

Oahe Hockey Association
January 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
OHA Board Room
Monday, January 19, 2015

Board President, Craig Davis, called the January Board Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Stephanie Lyons, Tiffany Sanchez, Tony Leif, Katie Starr, Lee Axdahl, Mike Mueller, Gordon Woods, Serena Swenson, and Bob Gray. Board Members, Nathan Sanderson and Jim Wedin, were absent.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

OHA Board President Davis asked for a Motion to approve the December Board Meeting Minutes. **Lee Axdahl made the motion. Second by Gordon Woods. Motion passed unanimously.**

B. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS:

1. TREASURER – TIFFANY SANCHEZ

Dec 31 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$ 42,360.33

Restricted Funds: \$17,767.12

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Dec 31: \$ 24,593.21

December Income - \$32,387.75

(Concessions; equipment lease; calendar sponsors; gate; additional RAM grant; Merchandise revenue; registration funds; season pass sales; signage; skate rental income and sponsorships)

December Expenses - \$38,536.28

(Coach reimbursement and training; concession; goalie equipment; calendar printing; concession RAM purchase; jerseys; phone & internet; referees; online registration fees [Factor 360 charged per registration for camp AND OHA]; Expo

rent; rink expense; TV; skate sharpening for rental skates; tournament registrations; trash; utilities; and Zamboni blade sharpening and repairs)

Report of January 1-19:

*So far, January is short \$12,000+. We have big deposits for calendar sales still coming in - Tyler Wilcox Tourney still coming in – and lots of home games still coming.

*We need to pay for signage to the Expo, but they also are to reimburse us \$4000 for flooring and about \$500 for diaper changing stations. I am hoping we get those funds soon.

*The Tyler Wilcox tourney was a success and we need to determine/approve rate to pay Squirt refs...last year paid \$30 for main and \$15 each to two line refs. This year we ran a 2 ref vs 3 ref system. In addition, state ref rates did increase 20%. Only one of our refs was a state certified ref. Years past we paid Squirt refs \$5 less than PW refs; and \$10 less than line ref. As PW rates increased the 20% this year, we would pay main ref \$37.50 and lines 21 for a total of \$80 per game. At state level, if 2 ref system is used, both get paid main ref rate which is 20% less than 3 ref system would cost). If we chose to pay the 2 refs \$40 each, that is a 25% increase and yet total pay for game is the same as if we used 3 ref system. Or do we want to stay at \$30 each or go to 35 each? For each \$5 we increase ref pay, it decreases tournament profits by \$200. I believe we need to have Board approval as to what I pay these kids.

*REFs for the Feb 8-10 games will be donating their game pay back to our association to donate to a cancer charity of our choice. Do we need to look at doing something or not?

*Some scheduled activities to enhance attendance at Varsity games to increase revenue instead of raising fees??? Sponsorship night and THANK You to sponsors.....underway...

*Working on year-end reports for accountant. Waiting on one more SS# to submit 1099s. Our 2014 year showed over 600 transactions with income of \$267,165.95 and Expenses of \$264,662.27 for a net profit of \$2,503.68.

*Jan 19 balance \$12,575.20 + 17,767.12 restricted = total balance 30,342.32.

The Board discussed and agreed that for the non-league refs who worked the Tyler Wilcox Tournament, they would be paid \$37.50 for each game they ref'd. This is a 20% increase from last year's rate. **No Board Action was Needed or Taken.**

Friday, February 6th is OHA's "Pink in the Rink" night. The Board agreed to donate the referee game fees and the free will offerings taken at the door and in the stands to the American Cancer Society and Susan G. Komen South Dakota. Referees will wear pink and black ref jerseys, Gordie Woods generously will donate pink Capitals t-shirts to launch into the stands, and pink tape will be given to the Boys JV/Varsity players to put on their sticks and helmets. **No Board Action was Needed or Taken.**

In order to help increase attendance at remaining January and February, Home Boys' Varsity Games - the following activities are planned:

January 30 th	Pierre Pep Band and Pierrettes
January 31 st	Mites 3 on 3 Between Periods
February 6 th	Pink in the Rink and Pierre Pep Band
February 14 th	Pierrettes
February 15 th	Mini-Mite Mash Up
February 21 st	Sponsor Night
February 22 nd	Senior Slide and PIERREcussion

The Mites and Mini-Mites will be allowed to change in the Board room on January 31st and February 15th. A Picture Poster of the Boys JV/Varsity players will be made for the sponsors as a thank you and for advertising of the February Home Games and the activities planned. In the future these posters will be made at the beginning of the season with the full season game schedule on it, as well as a picture of the Senior players.

Board President Davis entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Tony Leif made the Motion. Second by Gordon Woods. Motion passed unanimously.

