

**Casper Amateur Hockey
Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Fire Rock

*Attendance: Corrie Lyn Whitman, David Kaczorowski, James Bargett,
James Ewald, Jim Wetzel, Jolene Whitley, Kevin Taheri, Kevin Whitman, Kim Salveson,
Marvin Rone, Rev Morton, Stephanie Means, Ti Brooks, Troy Williamson*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Approval of February Minutes: *A motion was made by Rev Morton to accept the February minutes as written, Kevin Taheri seconded it, and the motion passed.*

Approval of November Minutes: *A motion was made by Kim Salveson to accept the meeting minutes from November 2011, Rev Morton seconded it, motion passed.*

I. President's Report:

1) **New Board Member:** *A motion was made by Kevin Taheri that Darin Myers be asked to be the replacement for a board member who resigned February. Kim Salveson seconded the motion and it passed. An invitation will be extended to Darin by the president.*

2) **Congrats 2 All State Players:** *Congratulations to the following Midget players who were named as 2011-2012 All State Players: Midget West- Tom Rupp, Austin Williamson, Midget East- Brady Griffin, Logan Rozel.*

3) **Congrats State Champs:** *Congratulations to the Pee wee West team for winning the 2011-2012 State Championship. Also congratulations go out to all the teams this year for another great season of hockey. A great big "Thank you" goes to James Bargett. He stepped in and helped coach another team at state when there was a coach who was unable to finish the tournament.*

4) **Guest speaker Eric Marvel:** *Eric was a guest who spoke to the CAHC Board regarding the desire to start a men's tournament to be held each year in March. There is a possibility it could be called the "Bill Ryan Memorial Scholarship Tournament." There are 3 teams committed to attending this year's tournament and several half teams interested in attending. It was reported that this year is a "learning" year and it may take until next year to get all the bugs worked out and everything lined up to have a full tournament. There was a discussion held about if the men's league was a part of CAHC and what role CAHC would play in the tournament. It was the feeling of the*

board that the men's league is a part of CAHC and should be supported as such. A suggestion was made that next year the tournament be held the same weekend as the Hockey Extravaganza, it might help participation in both events.

Kevin Taheri made a motion that CAHC be a sponsor for the Bill Ryan Memorial Scholarship tournament. Kim Salvesson seconded the motion and it passed.

5) Meet w/ Leisure Board 3/15: Jolene Whitley, president of CAHC, will be attending the Leisure Board meeting on March 15th- she has to present CAHC ice fee, ref, and other cost totals, along with dollar amounts the city has contributed.

6) President's Cup/ New league possibility: Jolene Whitley, president of CAHC, spoke to Dwayne Dillinger, president of WAHA, regard his decision to not invite the Casper Oilers Midget A team to this years President's Cup. CAHC asked for a copy of the WAHA meeting minuets in which this decision was made. CAHC was informed that the decision was not made at a meeting, that the president of WAHA made the decision and that he has the "power" to do so. The reason's Dwayne used for not inviting the Midget A team is based on old data (2008/2009) and for an on ice incident that happened earlier this year (the other team involved in this situation was invited to the President's Cup). The midget A coaches and several board members feel this is an attack on CAHC and our kids. There was some discussion about leaving WAHL and playing in other leagues. Several ideas were shared (i.e. Front Range League). Nothing was discussed upon and there will be more discussions held over the next few months.

Some of the questions that were brought up that should be answered before going to another league:

1. Are there multi divisions (AAA, AA, B etc)?
2. Will Colorado teams be required to attend tournaments here in Casper, or will we always have to travel there?
3. Why is Colorado starting up this league?
4. Is this league doing U16/U18?
5. Are they going to have a girl's league?

7) Fun Night 3/15: Fun night and equipment return will be held Thursday March 15th from 5:30-9pm. Goalkeepers will purchase the pizza and CAHC will provide the drinks. Each family has been asked to bring a salad or dessert to share.

