

Casper Amateur Hockey Club Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday December 6, 2012
Casper Ice Arena

Attendance: Angie Donelan, Corrie Lyn Whitman, Darin Myers, James Bargett, James Ewald, Jim Wetzel, Jolene Whitley, Kevin Whitman, Marvin Rone, Stephanie Means, Tanya Kourt, Ti Brooks

Guests: David?, Dianne?, Jamie Shopp, Serenity Thompson, and Steve Freel.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm.

Jolene Whitley made a motion to accept the November minutes with corrections. Jim Wetzel seconded the motion, and it passed.

I. President's Report

Tournament fundraising/Donations: Kevin Whitman, President, asked for the policy regarding fundraising/donations to be read. A discussion then ensued regarding a letter that had been sent from one of the CAHC age groups to area businesses. This letter had upset a long time supporter of CAHC, who then contacted the executive board. The question was asked if it was the content of the letter that was the issue, or if it was because the letter was a donation letter? Dianne ?, from the squirt team, and the author of the above-mentioned letter, came to the board asking for clarification on the policy. There seems to be different interpretations of this policy. Some feel donation is in reference to items, and fundraising is money, others feel donation and fundraising is the same thing. It was recommended that the Policy Committee look at this policy and revise if necessary. Dianne also asked the board for permission to request a cash donation from the company her husband works for, to be used for the Squirt team awards.

Jim Wetzel made a motion to allow the Squirt team (Dianne ?) to request a cash donation from Chemical Resources, her husband employer, to be used for tournament awards and prizes. Angie Donelan seconded the motion, and it passed.

- a) **Pee-Wee Silver Stick:** Congratulations to the Pee Wee team for winning the Silver Stick tournament in Colorado over Thanksgiving weekend. The team will be headed to Canada in January to compete in that tournament.

Jamie Shopp and David ?, representatives of the Pee Wee team were guests at the board meeting asking for guidance and clarification on what they can and cannot do to try and help raise funds for the team to travel to Canada. They also requested that CAHC match what the team raises. It was reported that the registration fee for this event is \$1195. That amount does not include airfare, meals or other expenses that will occur with this type of tournament. Discussion points included, but not limited to the following:

- Historically age groups have not been allowed to ask current sponsors for monetary funds or donations that would go to a specific group.
- Funds have to go through CAHC for tax reasons
- Why do we (CAHC) have teams play in CO every year at the Silver Stick qualifying tournament, if we (CAHC) don't want to allow these teams the flexibility to earn the funds to attend the championship in Canada?
- If I, as a business owner, buy a dasher board, does the current policy mean that I cannot donate money or other items to a team if I choose too?
- The club should allow each age group the flexibility to fundraise for specific events (like the Silver Stick Tournament) and the ideas for such fundraising be approved by the Communication Committee. This would ensure that policies are followed and would help to not cause undue competition between age groups.
- The way the current policy is written, teams are not allowed to solicit funds, the policy will need to be looked at and possibly changed.
- What would stop any team from asking for donations for every event? (i.e. WAHL weekends)
- There should be a blanket policy (i.e. if a team is fundraising the funds go through the club and it is a 90/10 split. 90% to the team for the event, 10% to the club)

Darin Myers made a motion to approve the Pee Wee's request to do fundraising for the Silver Stick Tournament. Marvin Rone seconded it, and it passed.

The following were discussion points specific to the Pee Wee fundraising motion.

- Pee Wee's are allowed to send a team picture and letter outlining their achievement to our current sponsors. This is meant to inform our current sponsors of how their funds have already helped the club/skaters.
- Can parents be reimbursed for flights/hotels if enough funds are raised?
- Credit can be issued to hockey bills and reimbursements can be issued IF receipts turned in.
- The question of, will the board will match the funds raised by the Pee Wee team was tabled, and will be looked at again before billing for this tournament is assessed.
- One member asked, "how long can a non-profit have a balance in the books before they are no longer a non-profit?"

- b) **U8 CD & Girls Sunday Night Practice:** There has been some discussion among the general membership of how the ice fees for Sunday practices are going to be billed. Currently the girl's team and the U8 C/D team share that ice time. It was discussed and voted on at a pervious board meeting that the girls team would be allowed to share the Sunday night ice time with that U8 team, because the girls were short on practice times. There were several discussion points covered and it came down to the fact that the girls team was shorted practice time at the start of the season, the Sunday evening practice time is a compromise that has not negatively effected either the girls or U8 team.

Marvin Rone made a motion that the girl's team does NOT have to pay for the Sunday evening ice time. Jim Wetzel seconded the motion, and it passed.

- c) **First Interstate Bank:** It was reported that First Interstate Bank requires a letter from the club to continue being sponsor. Once the letter of request has been sent and the bank approves another year of sponsorship, there are papers that need to be singed at the bank.
- d) There is a family who has two children playing with CAHC this year. One child is hurt and has not been on the ice in 6 weeks and will not be able to return to the ice this year. He asked that if the funds he has paid for the injured child be transferred to his other child's account.

Kevin Taheri made a motion to transfer the funds from the injured skaters account to his brother's account. Angie Donelan seconded it, ad the motion passed.

