

**Casper Amateur Hockey Club
Board of Directors meeting
Thursday, May 7, 2015**

Call to Order: 6:33 pm

Attendance: James Bardgett, Diane Berg, Angie Donelan, Steve Freel, Stephanie Means, Kevin Taheri, Mike Thomas, Jim Wetzel, Jolene Whitley, James Ewald, Dave Solko, Allen Jennings

Absent: Jenni Wilson, Stuart Youmans, Heather Cook, Darin Myers, Ben Matilla,

Approval of April minutes: The April minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. There were no objections to the minutes, and they were approved by unanimous consent.

Reports of Officers

- President's Report
 - Lease renewal/Meeting with John Patterson, City Manager- Letter requesting CAHC lease renewal with the Casper Ice Arena was submitted in person to the City Manager on April 29. Marvin Rone and Diane Berg met with John Patterson to discuss the frustration with the lack of usage of the Wold Family Arena last season, meeting went well. Ice User groups will be meeting with City staff in early June to look at scheduling opportunities at both CIA and CEC, will be able to finalize CAHC tournament dates and work on practice schedules.
 - Meeting with John Ambrefe, Casper Coyotes- Diane met with John on May 4 to discuss the Coyote CIA schedule for next season and preferred CAHC dates. Coyote league scheduling meetings to be held May 16-22 in Las Vegas. Following those meetings, John and Diane plan to meet to go over Coyote schedule and game locations. Also discussed the opportunity for Coyote players to assist with coaching next season.
 - Pro Shop is now closed. Space is going to be taken over by the Coyotes.
 - WAHL June meeting scheduled for June 13. Proposed rule changes drafted to date were distributed to the meeting for review.
 - **Motion:** A motion to approve proposed WAHL rule changes as listed below was made by Jolene Whitley and seconded by Kevin Taheri; motion passed.
 - Squirt divisions as per other divisions for league structure
 - Player transfer-clarification of wording and consequence if non-compliant
 - Score sheets-penalty for not using hard copy score sheet
 - Fair Play Points-revised to include penalty minutes instead of number of penalties.
 - High School proposal-details included in Coaches Committee report
 - Online registration
 - **Motion:** A motion to continue using the online registration system was made by Mike Thomas and seconded by Kevin Taheri; motion passed.
 - Club ice logo-request received from CIA Manager regarding the CAHC ice logo. Options are to purchase a reusable applique logo (\$450-600), or have volunteers paint the logo (\$54 per color, lasts 2 years).
 - **Motion:** A motion to purchase the same size, reusable CAHC ice logo applique was made by Kevin Taheri and seconded by Angie Donelan; motion passed.
 - U8 designations-inquiry was received regarding the U8 designations and it was communicated that CAHC is using appropriate designations for U8 (A/B, C/D)
 - Lake Tahoe tournament info received and distributed by email.
 - Cameco Resources donated a used laptop to CAHC. Thank you note was sent on behalf of CAHC.
 - Flowers were sent to Bowman family on behalf of CAHC.
- Treasurer's Report
 - The financial reports were reviewed and will be filed for audit.
 - End of season assessments-majority have been applied to accounts, but waiting on a few receipts/bills to be received to complete.
 - **Motion:** Steph Means made a motion to accept Treasurer's report as presented and Steve Freel seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Reports of Standing Committees

- Coaches
 - High School proposal-the draft was distributed prior to the meeting for members to review. The proposal requests WAHL to consider allowing a High School roster only in the High School division with the intent to have

a Wyoming team attend Nationals at the High School level (winner of State Finals or other eligible team based on State Finals standings). High School Nationals has team and player eligibility requirements (team requirement is 10 games played at HS level and a player requirement is 5 games).

- Application deadline-Coaching application is being revised. Once complete, it will be distributed to the membership and past coaches for consideration. Application deadline is set for May 29, 2015 for the Pee Wee, Girls, Bantams, and Midgets. Application deadline for the remaining groups to be set soon.
- Med kits-still waiting on a few to be returned.
- Discipline-no report
- Ice Scheduling and Special Events
 - Awards Night April 9 at Yellowstone Garage 6-9pm, catered by Q'doba. Best attended event with approximately 120 in attendance. Ten Seniors honored at the event.
 - Extravaganza (April 18)- Overall a great success. Profit of approximately \$13,000. Blake Geoffrion was an amazing guest speaker and committee has received many positive comments about him and his presentation. Discussion was had about merging Awards Night into the Extravaganza. Scheduling and Special Events Committee will plan for that next year.
 - Tournament dates 2015-2016 season-tentative schedule set and to be approved at June meeting.
 - Skating & Puck Control Clinic request- discussion will continue to discuss camp/clinic options.
 - Fun Night- Discussion was had about the numerous year-end events CAHC hosts in March. The lack of volunteer support requires the Board to consider changes to how things have been done in the past. There has been past discussion about eliminating the participation type trophies handed out at the U8 and Squirt levels and instead encouraging a team bonding/socializing year-end event. Board consensus is to discontinue Fun Night and disperse funds traditionally used towards Fun Night and year-end participation awards divisions for their own pizza parties.
- Scholarship-no report
- Finance
 - Sponsor renewals- contact regarding renewals will start next week
 - Financial planning-committee will draft recommendations regarding investment accounts and budget preparation for 2015-2016 season. The committee proposed keeping the registration fees for the 2015-2016 season the same, except for the first year skater fee which they recommended raising to \$150 (includes free equipment rental and souvenir jersey).
 - **Motion:** Motion to raise the first year skater fees to \$150 made by Jolene Whitley, seconded by Steve Freel; motion passed with one opposed vote.
 - Discussion was had regarding the Midget age group and the potential need to increase fees to cover ice cost if Midget season starts earlier in September to allow for adequate practice time at the U18 level due to early season tournaments. This will be determined post July 1 registration deadline.
- Communications
 - Promotional flyer to be distributed through NCS D prior to school year end (return to school September 2)
 - **Motion:** Motion to spend up to \$500 and distribute CAHC promotional flyer to NCS D, K-3rd grade before end of school made by Jolene Whitley and seconded by Kevin Taheri; motion passed.
- Bylaw/Policy-no report.
- Community Outreach
 - Fair- parade float and fundraiser - \$35 to have float in parade, \$460 fee for fair booth space. Discussion was had about the volunteer support needed to run a booth for the fair week. Consensus was to proceed with the parade float. James Bardgett will send out an email to the membership requesting participation with the parade float.
- Fundraising & Equipment
 - Jersey/equipment return-majority returned. Inventory near completion.
 - Jersey replacements- order to be submitted to Bush-Wells by early June.
 - High School jerseys- registrants needing new jerseys to be contacted following completed online registration.
 - Football Frenzy fundraiser
 - **Motion:** Motion made to proceed with a Football Frenzy fundraiser by James Bardgett and seconded by Kevin Taheri; motion passed.

Reports of Appointed Roles

- Referee-in-Chief – no report
- Registrar – no report
- Pointstreak rep-no report

Unfinished Business

- Nominating Committee-new board members elected. Mike Thomas reported that Allen Jennings, Ben Mattila, Kevin Taheri, and Stuart Youmans were elected to the Board at the AGM.

New Business

- New Oiler facility – James Bardgett has done research and presented an idea for potential multiuse training facility for CAHC; 200 sq ft building projected to cost @ \$25k. Shooting range, dry land, conference room for meetings/chalk talk, etc... Will continue to discuss idea of new facility considering continued challenges regarding ice need.
- Next meeting June 4 6:30pm at Lenhart, Mason & Associates

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:46pm.