

**Casper Amateur Hockey
Board of Directors Meeting**

January 9, 2014

Casper Ice Arena (Skybox)

Attendance: Angie Donelan, Darin Myers, James Bargett, James Ewald, Jim Wetzel, Jolene Whitley, Kevin Whitman, Marvin Rone, Mike Thomas, Stephanie Means, Ti Brooks

Guests: Ann Coons, Erick Marvel

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm

Approval of December Minutes: Minutes were not available for approval.

I. President's Report:

1) **Eric Marvel:** Bill Ryan Tournament/ credits for workers: Erick Marvel reported that the Bill Ryan Tournament went well, but did not net as much as last year. The tournament this year made \$950 less due to out of town refs that had to be paid for and there were fewer teams. The men's league would like to have the 1st weekend of Nov dedicated to the Bill Ryan Tournament each year. It is difficult to get teams to commit during hunting season. The board will check into if it is possible to assign that weekend to the men's league. Eric gave a list of midget B and bantam players who helped with the tournament to Stephanie so, those players can receive a credit on their accounts.

2) **Midget A ice:** The WAHL games that Midget A will miss against Cheyenne while in Canada will be rescheduled for Jan 25th and played in Douglas. The ice arena claims that they were not notified early enough about the midgets not needing ice time for Jan 10th & 11th, and they are going to charge the club. There was a discussion held regarding if the team should be charged or if the board will pay it. This subject was tabled until Amy, the manager for Midget A, can confirm if she did notify the ice arena of changes.

3) **Senior night :** Angie Donelan is working with the midget team manager to get the details worked out for Senior night

4) **No pay no play:** There are 45 skaters who owe registration fees. It was agreed that tables should be set up at practice times and parent either pay then or the skater is not allowed on the ice.

5) **Update on Midget fundraising for Canada:** Ti Brooks reported on behalf of the Midget A team and the fund raising efforts. The team had raised enough funds for the board match and they still have a few events that would be held after the return.

6) **Midget B player:** The parent of a midget B player, who also happens to be on Team Wyoming asked the board to not charge her skater travel assessments. The midget B team is traveling to 1 non-WAHL tournament and this skater will not be in attendance of that tournament. Both midget B coaches are aware the skater will not be there in attendance. This player has been following the "Casper First" policy but she needs to attend the Team Wyoming Tournament in order to be eligible for end of the year event with that team.

James Bargett made a motion that his family not be charged the travel assessment fees. Marvin Rone seconded the motion and it passed.

II. Treasurer's Report: Stephanie Means reported that we have 45 skaters who owe registration fees, she explained why there is a difference in income vs. expenses from last year to this year, which is due to ice fees being billed from the city. Please see attached report for more details.

Marvin Rone made a motion to accept the treasures report as given, Darin Myers seconded the motion and it passed.

III. Standing Committee Reports:

A. **Finance:** Mike Thomas reported the Diane Berg is doing a great job straightening out the sponsor list and getting items paid. She has found some sponsors who have not been followed up with for a long time. The finance committee is exploring other levels of sponsorship besides banners and dasher boards. The online registration won't be up before the start of next season.

B. **Advertising:** Hockey Helps the Hungry- James Bargett reported that date for this event will be March 21st, but the time is not finalized yet. James would like to see the high school kids have green or orange jersey to represent their schools. He felt the players would like to wear their home school colors at this game. More details will be given at the next board meeting.

Marvin Rone made a motion that the club buy the KW/NC jerseys, then if the midget players want to play in the game, they have to buy the jersey for \$30 from the club. Kevin Whitman seconded the motion, and it passed.

C. **Scholarship:** *Marvin Rone made a motion to nominate the Spiegelberg family for the Staffalino Scholarship. James Bargett seconded the motion and it passed.*

D. **Coaching:** Evaluations are complete; they just need sent out to team managers. Copies will be emailed and there will be hard copies available at the rink as well. Skills' testing was not done at the beginning of this year, so there is no reason to do them now. The coaching committee is going to discuss if skills testing should be part of the U8 program, and they will report back. Coached have completed the modules and all teams have their med kits.

E. **Bylaws/Policies:** It was reported the this committee will be looking at the following items: what 1st time skater means for CAHC, define donation vs. fundraising, goalkeeper restructuring and coaches/ref charges. They will report back at a later date.

F. **Scheduling and Special Events:** This committee is meeting Sunday, but they can confirm that Ray Bourque will be this year's guest at the Extravaganza.

G. **Member Relations:** Nothing to report

H. **Communications:** Ti Brooks reported that Diane Berg is doing amazing things with the website and her help is greatly appreciated. All the approved minuets have been sent to the Webmaster for posting.

- I. **Discipline:** This committee will be looking at the tobacco policy and how it fits with our code of conduct. More at the next meeting on this subject.
- IV. **Goalkeepers:** It was reported that 2,000 wreaths were ordered this year and there were only 6 left over. This is an improvement from last year. Wreath credits to players were about \$6,000; goalkeepers were able to keep \$4,000 for new jerseys. The board of directors for goalkeepers would like to see goalkeepers become another committee rather than a spate entity of CAHC. They have asked the CAHC board to consider a restructuring of goalkeepers. Some feel this could help in the long run by eliminating the us vs. them feel, and could be a step in getting rid of the negativity that some of the membership has towards this group. This situation is being given to the policy/bylaws committee to discuss and rewrite the policy concerning goalkeepers.

Marvin Rone made a motion to visit the idea of restructuring goalkeepers by handing this over to the policy/bylaw committee and to vote on it at the annual board meeting in April. Mike Thomas seconded the motion and it passed.

- V. **Referee-in-Chief:** The scheduling of refs is going better, but there is still room for improvement. It is an on going process.
- VI. **Registration:** We have picked up 4 new U8's and 2 squirts since the Christmas break. There also might be a new bantam, but this has not been finalized.
- VII. **Unfinished Business:** There have been suggestions made at various times to move peewee-midget early registration to mid summer. This would help when planning WAHL teams and coaching assignments.

Jim Wetzel made a motion to move early registration deadline for Peewee-Midgets to July 1st, which would give these families a 6 month payment plan instead of 4 months, other ages can also take advantage of this 6 month payment plan if they register by July 1. Marvin Rone seconded the motion and it passed.

The finance committee is going to look at how to assign registration fees for "early birds" and they will report back their findings in February.

- VIII. **Old Business:** Nothing to report
- IX. **New Business:** CAHC skater would like to hang a flyer up on our bulletin board advertising their orchestra fundraiser. There were no objections from the board.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm, next meeting will be Feb. 6th @ 6:30 in the skybox.

Special Business After Adjourned:

Mike Thomas made a motion for to purchase flowers for Senior Night not to exceed \$250; motion was seconded by Diane Berg and passed by email voting.

Diane Berg made a motion to purchase a \$100 gift card for injured Utah Bantam player; motion was seconded by Mike Thomas. Email discussion led to an amended motion made by Jim Wetzel to purchase a \$250 gift card for the injured player; motion was seconded by Mike Thomas and passed by email voting.