8) **Letters to run for board:** Any person interested in running for the open board positions need to submit a letter by April 10th.

II. **Treasurer's Report:** Cash position of the club is better this year. There are several reason's which include, but not limited to the following: less travel tournaments, more non-parent coaches, families are paying ice fee's on time. Just about every team will have end of season assessments added to their statements.

III. Standing Committee Reports:

- A. **Finance:** Jamie and Charlie Shopp, from Remax reality, would like a dasher board instead of a banner. They are fine with having one of the door dashers. The 2nd door dasher has been rented to Timberline Hospitalities. Other businesses interested in dasher boards include, Navigator Energy Rentals LLC and Freemont Motors.
- B. **Scholarship:** Playmaker scholarship applications are due Thursday March 15th.
- C. **Coaching:** Evaluations have been handed out and are also available on the website. It was reported by James Ewald that the end of the year individual player skills evaluations did not get done at all age levels. These evaluations will not be given out. However, parents can ask for their child's evaluation.

It was also reported that the forfeit letter and metals have been sent to Sheridan for the Squirt In-House tournament. A copy of the letter that was sent to Sheridan will also be sent to all Squirt parents.

- D. **Bylaws/Policies: update:** It was reported by Kevin Whitman there has been changes to the bylaws and policy manuals. A discussion on the wording was held and the new changes will be sent out via email for additional comments. The complete changes will be posted in April's meeting minutes once they are approved. Items being changed and revised are: injury situations, Casper players skating for other teams and player movements and development.
A motion was made by Kevin Taheri to send out the policy (April meeting) and bylaw (May meeting) changes out to the membership, ask for comments, and vote on changes at the April and May meetings. Marvin Rone seconded the motion and it passed.
- E. **Scheduling and Special Events:** The annual board meeting/ elections will be held on Sunday April 15th @ 1pm, at the Casper Country Club.

The annual awards event will be held immediately after the annual meeting.

Extravaganza: The Extravaganza is scheduled for Saturday April 14th, doors open at 5pm, dinner served around 7pm. There will be a cash bar and silent auction items to bid on. Short sleeve and long sleeve t-shirts will be available to purchase commemorating the 5th annual Extravaganza.

F. **Member Relations:** There was nothing to report.

G. **Communications:** Ti Brooks reported that the meeting minutes from November, July and August have been revised and ready for the website. All of 2010 meeting minutes have been archived, but are still available on the website. It was also reported that all the updates that have been forwarded to Ti, have been added to the website. There are 2 congratulations letters and 1 thank you letter that need to be written and it was reported that all of those would be completed by the April meeting.

H. **Advertising:** There was a discussion regarding CAHC purchasing banners at the baseball fields this summer to help promote hockey. The cost to have a banner at each field is in the \$1,000 range.

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IV. **Goalkeepers:** Goalkeepers asked for assistance with the return of equipment during the Family Fun Night. Team managers from each age groups need to be at the event to help check in their teams jerseys. The next Goalkeepers meeting will be March 28th @ 6pm at the ice arena.

V. **Referee-in-Chief:** Nothing to report.

VI. **Registration:** Nothing to report.

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

VIII. **New Business:** Carl VanDorn was the club photographer for many years, and he passed away earlier in March. *A motion was made by Kevin Whitman to send the family flowers. Kim Salvesson seconded the motion and it passed.*

Player Development camp will be held in Casper later in March. The request was made for CAHC to request from the city to help offset the ice fees. After a short discussion the decision was made to move forward like we (CAHC) always has.

There was a discussion regarding how to better utilize the ice times that CAHC has each year. One idea was to have each age level combine ice times and share more practice times. This topic was tabled for the time being and will be readdressed at a later meeting.

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of getting more USA grant practice jersey's for next year and there were questions asked how the Peeewe Sportsmanship award is awarded each year.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm and the next meeting will be April 5th at 6:30pm at the Fire rock.