



OSSEO-MAPLE GROVE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes- Final

Date: January 11th, 2009

Location: Maple Grove Community Center

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS		Present	Absent	Non-Voting Members		Present	Absent
PRESIDENT	Mike Urquhart	✓		ACE COORDINATOR	Chuck Sinjem	✓	
1ST VICE PRESIDENT MAPLE GROVE	Tony Kunz	✓		ASSIST. ACE COORDINATOR			
1ST VICE PRESIDENT OSSEO	Jeff Dolby		✓	ICE COORDINATOR	Tony Verbeten	✓	
1ST VICE PRESIDENT GIRLS	Kendra Verbeten	✓		ASSSTANT TREASURER	Kathi Kmit		✓
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	Dane Roehl	✓		REGISTRAR	Theresa Christofferson		✓
TREASURER	Jim Cassibo	✓		ASSISTANT REGISTRAR	Darcy Pitra		✓
SECRETARY	Todd Hill	✓		VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR	Dana Johnson	✓	
Direct Elect Board Members		Present	Absent	ASST. VOL. COORDINATOR	Jill Wentz		✓
Charitable Gambling	Denise Hinton	✓		EQUIPMENT MANAGER	Todd Machlitt		✓
Assistant Charitable Gambling	Jay Tilton	✓		EQUIPMENT MANAGER-GOALIE	Scott Eklund		✓
DISTRICT 3 REP	Tom Pitra	✓		CONCESSION STAND MGR (1)	Peggy Rogers		✓
HOUSE DIRECTORS		Present	Absent	CONCESSION STAND MGR (2)	Joy Kunz		✓
MITE DIRECTOR	Curtis Janicke	✓		TOURNAMENT	John Griffith	✓	
SUPERMITE DIRECTOR	Brad Tullberg		✓	SLAP SHOT MANAGER	Kathy Clark		✓
GIRLS TRAVEL DIRECTOR	Greg Herdine	✓		ASSOCIATION WEBMASTER	Todd Frisvold		✓
GIRLS TRAVEL DIRECTOR	Lance Olson	✓		PERSONAL FUNDRAISING	Jeff Mordhorst		✓
HOUSE DIRECTOR	Joe Favorite	✓		ASST. WEBMASTER	Greg Heiser		✓
TRAVELING DIRECTORS		Present	Absent	SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT	Darcy Pitra		✓
SQUIRT DIRECTOR	Joe Shouts		✓				
SQUIRT DIRECTOR	Scott Botzet		✓				
PEEWEE DIRECTOR	Todd Bergland	✓					
BANTAM DIRECTOR	Tim Clark		✓				
JR GOLD	John Anderson		✓				

Meeting began at 7:15 pm, a quorum was not present until 7:45 pm when the meeting was officially called to order by Mike Urquhart.

Denise Hinton made a motion seconded by Jim Cassibo to approve the December 14th, 2008 Board Minutes, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report – Jim Cassibo reporting

- Jim presented the Key Financial Metrics and reviewed current OMGHA operations. The Osseo concession stand sales were down \$2,000, the Slap Shop sellout exceeded projections. OMGHA has \$650,000 COH which is typical this time of the year with subsidy collections having begun and no billing for the Osseo Arena ice for 2008-2009 having been received at this time.

Charitable Gaming Report – Denise Hinton reporting

- In December, our sales were \$145,792, prizes paid were \$127,985, deposits were \$17,807 and expenses were \$9,469. Our sales decreased by \$23,954, we paid out \$20,784 less in prizes, our deposits decreased by \$3,170 and our expenses decreased by \$2,949. Todd Hill made a motion seconded by Kendra Verbeten to approve the monthly expenses, the motion passed unanimously. The Board also determined it would begin dealing with requests for charitable Gaming donations in March, September and December.

OMGHA Committee Reports

OMGHA TRAVELING REPORT

GIRLS TRAVELING REPORT JUNIOR GOLD REPORT

- The Jr Gold A team had several issues with numerous penalties and several game misconducts the first 4 games of the season, which resulted in the Head Coach being suspended for 2 games along with one of the players being suspended for 4 games. A players and coaches meeting was held on December 15 with the Jr Gold Director following these incidents in attempt to get the situation under control. The teams play and discipline has significantly improved.
- The Jr Gold A team had one player quit in late December (Ethan Ullestad), and another player was added to their roster in late December (Jacob Anderson). Ullestad was reimbursed 1/3 of his registration fee, and Anderson was charged for 2/3 of the registration fee.

