

OREGON HOCKEY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2021

7:00 pm



Board Members/Attendees:

| Attended | Name | Position |
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| x | Melissa Kingsley | President |
| x | Justin Brooks | Vice-President |
| x | Becky Rothering | Secretary |
| x | TJ Whyte | Treasurer |
| NP | Amy Cameron | Registrar/temp HS ALD |
| x | Kim Walker | Fundraising Director |
| x | Joe Mueller | LTP |
| x | Mike Noonan | 6U |
| x | Nick Shtaida | 8U |
| x | Mike Jochman | Squirt |
| x | Jim Conklin | Peewee |
| x | Tom Grice | Bantam |
| NA | | High School |
| x | Kelly Sullivan | Tournament Director |
| x | Kris Sweeney | Volunteer Dibs |
| NA | | Hockey Director |
| x | Kris Sweeney | Safety/COVID/Concussion Coordinator |

General Members in Attendance:

Online:

Scott Hagen
Aaron Larson
Allison Noack
Angie Lind
Brenda Goble
Erica Kypreos

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| Jennifer Grice Lisa Gerlach Nicki C RAchel Behl Tracy Taszarek Trishia Schroeder Patrick Eimerman |
| In Person: |
| Jessica Sweeney Dirk Karasek Ben Rothering SEan Kypreos Justin U'Ren Andrew Lederer Michelle Alstad Marty Alstad Josh Lind Peter Mand Dan Draeger |

Meeting started at 7:03pm with a virtual and in person option.

Reports:

Treasurer –

- Budget was trimmed last year 2020 due to COVID, this year resembles 2019 more closely.
- Discussed some questions regarding online payment options
- **Question-** Why is there \$6500 slotted for jersey costs? Don't families pay for those? **Answer:** This is a place holder number. Club has to front this expense, but it will be refunded as families pay for their jerseys.
- Hockey Director- Amount being spent is different from previous years. \$2500 was initially discussed. Haven't had many good candidates in the past, so this number reflects that.
- General Membership asked to approve budget-Motion to approve by Jessica Sweeney, Ben Rothering seconds. Budget approved.

President –

Review of COVID Policy

- Changes made to COVID policy and then it will be posted. Melissa reviewed the intent of policy (kids on the ice) and as little quarantine as possible. This policy was updated per guidance from: CDC, USA Hockey, Oregon SD, PHMDC, and other Oregon sports such as soccer.
- Discussed the edit that was voted on by board. Reviewed entire policy verbally.
- **Question-** What will happen regarding masks outside of Dane County and for teams from outside of Dane County when they travel here? **Answer:** Melissa will review this as part of our policy. It is recommended by our organization that our players wear them when playing outside of Dane County.
- **Question:** Why is vaccination status being asked? **Answer:** If they aren't vaccinated, and Dane County expires, we are strongly encouraging mask wear.

- **Question-** Are face shields allowed?- **Answer:** PHMDC doesn't count them, but they are approved through USA Hockey and therefore our organization approves of their use.
- **Question-** What happens when 1 kid on the team tests positive after attending practice? **Answer:** Coaches will be asked to report who would be considered close contact with that player. This will be practice and drill dependent. Investigating who they were near, what locker room they used etc. Rely on self reports.
 - Jessica Sweeney reported that soccer coaches have had good luck with this when they plan their practice drills to decrease contact.
- **Question-** In Locker Rooms, it takes more than 7.5 minutes to dress before and after. Won't they automatically be in "close contact?" **Answer:** Correct, Kris clarified that this is why locker rooms will be open but players are recommended to come as dressed as possible.
- **Question-** Is sitting on the bench close contact? **Answer:** Yes, coaches may organize benches to help.
- **Question-** Can an email be sent out regarding a positive test, all close contacts have been notified. Similar to OSD? **Answer:** This can be discussed by the board.
- **Question-** Will someone from each team be taking temps etc? **Answer:** No, families will be asked to conduct their own screening, similar to panther pledge at OSD.

Volunteering

- Volunteer Opportunity- You can volunteer at Fall Fury (soccer tournament) to get hockey hours. Reach out to Melissa.
 - Interested in coaching or managing? Reach out to ALD. Need a COVID Coordinator and a Safety Coordinator- record concussion, communicate with WAHA
 - Fundraising Committee-
 - Tournament Committee- plan and organize home tournaments
 - 2 Parents for Grievance Disciplinary Committee-

Fundraising –

- We are going back to the previous vendor for wreaths.
- There is still discussion regarding Bucky Books.
- Cookie sales- Meeting with vendor Oct 28th at 7pm. Email sent to managers to join the meeting.
- Salt Sale will be late October to early November. Will need a storage facility. If you have storage options, contact Kim. Will be either softener or sidewalk salt.
- Summer skates- slides, white and black slides, and can coozies. Can get with or without logo.
- Mid season to end- adult dance, for parents.
- Looking at volunteers at each age level to help with Fundraising committee. Any volunteers?

General Questions:

- **Question-**When will invoices be sent out? **Answer:** TJ said to expect them in the next week. If paid online, invoices would be sent around 10/1/21.
- **Question-** How many practices are being outsourced? how are the teams picked regarding who practices at home etc? **Answer:** Kris clarified. We are trying to keep them to a minimum. Not many in the first half of the season. It depends on what their home ice time is and what availability is.
- **Question:** Will there be a team that will always be outsourced. **Answer:** This would not be our goal. We would look at that. (Kris) Oct- all practices at home. Nov- all in Oregon. Dec- all in Oregon, Jan- short some ice 2nd week, and week of 23rd. Feb- 1 or 2 weeks might be short. The rink has provided most of our practice ice. Most of our shortage was weekend games- those may be Stoughton or McFarland.
- **Question-** Can skaters register up to Dec 31st? **Answer:** Board has not addressed this issue directly regarding implications of the other youth option starting in Oregon. Rosters need to be

complete by Dec 31st. No registration after Dec 31st. Online registration will close, but Melissa encourages you to come her to ask if late registration is requested. There will be challenges with late registrations because tryouts will be over by then.

- **Question-** Has the Southside Saints organization affected our numbers? Are we concerned?
Answer: Registrations are on target from previous years.
- **Question-** Can you play in both youth organizations? **Answer:** Yes, because the Southside Saints organization is not registered with USA Hockey or WAHA, they cannot play against other youth organizations. They play interleague. Skaters can play both with the Saints and OYH.
- **Question-** Have transfer requests increased? Outgoing or incoming? **Answer:** Stoughton Bantam does not have a team, so they do not need requests. They are not considered Transfers. These are done on a case by case basis. Have not seen surprising numbers in either direction.
- **Question-** Will those come through after registration closes? **Answer:** No. We will be talking with those families as requests come in . For true transfers, two per age level are allowed per WAHA.
- **Question-** Who is doing evaluations without a Hockey Director? **Answer:** Coaches committee has been formed. They have independent evaluators lined up who are not tied to current players. Coaches may help on the ice. Coaches will have input at the end. Email will be sent out soon. Calendar is up to date regarding schedule.
- **Question-** Are we holding interviews for the Hockey Director position?**Answer:** We have had one interested party, but he couldn't commit the time. We need a Hockey Director to support the ADM model, so we will keep position open.

No further questions. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm