

**Casper Amateur Hockey Club
Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday March 14, 2013

Casper Country Club

Attendance: Angie Donlen, Darin Myers, James Bargett, James Ewald, Jim Wetzel, Jolene Whitley, Kevin Taheri, Kevin Whitman, Marvin Rone, Roger Burns, Ti Brooks

Guests: Bill Liska, Blu McGrath, Josh Brown

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm

Approval of February minutes: *Marvin Rone made a motion to accept the February minutes as written, Darin Myers 2nd the motion, it passed*

I. President's Report

- a) **Midget A State Champions:** Congrats to the Midget A team for winning State against the Gillette Wild. Also Congrats to the Midget B team for playing in the A bracket at State

- b) **Hockey Helps the Hungry:** The date for the event is Wednesday March 26th, starting at 5:30pm. Events include a food drive for the Salvation Army and 2 scrimmages: one will be the U8 vs. local firemen, then NC vs. KW Midget players (including girls), a puck toss and a 50/50 raffle. James Bargett would like to see the NC/KW portion be an annual event. He also requested CAHC cover the estimated costs of the event. Currently the total is around \$825. The amount includes 2 hours of ice time for practice, the cost of the trophy and flyers.

Marvin Rone made the motion to grant the Hockey Feed the Hungry event \$825 to cover costs. Angie D seconded the motion, and it passed.

- c) **Travel Roster:** The Casper A Midget Team took 2 non Casper players the Great Western Showcase in Utah a few weeks earlier. There is a concern on why Casper Midget B players were not asked to attend and play with the A team instead of taking non Casper Players. There were several discussion points regarding this issue and they included, but not limited to the following: Isn't the goal to promote Casper Players..., if so then why didn't the head coach ask local players, It was thought there was a conflict with the A team and B teams schedule... that is why those players were not asked. There was no conflict with the schedules and it was a simple over site. Biggest concern was the lack of communication between the A & B coaches, how can we fix that? Ultimately, this issue was given to the policy committee to discuss and will report back to the board.

- d) **Northern Edge Hockey Camp:** Kevin Whitman has received the information on this camp and will send the information on to the membership.

- e) **New Hockey team in Casper:** Angie Donalen reported that there is strong possibility that a CHL team will be in Casper. The city is still working with local businessmen and the CHL to finalize details. Currently there is still a 1.2 million dollar deficit that needs covered before talks can move forward. There was lots of discussion on how CAHC can show support for this team and show the city that this would be a positive for our community. More information will be shared as things evolve.

- f) **Casper Leisure Services meeting:** Kevin Taheri and Kevin Whitman attend this meeting the items discussed were: Would CAHC be donating to the new CHL? Why did CAHC play in a CO league and how did that go? There were questions about our insurance and its wording, CAHC did lose some ice time, not as much ice was used this year.

- g) **WAHL question:** There was a concern brought to the board regarding why divisions have to be declared in WAHL (example Midget A & B) prior to the season beginning only to be forced into a different division for the state tournament. It was reported that at the WAHL meetings it was voted on that the top 6 teams would play in A, and the bottom 6 in B. The CAHC representative would bring this concern up at the WAHL meeting this summer.

h) **Access to Goalkeepers room:** There was a discussion held regarding the lack of accessibility to the Goal Keepers room by team managers. There is a concern that when a team is hosting a WAHL weekend that they do not always have access to the items necessary for the hospitality room. The following are reasons given for the lack of accessibility and possible solutions to the problem:

Concerns:

- People don't understand the Goalkeepers process and leave the room a mess
- More people are needed to assist with Goalkeepers
- Keys get lost and then it is expensive to replace them

Solutions:

- Each team manager attend a training with the goal keepers reps to learn the process, then they could have a key
- Have different area for hospitality room items
- Do away with hospitality rooms at non tournament weekends

Marvin Rone made a motion that every team manager/rep needs to become involved with Goal Keepers, attend their training for the room, and then would be given access (a key) to the room. Darin Myers seconded the motion; it passed with one member-voting no.

After the above motion was made and passed, Blu Mcgrath, manager of the ice area asked CAHC if they would consider NOT having a hospitality room on WAHL weekends. It cuts into the profits of the concession stand and hurts the bottom line of the ice arena.

Marvin Rone made a motion to no longer provide hospitality rooms on WAHL weekends, except in the case of a state tournament. Kevin Taheri seconded the motion; it passed.

- i) **Parent meetings:** Jolene Wiltey reported that she had meet with the representative from the Renegades Hockey organization from Co to discuss the ups and downs of the season. Both agreed that several things went wrong and that the year was learning one. The Renegades would like to join WAHL (at the Midget level). They just want a place to play hockey and their organization does not fit with the CO model. Jolene spoke to Chad Vail from WAHL, and there is no rule that states an organization from another state can't join WAHL. There will be more reported as things develop with the Renegades and WAHL. Jolene also reported that the parent/skater surveys for the CO league were sent out and they are starting to come back. More info will be reported at the next meeting.
- j) **Goals of the Club:** There is a desire to look at the clubs goals and set some new ones. We should be looking at short term goals as well as long term and start working on things in the off season. A board meeting was scheduled for April 4th at 6:30 to discuss goals and the direction of the club. The Member Relations Committee (Jolene, Tanya, Angie) asked that ideas be emailed to them.

II. **Treasurer's Report:** Our treasure was absent, but the following items were reported: The 1,000 team allocation for the CO League has not been distributed yet. February ice fees have not been paid, and the idea was suggested that the club start charging a late fee for skaters who are not current with the payment plans.

III. Standing Committee Reports

A. **Finance:**

A motion was made by Kevin Taheri to reimburse _____ for the U8 awards. The motion was seconded by Marvin Rone, it passed.

B. **Scholarship:** It was reported that no applications have been turned in yet, the due date in March 15th.

C. **Coaching Committee:** There was a discussion regarding the goalie coach and the hours spent with different age groups. It was reported that hours had been turned in before Christmas and those hours had been paid. There were not any hours after Christmas turned in.

- D. **Discipline:** There was an on ice fight between some Peewee's at Family Fun Night. This situation has been referred to the discipline committee and they will report back their findings.
- E. **Bylaws/Policies:** The Parent Code of Conduct will be reviewed at the Annual Board meeting. It was suggested that there be a 10 minuet timer set for discussions, at the end of those ten minuets the board needs to either vote on the issue, or table it for another meeting. It was the feeling of most that the board meetings are dragging on and not much is being accomplished because of side bar conversations, topics being readdressed even after votes have taken place etc. This will be discussed again at the annual board meeting.
- F. **Ice Scheduling and Special Events:** It was reported that the Extravaganza is sold out and there is a waiting list. Angie is working with the Ramkota on getting more more for the event.
- G. **Member Relations:** Please email ideas goals to this committee before the next meeting.
- H. **Communication:** It was reported that items are up to date and current on the website. If a member has items they would like on the site, please contact Ti Brooks.

IV. **Goalkeepers:** The goal is to have ideas to share at the annual board meeting for new jersey's

V. **Referee in Chief:** Roger Burns reported it was a good year, with very limited issues.

VI. **Registration:** Noting to report

VII. **Unfinished Business:**

- a) **Board positions:** There are 4 open positions, but so far only one letter committing to running so far.
- b) Josh Brown, parent of a Peewee asked the board to help cover the cost of screen printing the names of the skaters who won the Silver Stick Tournament in Canada earlier this year.

Marvin Rone made a motion for CAHC to cover up to \$50 of the screen printing costs for the banner. James Bargett seconded the motion; it passed.

VIII. **New business**

- a) Next meeting April 4, 2013

IX. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 10:10pm