

**Oahe Hockey Association
November 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
EXPO Center Board Room – Fort Pierre, SD
Monday, November 21, 2016**

Board President, Nathan Sanderson, called the November Board meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Nathan Sanderson, Tiffany Sanchez, Lee Axdahl, Lisa Lee, Craig Davis, Bob Gray, Serena Swenson, Jon Herman, Rick Miller, and Stephanie Lyons.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

President Sanderson called for a Motion to approve the October Board Meeting Minutes with the spelling modifications of two names that Secretary Lyons will make. Motion by Tiffany Sanchez. Second Serena Swenson. Motion passed unanimously.

II. TREASURER’S REPORT – TIFFANY SANCHEZ

Sponsorship money is coming in good. EXPO rent has been paid in full for the season now. 1st PAYSA loan payment has been made. 1st insurance payment, including for PAYSA, has been made. Our Phone/DSL/TV payment is now lower by switching to MIDCO.

Dates of mention throughout the season thus far: December 9th versus Aberdeen – OHA Night; December 18th versus Sioux Falls West – OHA Alumni Night; January 7th – Raffle Drawing Night and PINK THE RINK Night; February 4th – Senior Recognition Night; February 19th – Senior Slide Night. Still looking for nights to have figure skaters perform, mini-mite games, and sponsorship recognition.

Chase Bolte has secured \$8,500 in sponsorships for PINK THE RINK night. Todd’s Electric has donated \$1,000 to OHA and asked that it be dedicated and used for start-up money each year that they donate for this cause. Fast signs will also be donating purple ribbons that can be sold to raise money. The Rushmore Hockey Association has agreed to donate their share of fees to raise money this night as well (the Capitals’ opponent the night of January 7th).

Financials were handed out.

Oct 31 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$107,052.40

Restricted Funds: \$30,188.79

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Oct 31: \$76,863.61

Oct 1 – Oct 31 income \$29,886.19 : Donation - \$5.00; Equipment Lease Program Income - \$1,145; Fundraiser Revenue - \$300; Merchandise - \$24.94; Registration 2016-17 - \$2,411.25; Signage - \$11,000; Sponsorships - \$15,000

Oct 1 – Oct 31 expenses \$5,387.21 : Coach - \$80; Concession - \$540.16; Phone DSL TV - \$846.54; Rent - \$1,600; Rink Expense - \$870.51; Tournament Registration - \$1,450

Overall Total for Oct 1 – Oct 31: \$24,498.98

Nov 21 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$97,649.15

Restricted Funds: \$31,580.04

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Nov 21: \$66,069.11

Nov 1 – Nov 21 income \$36,586.63 : Concession - \$1,043; Donation - \$305; Equipment Lease Program Income - \$205; Fundraiser Revenue - \$10,972; Gate - \$1,778; Merchandise - \$3,510.87; Registration 2016-17 - \$2,577.50; Restitution/Break-in - \$168.26; Restricted Donations - \$2,500; Season Passes - \$2,875; Signage - \$3,000; Skate Rental Income - \$152; Sponsorships - \$7,500

Nov 1 – Nov 21 expenses \$45,989.88 : Board - \$19.99; Coach - \$2,516.12; Concession - \$2,207.41; Donation Expense/Zamboni Days - \$5,458.13; Fundraiser - \$407.95; Insurance - \$3,499.56; Loan Payment-PAYSA - \$3,375; Merchandise - \$2,752.64; PAYSA Expenses - \$9.96; Phone DSL TV - \$125.85; Referees - \$754; EXPO Rent - \$1,600; Restricted Fund Expenses - \$1,108.75; Rink Expense - \$2,678.78; Season Passes - \$247.50; Signage - \$9,200; Sponsorship - \$237.77; Start Up Money - \$1,117; Tournament Registrations - \$2,600; Trash - \$412.03; Utilities - \$5,661.44

Overall Total for Nov 1 – Nov 21: (\$9,403.25)

President Sanderson asked for a Motion to approve the November Treasurer's report. Motion made by Craig Davis. Second by Rick Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

III. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS

REGISTRAR – RICK MILLER

OHA has a total of 201 skaters as of today. Since Try Hockey For Free on November 12th, OHA has gained 5 skaters in Learn to Skate and 1 skater in the Mite in-house league. Rosters are about done, and thus the team binders will be given out soon to the coordinators.

DIRECTOR OF PLAYERS – KATIE STARR (absent but e-mailed "report" below)

"Boys and Girls Club- We completed 4 sessions of community outreach on the following dates to try and increase hockey numbers. Players from the Bantam team and Lady Caps helped out with teaching the kids floor hockey. I think they were really impressed and would like to do this again in the future- possibly before registration is closed. I would like to try and do something else like this with PILC as well maybe late next summer.

October 24 - Bantams

October 27 - Bantams

November 2 - Bantams

November 7 - Girls

Try Hockey for Free- We had 14 participants. I think due to the nice weather/hunting and Zonta our numbers were really small compared to the 52 we had last year.... I think we have at least 6-8 solid kids that will register for OHA. I did the same thing as last year so I am not sure what else would lead to the small number of participants. (JV/V Boys helped out as I only had one coach helping, they did awesome and really nailed down those kids that were really interested!)

