

**Casper Amateur Hockey
Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday, August 8, 2013

Casper Ice Arena

Attendance: Angie Donelan, Darin Myers, Diane Burg, James Bargett, James Ewald, Jim Wetzel, Jolene Whitley, Mike Thomas, Roget Burns, Stephanie Means, Ti Brooks
Guest: Blu Mcgrath

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

Approval of July Minutes: Minuets were no completed and will be presented at the Sept. meeting

I. President's Report:

- 1) Football cards update: KW Booster Club decided not to participate in selling Football Frenzy Cards, but the Student Council from KW is taking some to sell. Thy will receive the \$5 for each card sold.
- 2) Back-to-school Bash update: NCS D canceled the Back to School Bash this year.
- 3) Registration & Swap: The dates for open registration and the hockey swap is Saturday Sept. 7th from 8am-1pm. Items for the swap can be dropped off Friday Sept. 6th from 6-8pm.
- 4) Photographer for season: CAHC is in need of a photographer for the season. *Ti Brooks made a motion to ask Natalie Bacon to be our organizations photographer. Angie Donelan seconded the motions, it passed.*
- 5) Ice schedule WAHL/tournament dates: The WAHL State tournaments have not been announced yet, but we should have them by the Sept. meeting. There was a discussion held regarding the Peewee/Squirt in-house tournament. Each year it gets more and more difficult to get teams to come and play at it. There was a suggestion made last year to cancel it, but a decision was never made.
Diane Burg made a motion to cancel the Peewee/Squirt in-house tournament and replace it with a Bantam travel tournament. Tanya Kourt seconded the motion, it passed.
- 6) Lease/ user group meeting: An update on the lease was not available at this meeting. A discussion was held about using the 4pm practice time again for some of the age groups, probably Midgets. There were also suggestions made about using morning time slots for power skating classes and conditioning time.
- 7) Committees: Committee assignments were gone over again quickly to make sure everyone was on the committee they wanted. These assignments are posted at the end of these minuets.

II. Treasurer's Report: Stephanie Means reported that July was the end of our fiscal year and there were very few changes from the July report. In-Kind Ice request submitted, and we are waiting to hear back from the city. The proceeds from the 4-wheeler will go into the goalkeepers account and the check has been written to pay for the 4-wheeler. The club made approximately \$13,000 from fundraising efforts in the 2012/13 season, which is less than the previous year. In 2011/12 we raised almost \$17,000. Stephanie will be looking into expenses and if any are

different than the pervious year. There are about 56 players who have outstanding balances from last season. The total amount still outstanding is around \$9200. The majority of the skaters are from the girls, Bantams and Midget A teams. There is a CAHC policy that states all outstanding balances and ¼ of this year's registration fee must be paid before the skater is allowed on the ice. A discussion was held on how to recoup these funds. It was decided that board members need to be at all the tryouts and speak with parents before their kids take the ice. Coaches will also be asked to help by not allowing skaters with out standing balances on the ice during tryouts.

Stephanie Means made a motion that statements will be sent to those who have a balance from last year, and are NOT skating this year, and they will be given until Sept 7th to pay the entire past amount other wise those balances will be sent to collection. Diane Burg seconded the motion, it passed.

III. Standing Committee Reports:

- A. Finance: Nothing to report
- B. Scholarship: Nothing to report
- C. Coaching: The Coaching Committee met Monday to discuss coaching assignments for the season. Please see list below:

U8
 David Salega- Head
 Mike Thomas
 Blu Mcgrath
 Ellie True

Pee Wee
 Marty & Logan Rozel- Head
 Kevin Whitman
 Kevin Taheri
 David Sunday

Midget A
 Austin Lee
 Wade Olsen
 Dave Solko
 Kevin Taheri

Squirts
 Darin Myers- Head
 Kevin Whitman
 Brent Burg
 Erick Soupes

Bantam
 Troy Williamson- Head
 Jason Whitley
 Bill Liska
 Jim Wetzel- Only when needed

Midget B
 James Bargett
 Bernie Ourth

Jim Wetzel made a motion to approve the coaching assignments as decided on by the coaching committee. Mike Thomas seconded the motion, it passed.

