

Casper Amateur Hockey Club Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday September 6, 2012

Casper Ice Arena

Attendance: Angie Donelan, James Bargett, James Ewald, Jim Wetzel, Jolene Whitley, Kevin Taheri, Kevin Whitman, Roger Burns, Ti Brooks, Tonya Kourt. Guests: Eric Marvel, Kenny Ainsworth, Kim Salvesson, Troy Williamson

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

Approval of August minutes: *Kevin Taheri made a motion to accept the August meeting minutes as written. Roger Burns seconded the motion and it passed.*

I. President's Report

A. **Goalie coach:** Kenny Ainsworth, a former CAHC goalie, would like to be the club's goalie coach. CAHC currently does not have a coach for goalies. Kenny would like to work with all age level goalies. Some justification for having a specialized coach for goalies are, but not limited to: Position has changed over the years, Kenny's has several years experience as a goalie, feels he could bring some training to our goalies without parents having the expense of sending skaters to goalie camps in other states, important to build a strong foundation with young goalies.

- ⤴ Several scenarios were discussed on how best to implement the use of a goalie coach into practices. A few of those ideas were: Separate ice time for goalies, other skaters would have to be brought in to take shots at the goalies to get "real life" experience. Another idea was for Kenny to attend various age group practices and work with the goalies on the ice during regular practices.
- ⤴ There was a lengthy discussion on the "hows and whens" this coaching would occur.
- ⤴ Listed below are some of the questions that arose from the discussions
 - Skater to coach ratio
 - How to schedule ice time
 - How would the club compensate this non-parent coach

*Kevin Taheri made a motion to offer Kenny \$360 per month, pro rated for September, for 3 hours of on ice coaching time per week for the remainder of the 2012/13 Season. Angie Donelan seconded the motion, **and it failed.***

*After further discussion, Jim Wetzel made a new motion to give Kenny 2 hours of pre season ice time to work with our goalies and regular coaches along with \$150 for the month of September. The motion was seconded by Roger Burns, **and it passed.***

B. WAHL Scheduling: There will be a meeting Sept. 29th @ 10:00am in Riverton to finalize the WAHL Schedule. There is a desire to have 2 travel weekends a season instead of 4. One possible way of achieving this goal would be to play in 2 different cities close together the same weekend. (i.e. play Gillette Friday evening and Saturday morning, then drive to Sheridan and play Saturday evening and Sunday morning.) More info will be available at the next board meeting.

C. CAHC Board contact information with pictures: It was reported that the Webmaster suggested there be a separate page on the website with board members pictures. It was suggested that pictures also be posted at the ice arena. There were some board members who felt this was an invasion of their privacy and are uncomfortable with the idea. A decision was not made and more discussion to come.

D. Back to school Bash: A great big THANKS go out to Sheryl Pierce and the other volunteers who helped hand out 65 packets at the BTSB. Packets are being tracked by a red star that was placed on each packet. Actual numbers should be available at the next board meeting,

E. Registration and Swap: It was reported that volunteers are needed for the open registration and hockey swap that is scheduled for Sept. 7th & 8th. Skaters are needed to be on the ice with the kids during the open skate session, there will not be any ice arena employees available.

F. Update on New League: It was reported that the CO league isn't as far along in their development as they would like. There are not enough teams at the PeeWee, Bantam and Midget levels to have a true league. CAHC will still have team at each of those age levels, but the games will be a festival type format. (There are currently 5-7 teams committed to play in each of the age groups.) There are plenty of teams at the squirt level and that age group will be a league. Our skaters do not have to be registered with AAU at this point, because it is not a true league, except for squirts. The last weekend of Oct. has been designated as a home weekend for CAHC with the CO league. Each team who attends our home weekend will pay a \$650 fee and monies made during the weekend from puck toss and other activities will go to the Casper teams involved. There will be an average of 4 different teams for each age division to play during these "festival" weekends. The teams designated to play in the CO, will still travel holiday weekends to tournaments in surrounding states.

G. Squirts in AAU League: It was reported that an email was sent to all 37 squirt families asking for input on the CO league vs. WAHL at the squirt level. It was also reported that only 4 families responded. At this point our president isn't convinced there is enough parent feedback to committee to play in the CO league instead of WAHL. There was a lengthy, passionate discussion regarding how to meet the needs/wants of all our squirts. A reoccurring concern was that our squirts would be entered in the CO league at to high of a level to compete effectively.

