*2/10: Midget B*

H. **Communication:** Ti Brooks reported that the website has been updated with information sent to her. She asked that others take a look at the site and let her know of any thing they see needs addressed.

Marvin Rone reported that he has been in contact with Superior Sign regarding the new banners and dasher boards. Superior Signs were at the ice arena with the new dashers and tried to install them. Unfortunately, they were not able to complete the job. Blu McGrath, ice arena manager, wants a specific plastic over lay to be used, which had to be ordered. Currently there are 2 dasher boards waiting to be put up, and 2 dasher boards that are being finished by Superior Signs. The banner for Charlie and Jamie Shopp will stay up until their dasher board is installed and there are 2 more door dasher spaces available.

I. **Referee in Chief:** Nothing to report

J. **Registration:** Douglas no longer has a PeeWee team and CAHC has picked up a couple players from that team.

IV. **Unfinished Business:** It was decided that pictures of the CAHC Board will only be posted on the bulletin board in the ice arena and not on the website. Marvin Rone reported that he was able to get Beartooth Photography set up with the team managers. It as also reported that Beartooth prefers doing action shots, not team photos. We may need to look at a different photographer for team pictures next season.

**Goalie gear and reduced fees for goalies:** This is being sent to the coaching committee and they will report back with their findings.

V. **New business**

a) Skybox use: A request was made by Blu McGrath that CAHC reserve the Skybox when ever we need to use it. This isn't always done and it creates confusion for the ice arena staff.

b) December meeting: Thursday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 in the skybox

VI. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.