There is a need for goalies at the upper levels. There was a discussion regarding how to develop goalies in our organization. Some ideas talked about were: allowing goalies to practice with older age groups in case a need arises for them to skate up, rotating all kids through the goalies position in the younger age groups, especially squirts.

Darin Myers made a motion to accept the proposal to develop younger goalies by allowing them to practice & skate up with the next division, at no extra cost to the player. Tanya Kourt seconded the motion, it passed

There was also a discussion regarding the midget age level and changing our approach with that division. It as suggested that we (CAHC) look at a JV/Varsity type arrangement for midgets. There have been situations in the

past where a player did well at tryouts, made the “A” team and then stopped trying and did not put forth their best effort while still maintaining their spot on that team. Some felt a JV/Varsity format would help keep the kids working hard and trying to improve, especially if they knew their spots were not guaranteed on a specific team. Also this would keep the “B” players striving to work and improve if they knew there was a chance they could move up to the “A” team. This was tabled and given to the coaching committee to discuss and come back to the board with a recommendation on how to move forward.

No new information available on the purchasing of new pucks. There will be a checking clinic added to beginning of tryouts for Peewees. This clinic will be done during the 1st or 2nd day of tryouts.

There is a coaching clinic scheduled for 8/15, this event is with the Positive Coaching Alliance. There is a minimal charge for coaches to attend this event. Our coaches are encouraged to attend.

Angie Donelan made a motion to reimburse the coaching clinic fee for any of the CAHC coaches who attend. James Bargett seconded the motion, and it passed

- D. Discipline: Nothing to report
 - E. Bylaws/Policies: It was suggested that this committee look at the policy that pertains to non-parent coaches and reimbursements. Last season there was a team that had 2 non-parent coaches and both submitted expenses. This caused fees to increase a great deal for that team. It was also suggested that this committee look at the “Casper First” policy. Last season there was a couple incidents where non-Casper players were taken to out of state tournaments and played wearing a Casper jersey. The issue was other Casper players were not asked to attend. Some feel this violates our “Casper First” policy.
 - F. Scheduling and Special Events: This committee will meet on Tuesday to begin ice scheduling for the season. More information will be available at the next meeting.
 - G. Member Relations: It was reported that the Parent Handbook should be updated. Also, this committee would like to meet with all of the team managers and make sure they are including all of their parents in the decisions regarding what tournaments to attend. It was brought to the board's attention that certain age groups may not be including all parents in these decisions, especially when it came to longer weekend & expensive tournaments.
 - H. Communications – Bulletin Board (need a few more on this committee)
Swap & open registration, tryout dates, start of season dates
- IV. Goalkeepers: It was reported that some newer equipment should be ordered to replace older, outdated items. While cleaning and organizing the Goalkeepers room, it was discovered that 15 helmets were past their certificate of use and

several sticks were broken and worn out. Also, this season USA hockey is requiring refs to wear ½ shields while on the ice. It was suggested that Goalkeepers order a few to have on hand.

- V. Referee-in-Chief: A follow up discussion was held on how refs are called for games and who is in charge of what age divisions. Roger Burns explained the process more clearly. There are 3 adults who call the refs for games, they all try and spread the load out among qualified refs, but it becomes difficult at times. Roger asked that anyone who qualifies to ref to please let him know so that names can be added to the call sheets. CAHC is in need of new refs and it was suggested that the club reimburse those who pass the ref test (about \$45). This might help recruit new refs at younger ages. The ref clinic is scheduled for Sunday September 8th from 8-4pm. Eligible skaters are 2nd year Peewee's and up.
- VI. Registration: See attached packet
- VII. Unfinished Business: letter & donuts to sponsors – Angie, Billboards – Marvin, flyers to schools, hockey camp – Gilmore Academy coach
- VIII. New Business: Radio/ newspaper ads for registration, September meeting

Adjournment