*Jim Wetzel made a motion to enter our squirts in the CO league with the requirement that they play a B or C level instead of WAHL. Angie Donelan seconded the motion and it **past**.*

H. Men's Tournament: Kenny Ainsworth and Eric Marvel attended the board meeting to update the board on the progress of this years Men's Memorial Tournament to be held Oct. 12th-14th. This event was first discussed with the board at the March 8th Board Meeting. An over view of the proposal is below:

- ▲ This would be an annual event- the purpose is to raise money for a scholarship in the name of Bill Ryan.
- ▲ The scholarship would be awarded to a a senior who plays for CAHC
- ▲ This tournament would be open to mens teams only the goal is to have about 18-20 teams each year

It was reported that Kenny and Eric received permission from the city to have a temporary "malt liquor" license, that can be used in the upstairs are only. An outside agency will be handling this area. It was also reported that the tournament is in need of referees and the entry fee being charge will be enough to cover those costs. CAHC will look into the possibility of helping with some ice times, CAHC would like for the representative of this tournament not to solicit our current donors, an there needs to be a Rep from the mens league to assist the scholarship committee in the spring choose the winner/winners of the Bill Ryan Memorial Scholarship.

II. Treasurer's Report: Unavailable

III. Standing Committee Reports

A. **Finance:** The idea for hiring a CPA has been postponed at this point.

B. **Scholarship:** It was reported that there has only been one application turned in.

C. **Coaching: Committee:** It was reported that small committee meet with James Ewald in August to review CAHC expectations of the coaching coordinator position. Some of the items that the board would like to see are the following: coaching] evaluations done by the coordinator and reported back to the board (on all CAHC coaches), a system manual, help coordinate camps and clinics for our skaters. There was a discussion regarding the skills test for players and its value. *Jim Wetzel made a motion to no longer require coaches to do skills test for*

*CAHC players at the PeeWee level and above. The motion was seconded by Roger Burns and **it passed.*** There was a suggestion that James Ewald keep track of how many hours he is on the ice with various teams and coaches. This information could be very helpful when it comes time to review the coaching coordinator position.

D. **Discipline:** There was a short over view given of a suspension, but this subject was tabled until the Oct. meeting

E. **Bylaws/Policies:** Nothing to report

F. **Ice Scheduling and Special Events:** All football frenzy cards are due Sat. Sept. 8th. No sales will be allowed after that date. Tryout dates have been finalized and will be posted at the rink and on the website. There is an ice scheduling meeting on Sunday Sept. 9th and the practice schedule will be finalized then.

G. **Member Relations:** Jolene Whitley and a committee started working on updating the handbook. It is expected to be finished before the start of the regular season.

H. **Communication:** Ti Brooks reported that she is working with the Webmaster to get all the old information off the website and getting all the current info posted.

IV. **Goalkeepers:** It was reported that goalkeepers ordered 2000 wreaths for CAHC annual wreath sale, which is 400 less than last year. It was required that half the order be paid for in advance. The price for the wreaths will be \$20 and skaters will receive a \$2.00 wreath credit.

V. **Referee in Chief:** There will be a referee clinic on Sunday Sept. 9th from 8:00am-4:00pm at the ice arena. Registration begins at 7:30, skaters are asked to bring skates, helmet, whistle (if the have one.)

VI. **Registration:** Nothing to report

VII. **Unfinished Business:** It was reported that goalkeepers will need assistance with organizing and double checking numbers on the new USA Hockey/Degree jersey's the club received. A email will be sent out asking for help when the dates and times are finalized.

VIII. New business

- a) Pointstreak: Tonya will be meeting with Kim Savleson on Tuesday Sept. 11th to get pointstreak set up.
- b) U8 parent meeting 9/30/12 @ 1230pm in conjunction with C.I.A.?
- c) Mini-Mite and Mite night opportunity at Colorado Eagles: Kevin Whitman is waiting for a return email from the Co. Eagles. More information to come.
- d) October Meeting: The next meeting will be held Thursday Oct. 4th @ 6:30 in the skybox

IX. **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.