

**Casper Amateur Hockey  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Thursday, April 3, 2014**

**Holiday Inn Express**

*Attendance: Angie Donelan, Corrie Lynn Whitman, Darin Myers, Diane Berg, James Bardgett, Jim Wetzel, Jolene Whitley, Kevin Taheri, Kevin Whitman, Stephanie Means, Ti Brooks*

*Guest: Austin Lee and BLu McGrath*

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:50pm.

**Approval of March minutes:** *Kevin Taheri made a motion to accept the March minutes as written; Kevin Whitman seconded the motion and it passed.*

**I. President's Report:**

1) **Guests: Craig Showalter (Casper Event Center ice – WY Commission foundation) &/or Rick Kozaback (president of CHL):** These guests were unable to stay due to the meeting getting started late.

2) **Casper Coyotes:** It was reported that several board members, Austin Lee, and Blu McGrath met with the head of the Coyotes coach John Ambrefe. There were ideas shared on how the Coyotes see their team and the CAHC working and moving forward together. Below are some of the highlights of that conversation:

- Coyotes would like to see CAHC move towards developing the program to be more of an AA/AAA club.
- Coyotes would like to help keep local talent in Casper by providing a higher level of competition.
- There could be some midget A players selected to play on the JR. Teams.
- CAHC would like Casper players to still focus on Casper teams first.
- Coyotes have offered some resources: coaching manuals, use of team locker rooms, team bus, etc.
- Austin Lee thinks the AA tier is more realistic than an AAA team for Casper.
- Casper could possibly have an AA team, 2 equal WAHL teams, and a U16 & U18 teams at the midget level. The kids on the AA team would not be on the U16/18 teams, and having 2 equal WAHL teams could help with scheduling the A bracket WAHL games.
- Ice time is a concern, but both midget coaches agreed that having combined practices this season was beneficial.
- If Casper gets the second sheet of ice at the Events Center, this could help with scheduling practices and other events.

*Kevin Taheri made a motion to let the Coyotes know we are interested in working with them on developing a Tier II/ AA program as long as it is within the rules of USA Hockey. Diane Berg seconded the motion, and it passed.*

3) **Leisure board information – April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting:** Stephanie and Diane will attend the meeting and will report back to the board in May on its content.

4) **Annual meeting agenda:** If you have items that you feels should be on the agenda for the annual meeting, please send them to Jolene.

5) **Board applicants:** There are 4 board positions open this year and currently there are 5 applicants.

6) **Girls update/ jerseys:** When the girl's team approached the board at the March meeting, they some how got the impression that we had given them permission to redesign the current Oiler jersey. There is a parent on the girl's team that would like to sponsor the team and pay for the new jerseys. This is not current CAHC practice and a proposal would need to be brought forth to the Board for consideration.

**II. Treasurer's Report:** Stephanie Means gave a report on the financial standing of the club. Please see attached printouts for those figures.

*Darin Myers made a motion to accept the Treasurers report as given, Kevin Whitman seconded the motion and it passed.*

### III. Standing Committee Reports:

- A. **Finance:** It was reported that this committee has been working hard on Sponsor Packets. These packets include information on our club, the multitude of ways to help support, the different levels of sponsorship.

*Diane Berg made a motion for the board to approve \$500 in funds to complete these packets, which will be ready by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Stephanie Means seconded the motion, and it passed.*

In year past, CAHC has paid for banners at each of the baseball fields to help promote hockey. Some are wondering if these banners are worth the price and if we should continue to have them placed at the fields. After a short discussion, it was agreed that they are beneficial and we (CAHC) should continue using them, but cut back on a couple of fields.

*Kevin Whitman made a motion that CAHC should continue having banners placed at the 1A/2A baseball fields. Angie Donelan seconded the motion, and it passed.*

- B. **Advertising:** James Bardgett reported that this years Hockey Helps the Hungry was a success. Food donations and monetary donations were both up this year. There was 1,036 pounds of food donated and \$821 in monetary donations was also raised. There seemed to be more spectators this year, and it was great having Brad Diller, head principal from Kelly Walsh, drop the puck for the NC vs. KW game. The U8 vs. firemen game was fantastic, and everyone enjoyed themselves. A great big “Thank You” goes out to the Salvation Army and their staff; they were willing to help in a multitude of ways.
- C. **Scholarship:** It was reported that there will be two playmaker award winners \$500 each and one Bill Ryan winner \$1000; names will be announced at the Extravaganza Saturday night.
- D. **Coaching:** It was reported that not all med kits have been returned. It was suggested that there be an official check in/check out process for the med kits. Each kits costs roughly \$200 to replace and CAHC is not getting all of them back each year.

