

# Americans looking for coach

**By Tribune Staff**

Jim Keough, owner of the Great Falls Americans Junior B franchise, hopes to hire a coach within the next month or so.

The Americans have been awarded a franchise in the Norpac Hockey League and will begin play in the fall of 2011 at the Great Falls Ice Plex.

"We hope to start interviewing (for a coach) in December and have somebody hired in January," Keough said this

week. Keough formerly was general manager of the Great Falls Voyagers baseball team. This will be his first involvement with a hockey club.

Keough said it's possible he will sign as many as three local athletes to the Americans' roster even before a coach is hired.

Keough had planned to conduct at least one Norpac game at the Ice Plex this season, but has dropped plans for that because the current locker rooms aren't adequate.

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