

OAHE HOCKEY BOARD MINUTES

3060 E. Elizabeth, Pierre, SD

September 6th, 2011 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Paul Bachand - President; Tony Leif - Vice President; Angel Wedin - Treasurer; Amy McTighe - Registrar; Jeff Mammenga - Publicity; Kathy Norwick - Fundraising; Ron Wagner - League Play; Barbara Shoup Anderson - Secretary; Gordon Woods - Rink.

ABSENT: None.

Also Present: Rob Kittay, Kandee Leif, Matt Mohr, Tom Schultz, Levi Briggs, Jeremy Irving, Perry Ankrum, Chad Griese, Sandra Griese, Kristina Mechaley, Ryan Mechaley, Kristal Buchholz, Auston Buccholtz, Jim Wedin, Tom Grannes, Doug Coughlin, Craig Davis, Mike Raleigh, Steph Lyons, and Keith Briggs.

Paul Bachand called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

A motion was made by Amy McTighe, seconded by Jeff Mammenga to approve the minutes from the August 2nd, 2011 board meeting. Motion carries.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Players: Registration for Varsity/JV is closed. Registrations for the other levels are now open. The Registrar has received calls from people wanting to know if there is money available for scholarships. Information will be included on the website regarding waived fees for those in Mites and Mini Mites until January 1st with the exception of needing to pay the USA Hockey Fee. Also reimbursement of ½ the registration fee for first time squirt and first time girls varsity/JV players will also be included on the OHA website. These first time players must request a refund from the OHA Treasurer.

Currently 22 players have registered for Boys JV/Varsity.

The OHA Hockey Swap is this Sunday from 2:00 – 5:00 pm and will be at the mall located between Classy's and Claire's.

Discussion occurred around publicity and 'free' registration. Jeff Mammenga will be sending out an article which will be included in My Daily News. The free registration will also be on the OHA Website.

Rink: September 17th will be the beginning of rink set-up. About 8 parents and a number of squirts and bantam players were at the rink to help wash the boards this past weekend. Otherwise, things are going well with the rink.

League Play: Anyone taking the coaching modules will need to register. If coaching more than one level, then register for the upper level first and move down from there. All of the coaching modules need to be completed by December 31st.

Scheduling is getting closer to being finished, dates are filling up, and it's more difficult to move things around. We are waiting for one individual to commit to coaching prior to finalizing the schedule.

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Fundraising: Zamboni Days held September 16th distributed 718 cases of pop across the communities of Pierre and Fort Pierre which brought in charitable donations totaling \$3782. Having the Varsity/JV players available to help sell makes a difference for the lower level kids since the younger ones look up to the older ones as mentors. Only 65% of hockey families participated in Zamboni Days – since this was short notice, this is a fairly positive number and we would like to see the percentage increase when we have Zamboni Days again next spring.

Work is continuing on the Calendars with some questions related to contacting present and new sponsors.

Discussion also occurred around collecting pledges for the new bleachers required for the 2012 Boy's State Varsity Hockey Tournament. Paul reminded the board of the RAM grant that could be acquired with a 50/50 match. The match must be new dollars and new donations, not something already sitting in the checking account. Perhaps the bleacher pledge could be used to help obtain the grant. Gordon asked about using the donated labor for building the bleachers as a portion of the match for the grant as well.

Publicity: OHA Registration Flyers were sent to Pierre Public & Stanley County Elementary schools. Next year St. Joe's would be included as well. Ads will go out in tomorrow's reminder (09/07/11) and Friday's Capital Journal (09/09/11), as well as the radio stations.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was distributed and discussed. Significant events include the Zamboni Day fundraiser which brought in \$3782 in donations. The bill for the State Champion trophy display case cost \$491.16.

The FY11-12 proposed budget was presented to the board. President Bachand requested an actual FY10-11 expenditure report be included with the proposed budget to be reviewed at the October Board meeting.

A motion was made by Tony Leif, seconded by Amy McTighe, to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

State Tournament Status: Lynda was not able to make it to the meeting however, she is working on it.

NEW BUSINESS

Concessions: The OHA Board resolves that a credit card be obtained thru First National Bank with a limit of \$5,000 per 30 day cycle signers being Lisa Gordon, DeDe Fasken, and Angel Wedin. Motion was made by Tony Leif, seconded by Kathy Norwood to authorize a credit card for concession purchases thru First National Bank. Each purchase listed on the credit card must be verified via receipt prior to being reimbursed by OHA.

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If a receipt does not accompany the purchase, the purchase will not be recognized as valid and will need to be reimbursed by those responsible for the purchase of concession items. Motion carries.

Hockey Scholarship Requests: Angel made a motion, seconded by Tony Leif, to waive registration fees as well as volunteer hours for a hockey family who is currently experiencing unforeseen hardship. The motion includes OHA paying the USA Hockey registration for the family as well. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Tournament Payments: Ron Wagner made a motion, seconded by Gordon Woods, that OHA pay the following amounts for tournaments per registered team for the 2011-12 season:

Girls JV	\$750
Girls Varsity	\$750
Boys JV	\$750
Boys Varsity	\$750
Bantams	\$650
Pee Wees	\$650
Squirts	\$550
Mites	\$400
Mini-Mites	\$250

This does not include the Girls/Boy's Varsity Presidents Cup Tournaments.

Angel will adjust the proposed budget accordingly. Motion carries.

A proposal for tournament and travel policy was also introduced as follows:

Girls and Boys JV/Varsity: OHA restricts travel to four (4) tournaments per team

Bantam and Pee Wee: OHA restricts travel to three (3) tournaments per team

Squirts: OHA restricts travel to four (4) overnight tournaments per team

Mites: OHA restricts travel to three (3) overnight tournaments per team

Mini-mites: OHA restricts travel to two (2) overnight tournaments per team

Much public comment occurred on restricting the number of tournaments which teams can or cannot play. Pros and Cons were given on both sides.

President Bachand closed the discussion to public comment.

The history behind restricting the number of tournaments played developed out of the SDHA meeting in April. They are concerned with the number of games and tournaments

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being played in the lower levels and the effect it has on the number of players registering for hockey. By having a set number of tournaments which teams can play, parents are informed of what to expect as far as travel.

It's important to note that OHA's priority focus is to recruit kids to play hockey.

Another proposal relates to changes for those in the lower levels (squirts, mites, and mini-mites) and discusses tournament travel as well as travel to single day events, one per weekend, including home games and is as follows:

Squirts: OHA restricts travel to four (4) overnight tournaments and 10 additional day games per team.

Mites: OHA restricts travel to three (3) overnight tournaments and eight (8) additional day games per team.

Mini-mites: OHA restricts travel to two (2) overnight tournaments and six (6) additional day games per team.

It was also noted that all players at these levels will get equal playing time and will not be penalized for not attending tournaments or day games. And that no special teams will be created.

This motion is tabled. Paul Bachand will re-write the motion for the next board meeting.

A motion was made by Ron Wagner, seconded by Jeff Mammenga, to adjourn the Meeting at 8:20 pm. Meeting Adjourned.

The next meeting will take place Tuesday, October 4th at 6:00 pm at the Expo Building in Fort Pierre, SD.