October 27th- I participated in the Pierre Downtown Trick or Treat and passed out over 800 cards (and candy) regarding the Try Hockey for Free event.

November 7th- Completed a radio interview with DGR regarding the Try Hockey for Free event
November 9th- Completed a radio interview with KCCR regarding the Try Hockey for Free event

Longbranch- I had a conversation with April and Scott Schroeder regarding being sponsors. I think they are really interested and would like to have their logo on the ice next year, looking at Rushmore's ice I think we could add a few more logos on it (maybe).

McDonalds- I have not been able to pin down the manager Jordan yet, but have been bothering other managers there and told them we are the only hockey team in the state not sponsored by a McDonalds store.... (might not be true but whatever). Might take another couple stops in there to talk to Jordan.

Play-ups- I know that Larissa Freeman wanted to play-up her son Griffin from LTS to mini-mites. I sent her the form and gave her Paul's email. Just adding to make sure it got to whoever needed the information.

Volunteer hour tracking- Any thoughts on who can keep track of volunteer hours being logged??? I think a Pete did it in the past. Kathy Norwick is not interested in this but will train someone to do it. I would say I could take it but I feel like most days I need about 2 more Katie's to get everything I do done. I will take it if necessary as I know it probably falls under my duties. Also, keep in mind this is Kathy's last year so I am looking really hard for a younger parent that would take over what she does and will have many years left in the program.

Director of Players- Kaisha has decided she does not want to take my position after all (can't blame her). So, I'm still looking but will probably age-out on the board.....

Mini-Mite Jam- Tawnya would like to know what the Board would like to charge for registration this year? Last year we charged \$50 a team and did not cover a gate charge; this was intended to just get word out that we were hosting and kept the price lower so that we could get enough there. Tiffany was going to look at the numbers to see what would keep us afloat. I would like to keep it on the cheaper end so that people come as most organizations made the parents pay the fee.

Mite Jam- Mites have shown an interest in also having a home jamboree as well. I noticed there are no home games on January 21st, but they are already at a Jamboree in Aberdeen.....Is there any other date in the schedule that would be open? If not this is something we could look at for hosting next year!

Peewees- Once I hear how the team splits end up I will be on the lookout for the 2nd coordinator. Will keep everyone updated when I find someone.

Open Skate- The Coordinators would like everyone on the same page regarding open skate. 2 concession people, 4 ice monitors, 1 skate rental person, and possibly a floater that can help the skate rental person in the beginning and end and float to concessions in the middle. Reminding parents that only parents can be ice monitors- no players. The small rink is only to be used for kids that obviously do not know how to skate! Sounds like the first open skate had over 60 skaters and went pretty painless.

Stanley County Sheriff's Office- I took them a copy of the JV/V home game schedule as well as a copy of open skate and asked that they make presence to help curb issues we have had in the past."

The board discussed status of the following positions within OHA and the OHA Board for next year: Volunteer Coordinator Kathy Norwick to be replaced (Sandra Griese has expressed interest) and Director of Players Katie Starr to be replaced

Talk of a possible Mite Jamboree January 21st. Open skate had 50-60 skaters last week – good turnout.

Board discussed the consideration of having each open skate participant sign a waiver of liability, based on the recommendation of our insurance agent. The board will think about it, and come back to this at a future board meeting.

DIRECTOR OF COACHING – PAUL BACHAND (ABSENT)

President Sanderson entertained a motion to approve the coaching rosters as presented:

<u>Boys Varsity</u>	Rob Kittay (Head) Ron Wagner	Mike Behm
<u>Boys JV</u>	Curtis Egan (Head)	Jacob Parsons
<u>Girls Varsity</u>	Darren Kearny (Head) Al Nedved	Brent Swenson
<u>Bantam</u>	Dave Nelson (Head) Ryan Schwartz Andy Zarecky	Drew Leif Keith Briggs
<u>Peewee</u>	Ron Bren (Head) Rhener Gordon	Jim Wedin
<u>Squirt</u>	Chris Eich (Head) Scott Schweitzer	Keith Briggs Jon Herman
<u>Mite</u>	Mike Behm (Head) Sam Shaw	Conrad Malsam Chad Babcock
<u>Mini-Mite</u>	Brett Afdahl (Head) Casey Heenan	Darren Hodges Jim Wedin
<u>Learn to Skate</u>	Mike Behm (Head)	Darren Hodges

Motion made by Craig Davis. Second Lee Axdahl. Motion approved unanimously.

Mention was made to contact the Pierre Head Football Coach, Steve Steele, to see if he may be interested in helping to coach as he has hockey experience himself as a former high school player in Michigan.

A new Director of Coaching is needed for next year to replace Paul Bachand. Jim Wedin has expressed interest in being considered.

Also mentioned was looking for a Tournament Director.

DIRECTOR OF LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS

Game schedules are now finalized and are on the OHA website.