- II. **Treasurer's Report:** Stephanie Means reported that CAHC has paid out \$19,900 in ice times so far, but that balance will increase to roughly \$50,000 by the end of the season. There was not a printed copy of the balance sheet available at the time of the meeting. It was also reported that the initial WAHL (\$125) and Travel Fees (\$150) have been assessed and those bills have been mailed out. There is a concern that several families who are on the payment plan option (registration fees) have not made the 2nd or 3rd payment yet. The registration fees are due in January.

Jolene Whitley made a motion to accept the Treasures report as given. Marvin Rone seconded it, and it passed.

III. Standing Committee Reports

- A. **Finance:** It was reported that the \$1000 team credit for the CO league has not been applied to the Affected teams. Those adjustments will be made at a later date. There was a recommendation made that the finance committee and the communication committee work together and build a FAQ sheet on how items are billed, the due dates, and why items billed at certain times.
- B. **Scholarship:** Darin Myers reported that the scholarship committee approved two scholarships for the full registration amounts. He also reported that the winner of the Staffilino Scholarship has not been chosen and will be announced at the next meeting.
- C. **Coaching:** Kevin Taheri reported that Coaching Committee met and discussed several issues. First, it is the feeling of the coaching committee that fees not be reused for goalies. Goalie families are welcome, and encouraged to apply for scholarships. They feel it is not in the best interest of the club to reduce fees for a select group of players. The

subject of purchasing goalie equipment for the club/players was also discussed, but it was determined that there is no place to store the equipment. The recommendation is equipment is purchased on a case-by-case basis. It was also reported that Brittney would be moved into the head coaching position for the girl's team, with Ellie and Erick assisting her. At the midget level it was decided that Peyton Wetzel will be cross-roster to play back up goal for the Midget B. Ben Dainels, the current Midget B goalie will be cross-roster for the Midget A team. The level 3 coaching clinic has been scheduled for December 15th at 8:30am at the ice arena.

- D. **Discipline:** A short discussion was held regarding how to handle parent behavior issues. This subject was tabled and will be looked at again. It was suggested that the board act quickly and not allow parent behaviors to be "swept under the rug."
- E. **Bylaws/Policies:** Nothing to report, but this committee was asked to look at the sponsor/donation policy and possible amendments to the current one. They were asked to report back by the February meeting.
- F. **Ice Scheduling and Special Events:** Jolene Whitley reported that the Extravaganza date has been set for April 6th at the Ramkota Hotel. She will be meeting with the event planner on December 7th to go over food options. The yearly awards banquet is scheduled for April 7th at the Country Club. It will begin immediately after the CAHC annual meeting. All board members have been asked to try and find a sponsor for the extravaganza. Kevin Whitman asked for nominations for the Hall of Fame be emailed to him, and he will compile the list of those nominated.
- G. **Member Relations:** Senior Nigh has been scheduled for February 9th. More information will be available at the January meeting.
- H. **Communication:** Envision Electric is the winner of the dasher board from last year's Hockey Extravaganza and it was reported that a member of CAHC is checking with Superior Signs on the status of their board.

IV. **Goalkeepers:** Corrie Lyn reported that all 2000 wreaths have been checked out and there is a waiting list for members who need more. As wreaths are returned, members from that list will be called. Wreath money is due on Friday Dec. 14th and the credit list will be submitted to the bookkeeper in January. Angie Donelan volunteered to help deliver wreaths to the clubs sponsors.

V. **Referee in Chief:** A report was not available.

VI. **Registration:** There are currently 199 skaters registered with CAHC

VII. **Unfinished Business:** Nothing to report

VIII. New business

- a) **Goalie camp over the holiday break:** Kenny Ainsworth, the clubs goalie coach is interested in having a goalie camp over the holiday break. However, a member of the Coaching committee needs to check with the city about getting the ice time donated. A small fee will be charged to each goalie who attends.
- b) **U8 vs. Firefighters/food drive:** James Bargett is working with the Salvation Army on hosting a food drive with our U8/Firefighter hockey game. There was a short discussion of holding the food drive the same weekend as the Extravaganza. There was not a decision made on the date of the event.
- c) **Injuries:** Jim Wetzel is concerned about the high number of injuries we are seeing this year. He feels we may need to look at how Pee Wee's are coached in taking hits. He feels players may not be ready for the hitting at the Bantam level and this may be leading to an increase of the injuries we are seeing. He also suggested that the age reps report all injuries to the Coaching Coordinating. He also inquired if we (CAHC) have any type of policy or require any type of documentation for a player to return to the ice after a head injury. If the club does not have such a requirement, he feels the policy/bylaws should look at creating one.
- d) **Tournaments keep same name & logo every year:** The idea was brought to the board to have each age level keep the same logo and tournament name each year. There tends to be a lot of time and effort used each year to come up with a name and logo for tournaments that are held each year. There were mixed feelings on this idea, and it was tabled for the time being. There was a short discussion held about the possibility of the club giving each age group

\$200 to be used for items (i.e. hospitality room, awards etc). These funds were be used at tournament weekends only, not WAHL weekends. This subject was tabled for the time being.

- e) **Guest:** A parent of a squirt skater attended the board meeting inquiring why the option to play WAHL was not offered at the squirt level. An over view of how the board came to the decision of playing squirts in the CO league was explained to the parent and it they were informed that at the end of the season, a parent meeting would be held and see where the majority of interest lies, Co or WAHL.

f) January Meeting 01/03/13

IX. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm