



Apple Valley Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2009



Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by President Everson

Board Members (*non-voting member) Present:

Tim Everson, Randy Olson, Anne Murphy, Mishelle Toavs, Dave Daggett, Tony Cobb, Greg Ess, Kevin Wartick, Doug Galloway, Mike Loge, Amy Larson, Jerry Hayes*

Board Members Absent (*non-voting member):

Robert Hochsprung, Kim Wengenroth, Annette Opseth, Peter Daly

Open Microphone:

- Jeff Andrews, GM of Apple Valley AmericInn presented fundraiser proposal. AVHA would receive \$5 per room per night for anyone we refer to hotel. We will provide this information to teams participating in our tournaments in the future. He will also look into the possibility of AVHA getting a rebate if our own teams book rooms at other AmericInns for the tournaments we participate in.
- Vicki Kotsonas, AVHA member, proposed the idea creating a more formal and decorative float for the 4th of July parade and having a team competition to come up with the design. The board agreed to review for consideration.

Secretary's Report – Larson for Opseth:

- Approve October 2009 meeting minutes:
Motion by Wartick to approve the minutes, seconded by Olson; Approved.

PDC Update:

- Squirt and U10 tryouts completed 11-8
- Squirt B coach will be Drew Johnson and Squirt C coach is Champ Nelson
- U10A coach is Larry Leong, U10B coach still being determined
- Very disappointed in the first goaltending coaches clinic as only 5 coaches attended. The next clinic will be Nov. 30th and coaches will be strongly encouraged to attend.
- October goaltending clinic for the players was well received and Coach Sikich is reaching out to the goalies directly.
- Skate with the Eagles for the mites was held on 11-10-09 with about 50 mites in attendance. Positive emails have been sent from parents regarding the program.
- Training center – additional equipment being ordered. The majority of the feedback from the coaches has been very positive. The space is tight with scheduling one team starting and another ending at the same time. Consideration should be made to have a 15 minute buffer for the change.
- If AVHA will have another year-end wrap-up program we need to start thinking about dates, format, etc. Jerry will get some dates that the high school theatre is available.
- On Jan. 30, 2010 the Varsity hockey game vs. Bloomington Jefferson will be televised on FSN. We need to think about what we can do to promote the event. Possibly a tailgate party. We should have some kind of give-away for fans attending the game such as rally towels, etc. There will be a skate with the Eagles event for 30 minutes after the game as well.
- Jan. 7th will be AVHA youth night so any players wearing their jerseys will get in for free. This is also the night of the AVHA raffle.
- All of the teams will be getting AVHA t-shirts again this year. The managers will need to collect the sizes for their team.

Level Updates:

- Jr. Gold – Mishelle
 - Tryouts start on Nov. 17, 2009.
 - Concerned about getting jerseys in time for the games. Jerry said there are some old high school jerseys that could be used temporarily if necessary
 - First game is the first weekend in December
 - Feb. 21, 2010 will be Senior night for the Jr. Gold team with the same format as last year
- Bantam – Doug
 - District 6 received a grievance about the players that are part of the co-op team with Bloomington and required AVHA to allow them to play on our Bantam B2 team. 3 of the 4 C players we arranged to go Bloomington decided to stay with the Bloomington team and are fitting in well. 1 player decided to play for the AVHA Bantam B2 team instead.
- Pee Wee
 - A few glitches at the training center, but overall things are going well.
- U12
 - Off to a good start.
- U10
 - 12 players on each of the two teams.
- Squirts - Kevin
 - Teams finalized and coaches in place. Have not heard of any issues.
- Mites – Chris
 - 185 mites this year, last year there were 163
 - 68 new kindergarten and first graders
 - 29 3rd graders
 - There are about 50 coaches. They are very good and are working very hard.
 - Flex coach program is working well
 - 10 players signed up for U8 team
 - 20-25 kids signed up for the intermediate and advanced mite teams

D6 Report

- Squirt A will participate in the D6 tournament, other Squirts and U10 will not.
- The D6 pilot program for TST live scoring for Bantam A has been cancelled.
- Score sheets are not being completed correctly – missing signature, penalties tracked wrong, etc.
- Need to send in score sheets for scrimmages
- The Bantam A & U14 discrepancy on the 90 minute game time is not changing this year. There may be a change for next year.
- We must use D6 referees for scrimmages.
- Doug sent a letter to D6 regarding the situation with the 4 AVHA Bantam C players going to Bloomington as part of the co-op team and received a response from Russ Crawford apologizing for the issue. He stated the issue was due to having relatively small numbers on our Bantam teams.
- Sections 17.5 and 21.1 of the AVHA Member Guide specifically address team sizes and where players will be placed when teams are not offered at all levels and the player did not tryout. The verbiage in those documents does not support the actions taken this year and should be reviewed for possible revisions.

Gambling Report – Olson:

- Our new location at Wild Bills Sports Saloon will open Dec. 14th.
- \$14,000 in profits last month.
- Motion by Wartick to approve the October report; seconded by Slater. Approved.
- Motion by Wartick to approve operating expenses of \$35,000; seconded Galloway. Approved

Treasure Report - Toavs:

- Budget on track
- Training Center costs look high, but will go down with ice bill payments for time used.
- Training center is actually still under the original budgeted amount.
- Some funds will be moved from savings to checking account so the checking is not so tight.
- Coaches reimbursements for the USAH fees are being worked on.

- Motion by Wartick to approve the October Treasurer's report; seconded by Slater. Approved.

Old Business:

- Tournament update
 - The boys tournament is filled, but still need a U10A team
 - The tournament t-shirts are being finalized
 - Volunteer time for the tournaments has been posted on the website
- Training center update
 - We need garbage cans and bigger mats by the front doors to protect the carpet in the winter.
 - Padding has been put up behind the shooting rink
 - There will not be any weights
- Eagan Hockey Association has contacted us about possibly using our training center. They were told it is for AVHA use only, but that we would be happy to show them what we have set up.
- The mite jamboree between periods of the Wild game will be on Feb. 4, 2010. The fee has been paid.

New Business

- Custom mouth guards
 - Erickson-Aamodt Orthodontics is already an AVHA sponsor and they have offered to provide custom mouth guards to AVHA players at no cost. This is an \$85 value. An email will be sent to the team managers to survey their teams to gauge the level of interest.
- Peter Daly has resigned from the coaches committee due to the perceived conflict of interest so that he may continue to be an assistant coach for the Squirt A and U12B teams.
- Board Elections to take place in February. Verbiage will be compiled for next meeting along with how many members need to be on the election committee.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion to adjourn by: Wartick 2nd by: Galloway Result: Passed

Respectfully submitted by Amy Larson