2. REGISTRAR – LEE AXDAHL

All OHA skaters have now been rostered. The Mini-Mite and Mite level rosters were the last ones to be completed, and they have been done.

3. PLAYERS – KATIE STARR

Katie had nothing herself to report. President Davis and the board discussed that an e-mail will go out, via the coordinators, reminding OHA members of the importance of good parent sportsmanship in the stands. Discussion also took place reminding that USA Hockey requires a parent to be in the locker rooms as an effort to combat bullying that may take place. Not all OHA levels are abiding by this requirement – especially after games.

No Board Action was Needed or Taken.

4. COACHING – JIM WEDIN

President Davis gave Jim's report that all coaches have successfully completed their coaching certifications and did so by the 12/31/14 deadline.

5. LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS

There have been 2 changes to league, scheduled games:

The Bantam B game originally scheduled for February 14th will now be February 20th. The Boys JV/Varsity games originally scheduled for February 8th will now be played on February 6th.

6. RINK OPERATIONS – GORDIE WOODS

Rink operations are going well. The dehumidifier was fixed and is working great like it was meant to from the beginning. The furnace and Zamboni room had a control board replaced with an existing control board we had. Labor was the only expense on this.

7. FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON

Calendar sale money collections are going well. There are only 13 families left to collect from.

8. **MARKETING – BOB GRAY**

We have 6 sponsor signs that are outstanding – 4 of these sign sponsors have committed and 2 are still being waited on for final decision. Vern Eide has committed to be a dasher board sign sponsor for \$1,500. We are still getting inquiries from more potential dasher board sign sponsors. Currently, we have 46 wall sign sponsors, not including the 6 outstanding. There are still another 30-40 prospects who received sponsorship, invitation letters – however Bob has not heard back from them yet.

9. **COMMUNICATIONS – MIKE MUELLER**

Nothing to report this month.

OLD BUSINESS

A. **SDAHA PINK NIGHT AT THE RINK UPDATE**

This was discussed during the Treasurer's Report. **No Board Action was Needed or Taken.**

B. **NEW JERSEY DESIGN UPDATE**

Kris Bucholtz passed out jersey ballots to next season's (2015-2016) Boys Junior Varsity and Varsity players. She did this in December. They had 7 jerseys to choose from, and were asked to vote for 1 Away jersey and 1 Home jersey. The Home jersey chosen by the players was #6 and the Away jersey chosen by the players was #2. The Boys JV and Varsity players will also have new game socks for the 2015-2016 season, as well.

The Board was asked to discuss and concurred with the players' choices of jerseys. **Gordon Woods made the Motion to take the players' majority votes into account and approve #6 for the Home jersey and #2 for the Away jersey. Second by Mike Mueller. Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

A. GIRLS POLICY CHANGE RECOMMENDATION

The Board will develop a policy for the petition up of girls' players to the boys' junior varsity and varsity teams. A grandfather clause will be inserted into the policy for current female players, playing on the boys' junior varsity and varsity teams, to not be affected. The Board will work on developing this policy in the coming months.

The Board also discussed looking into possible, future changes of the split policy at the Mite and Mini-Mite levels.

No Board Action was taken or needed at this time.

B. OPEN SKATE DISCUSSION/CHANGES

Safety of skaters participating at Open Skates has become a concern. Per board discussion and agreement, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY – Friday night open skates will be on the big rink only and the small rink will be reserved for family skate participants and beginning skaters only. Signs reflecting such will be posted at the rink. Mike Mueller will send the following notice and open skate rules to the OHA membership:

* The Board is implementing a change to open skate effective immediately. The small rink is for beginning skaters and family skate ONLY. This applies to all open skate sessions.

* The following open skate rules have been established:

1. Skate at your own risk.
2. The small rink is for beginner skaters and family skate (youth accompanied on ice by parent/guardian) only.
3. Skate aids may only be used by beginner skaters on the small rink.
4. Skates are required on the ice.

5. Skates are to be worn only on the ice or in areas covered with protective flooring.

6. Tag, keep away, sticks, pucks, foul language, and reckless skating are prohibited.

7. No food or drink is allowed on the ice at any time.

8. Tobacco is prohibited at the Expo Center.

9. Keep out of locker rooms and other prohibited areas.

10. Follow instructions from Ice Monitors and other OHA officials.

Anyone not abiding by posted rules OR conducting themselves in any manner that endangers others or disrupts open skate may be asked to leave the Expo Center.

Active enforcement of the rules during open skate is expected. The rules have been posted to the OHA open skate webpage and will be posted at the ExpoCenter.

No Board Action was taken or needed at this time.

The February Board Meeting will take place at the EXPO Center Board Room on Monday, February 16th, in Fort Pierre. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. CST.

President Davis entertained a Motion to Adjourn. Tony Leif made the Motion. Second by Gordon Woods. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m. CST.