



OMAHA HOCKEY CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING DECEMBER 18, 2018

President Doug Ziska calls the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Board members in attendance:

Doug Ziska	Larry Mercier	Jeff Nikodym	Michael Hughes
Scott Miller	Tim Vanderloo	Sarah Morgan	Rick Baughman
Matt Moragues			

Absent: Amy Sempek Eyre (Excused)

New Business:

Tom Kahn (Head Referee) asked to speak to the Board/Membership

- Plea to Membership at the Squirt level. Players, kids, and coaches, learning, asking that they recognize that the referees are also learning. He's bringing in new kids, they will make mistakes, but they are being groomed, so please give them the benefit of doubt.
- Peewee and High School - Kids, parents, and coaches, complaining, and sometimes cursing at the referees. Please also bear with these folks as well, and support them too. It's an ongoing process, and it's hard to find good people to referee that want to subject themselves to the criticism. Asking the support of OHC and the Membership.
- President, Doug Ziska, responded by saying that the Board understands and agrees with Tom. There has been some discussion about a reminder message to the Parents and Coaches. And asking the coaches's to reinforce player expectations as well.
 - Membership discussion about recruiting potential referees from people playing in the Omaha adult hockey leagues. Tom said he has some of those guys, but if there are others that people know, then tell them to call Tom.
 - Discussion about how to handle games where referees have struggled, without yelling at them during the games. There is a process to follow, in which coaches or Membership can file a complaint to Tom. Tom also recommends that if anyone videos the games then that would be helpful as well. They do work with newer referees and give them feedback, so its an ongoing process. They also try to team up a lesser experienced referee with a more experienced one, when they can.

Old Business

Nothing to update

Director's Reports

Secretary's Report

- Amy is absent, will defer to next meeting

Treasurer's Report

- Jeff realized that the information that he last received from the accounting firm, does not show the OHC secondary payments, so any update that he gives will not truly represent where we are at. No motion to accept the Treasurer's Report at this time, rather we will wait for Jeff to get the updated information, and it will be approved and posted next time.

High School Travel (OJL)

- Not much to report. They have games this weekend, and then will be taking a break through the holidays.

Girl's Program

- 12u team won their last tournament, very exciting for them.
- 16u team that qualified for Silver Sticks in Canada has started their fund raising, and it's going well.

High School Club

- They will be playing their All Star game at Baxter Arena on the main ice, the same weekend as the UNO/North Dakota weekend. Keeping a close eye to make sure that there aren't any unforeseen conflicts that arise. Otherwise, they are excited about the game, and the season is going well.

Boy's Travel

- The season is underway and progressing well. Overall, the teams have been traveling around to tournaments and most have been doing really well. Won't tie up the meeting with all the results, can provide them if someone wants to hear more.
- The Stampede planning is in full force. As of right now, all slots are FULL. Still more details to finalize, so it will be ongoing until March.

IP/Mite Program

- Season is going well. B Travel team got 2nd last weekend, and A Travel team got 3rd in their respective tournaments last weekend.
- Registration numbers are looking strong, 85 kids registered for next season as of now.

House Program

- Joust planning is underway, and they are working on things.
- Goalie clinic is planned. They have an Oklahoma St. goalie who will be in town, and has asked to help. They have good support lined up, so they are ready to go.
- The Select Bantam team is a little low on players, due to a rash of injuries. They have requested to add a couple of new players to make sure that they have some depth just in case.
- Omaha will be hosting the MW Select Tourney the weekend of January 11-13. Sarah has been helping with the coordination of things with MW, but she will be out of town for her daughter's tournament in Canada that weekend, so we will need to identify the Site Coordinator for that tournament/weekend.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Tim Vanderloo. All members were in favor, meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Board notes submitted by Doug Ziska, on behalf of Amy Sempek-Eyre