If games are being considered of being cancelled, the following MUST occur:

1. The team coaches need to decide together between the 2 teams
2. Craig Davis notified ASAP
3. State scheduler and State Referee Scheduler notified ASAP

At the upcoming OHA Senior Recognition game, the seniors must be recognized at the intermission of the JV game so as to not interfere with the Varsity game start time or puck drop. It is a state rule that not only “can’t” coaches and refs start games early, they need to avoid starting games late as well.

Practice times at all levels seem to be working well.

Craig led discussion on 2 Play-Up Requests:

(1) Jayce Anderson to play-up from Squirts to Peewee “C” - All the coaches involved between the Squirt level and Peewee level signed off on the request in approval. His parents have also paid the \$35 increased registration fee from the Squirt level to the Peewee level. Craig recommends approval. **Bob Gray made a Motion to approve Jayce Anderson’s Play-Up Request. Second by Craig Davis. Motion approved unanimously.**

(2) Kingston Massa to play-up from Learn to Skate to Mini-Mite – He is moving from Rapid City the first week of December. He has 2 years experience being a skater within the Rushmore Hockey Association. His registration for the mini-mite level has been paid already. Craig recommends approval. **Bob Gray made a Motion to approve Kingston Massa’s Play-Up Request. Second by Rick Miller. Motion approved unanimously.**

DIRECTOR OF RINK OPERATIONS – JON HERMAN

Oahe Glass will get the new front door put in soon. Facility upgrades were discussed. These upgrades are from BID money committed from Pierre and Fort Pierre. Bob Gray and Mike Mueller have done lots of work on this. Thank you! Hoping to have all the improvements completed by the end of Summer, 2017.

The tip-up bleachers are being purchased through RAM Grant money so they can be ordered now so they are here by the February 5th Mini-Mite Jamboree. New rental skates will not be ordered until a grant is secured for them.

An Improvement Decorating Committee has been formed with Nancy Gordon's assistance. Looking at doing a wall in the remodeled entry-way with broken hockey sticks and our logo painted somewhere in the entryway as well. Looking at having the sticks donated for a \$10 donation, whereas players can sign their broken sticks before them being hung on the wall.

DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON

Zamboni Days donations brought in \$11,082 – with a profit after expenses of \$5,623.87. This is down \$300 from last year. Thinking amount is down due to less participation of skaters. Discussed next year maybe allowing volunteer hours to be earned for participation, or if no participation – the skater's family would be required to buy 2 cases of pop beforehand. Serena will look at putting a proposal together for December's board meeting, and present it to the board for approval.

Mention was also made that a Director of Fundraising will need to be found for next year as well, to replace Serena.

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING – BOB GRAY

Sponsorship checks are coming in good. Renewals are good as well. 2 new rink boards will be going up soon. Working on some new sponsor prospects as well. Great job, Bob!

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS – LISA LEE

Learn to Skate info is on the OHA website now. A "Home Games Only" tab is also on the website now. Working with Kathy Norwick on volunteer items. Daily passes will be given to the radio stations for giveaways and Mike Mueller will use them as well for thank yous. Communications is going well with the website and local media. Please let her know of any game time adjustments so she can get them put on the OHA facebook page accordingly.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT – LEE AXDAHL

Nothing to report here. His report will be part of “Old Business”.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

PAYSA – CRAIG DAVIS

Running pretty good so far. Will put out reminders to pull the nets off the ice/rink at night. Would like to figure a way to fill the water tank on the Zamboni overnight – Craig will call a plumber to address this. Will be reminding the ice skaters to stop chipping holes in the ice with their skate blades as they stand around on this ice. Reminder that if anyone is interested in using PAYSA for open skate, it is \$100 per hour.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE REPORT – LEE AXDAHL

Lee went through 6 disciplinary cases, as well as the disciplinary committee’s actions and recommendations for each one. **Lee Axdahl entertained a Motion to approve the Disciplinary Committee’s actions and recommendations on each of the 6 individual cases. Craig Davis made a Motion to approve them as Lee presented. Second by Tiffany Sanchez. Motion passed unanimously.**

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

Lee Axdahl went over this again and stated we were bringing this OHA policy closer in alignment with the Pierre School District’s policy. **President Sanderson entertained a motion for the OHA Board to Adopt the Substance Abuse Policy as presented. Motion made by Tiffany Sanchez. Second by Bob Gray. Motion passed unanimously.** This newly adopted policy will be gone over at the upcoming coaches’ meeting.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

MINI-MITE JAMBOREE

Discussion that last year each team was charged \$50 to participate in the jamboree. Will look at charging \$75 this year instead. Also discussed that last year each skater who wanted to participate in the jamboree who came from the in-house, non-travel team was charged \$25 to do so. Will look at charging \$20 this year instead. No board action was needed or taken on this.

GIRLS TEAM UPDATE

The board discussed ideas on building up the girls program again, looking ahead. No board action was needed or taken at this time. A “discussion only” item.

The December OHA Board Meeting will be held on Monday, December 19th at the EXPO Center Board Room in Fort Pierre, at 6:30 pm CST.

President Sanderson entertained a Motion to Adjourn the November Board Meeting. Motion made by Tiffany Sanchez. Second by Lisa Lee. Motion passed unanimously. The November Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. CST.