Over the years, the Coaching Coordinator position has grown and the demands are too much for one person to keep up with. It was suggested that this position be split into two separate, but equal positions; one coordinator would over see U8-Squirts & girls, and the other would over see Peewee-Midgets. Those interested in a position need to submit a letter of interest along with a resume that outlines their qualification for such a position. Coaching Committee will hold interviews and report back to the board.

Having 2 Coaching Coordinator positions, the board should look at increasing the amount of funds used to pay this position. Stephanie Means will put together a proposal on what those increase could look like for the club as a whole. She will present that at the May meeting. The board will not vote on a funds increase until a later date.

*James Bardgett made a motion that the current Coaching Coordinator position be split into two separate, but equal positions. Ti Brooks Seconded the motion, and it passed.*

- E. **Bylaws/Policies:** In years past, the U8’s receive a percentage from the Jamboree to help cover costs of awards for the U8’s. With the increase in numbers that percentage is no longer enough to cover those costs. It was suggested that CAHC allot a specific dollar amount to each U8 skater for awards, regardless of that years current numbers.

*Corrie Lynn Whitman moved that \$5 be allotted to each U8 skater to cover end of season awards. Angie Donelan seconded the motion and it passed.*

In January a representative from Goalkeepers approached CAHC Board asking for their group to be reorganized, as the current structure was not working. This topic will be added to the annual meeting agenda to be discussed and voted on.

A short discussion was held on renaming the Advertising Committee. Some feel that “advertising” does not represent what this committee truly does. One suggestion was renaming it “Community Outreach”. This topic will be discussed at the annual meeting.

F. **Scheduling and Special Events:** It was reported that the ticket sales for the Extravaganza is going well. Currently, there are about 50 tickets left for the event. The annual awards banquet is coming together and should be a great event. The pros/cons of both events will be discussed at the May meeting.

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

H. **Communications:** Diane reported that our current domain server (fab.com) is based in Australia. Delma, our Webmaster, recommended that we changed the domain server to a US company and she recommended Manage Data Service.

*Diane Berg made a motion to change our current domain server from fab.com to Manage Data Service. Jim Wetzel seconded the motion and it passed.*

I. **Discipline:** Nothing to Report

IV. **Goalkeepers:** It was reported that Kirk from Bushwells would be at the annual meeting to share jersey options for CAHC. Currently, there is are several travel jerseys that need replaced and smaller sizes are needs for the younger age divisions. There was also a short discussion on having more options for CAHC apparel for fans.

V. **Referee-in-Chief:** A suggestion was made to send out an electronic survey to the men's league members, regarding the lack of referees CAHC gets from the men's league. The board would like to have input from the men as to why so many will not ref games for other divisions. The board will look at this information to improve this area and hopefully recruit more refs.

VI. **Registration:** Diane reported that there are options available to have online registrations and payment options for our membership. Our current website would need upgraded and the cost is \$300, it is not an interactive site. The options we have for having an online store, registration and payment are the following:

Option 1:

Keep current website/host add a link to Pointstreak that has a payment option.

\$2.50 fee to register a player

Fee of 2.99% to all credit card payments

Funds are deposited into CAHC account within 24 hours

Option 2:

Move website to Pointstreak

Pointstreak would build a new website which would include an online registration, player stat page, online store etc.

Pointstreak offers 3 options (bronze, silver & gold)

Bronze- very basic- doesn't seem to fit our needs

Silver- \$750 for the 1<sup>st</sup> year, which includes rebuilt website; \$200 each year after. Must sign a 3 year contract

Gold- \$2000, used mostly by pro teams

Delma would remain the CAHC Webmaster regardless of which option we choose, and she is still looking into options for us. The \$100 that was approved at a previous meeting to be used on the website has not been spent, so those funds are still available.

*Diane Berg made a motion to amend the original motion that approved \$100 to be used on the website to be \$300 for an entire upgrade. Jim Wetzel seconded the motion, and it passed.*

VII. **Unfinished Business:** trophy case- **Tabled until the May meeting**

VIII. **Old Business:** Tobacco policy in code of conduct (have to present at May meeting recommendation)

IX. **New Business:** Hockey camps, Trojan Trek: **These items were tabled until the May meeting**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm; the next meeting will be Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>. Location has yet to be determined.