- The Jr Gold B Black team had one player quit in late December (Dillon Case), and another player was added to their roster in late December (Kyle Haley). Case was reimbursed 1/3 of his registration fee, and Haley was charged 2/3 of the registration fee.
- The Jr Gold B White Team took 2nd place in the Minnetonka tournament, and Consolation Champs in the Grantsburg tournament.

HOUSE PROGRAM REPORT

C-LEAGUE REPORT

DISTRICT THREE REPORT

- The D3 board and referees continue to have concerns about the failure to use the hour clock for D3 games at MGCC. I communicated this to arena management and they have assured me the clock will be used. The hour clock on the west rink can be set from the scorers table. Frank is going to look into getting the same configuration on the Premier arena.

BOOSTER REPORT

ACE REPORT

EQUIPMENT REPORT

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Financial Assistance/Personal Fund-Raising Program

The OMGHA Financial Assistance/Personal Fund-Raising Program has generated over \$12,000 in vouchers for use by OMGHA families in the first 3 months of the 2008-09 hockey season (see attached report). There has been a significant increase in voucher credits due to the new concessions facility located at the Maple Grove Community Center between the East and West arenas. The use of OMGHA volunteers in certain circumstances at the Maple Grove Community Center concessions has also provided the association with an additional \$1,200 of income through December of 2008.

Voucher credits have also been provided to OMGHA families working as opening/closing staff at the Osseo Arena and Osseo Arena Slap Shop, as well as those individuals who participate in the Food Perspectives program.

Sponsorship

A sponsorship package for local businesses has been developed and will be distributed to local businesses with a letter before the end of January 2009 to generate revenue for the remainder of the 2008-09 season, as well as the 2009-10 season. Six sponsorship categories have been identified and will be promoted, including

- Association Packages (i.e. signage, web site, advertising, overall support).
- Special Event Packages (i.e. tournaments, spring gala).
- Program Packages (i.e. financial assistance, scholastic achievement, spring league).
- Individual Team Packages
- Arena Signage Packages
- Tournament Program Display Advertising

OMGHA volunteers recently took down signs in the Osseo Arena whose advertisers had not renewed their fees for the 2008-09 season. A volunteer is currently contacting all previous sign advertisers in the Osseo Arena regarding renewing their signage fees for the balance of this season, as well as for 2009-10.

Fund-Raising

In addition to sponsorship, there are other fund-raising opportunities that can benefit the association and OMGHA families, financially, including (but not limited to) the following.

- Association-Wide Fund-Raising – The annual “Candy Bar Fund-Raiser” generated approximately \$12,500 through family sales in 2008-09 (not including buyouts). OMGHA will continue to research other possible opportunities for association-wide fund-raising from sources that it has been contacted by.
- Event Fund-Raising Opportunities – The OMGHA Winter Face-Off Classic Pee Wee B2/Bantam B2 tournament silent auction event (Dec. 5-6) raised nearly \$500. Silent auction events are also planned for the three remaining OMGHA-

sponsored tournaments, as well as Mite/Super Mite Jamboree events and the Spring Gala in March. OMGHA is also exploring and considering other, special event-type fund-raising events (i.e. pancake breakfast, steak fry, wine tasting) for 2009-10.

- OMGHA Spring Gala – The 2009 OMGHA Spring Gala event is scheduled for Saturday, March 21 at the Rush Creek Golf Club. Tickets will be available beginning in February. The event will include a silent auction and other fund-raising activities.
- Individual Team Fund-Raising Opportunities – OMGHA will continue to research and explore other voluntary team fund-raising opportunities that can be used as credits for fees and expenses.
- Miscellaneous Fund-Raising Opportunities – Still to be considered for 2009-10 season are a *Skate-A-Thon* fund-raiser with team pledges, used equipment sales.

Project I.C.E.

There are several items to be updated concerning Project I.C.E.

- A preliminary list of contributors to Project I.C.E. has been posted on the OMGHA website and association families and members are being requested to make sure that they have been properly listed. A broadcast e-mail message will be sent to all association families and an announcement will be included in the upcoming issue of the *Hockey Timeout Newsletter* asking them to check the list on the website and relay any changes or additions, as needed.
- Letters have been sent to contributors for use in filing their 2008 tax returns.
- Recognition items have been ordered and will be distributed to contributors through a series of events and activities over the next 60-90 days, including
- OMGHA is working with representatives from the Maple Grove community Center to determine how and where Project I.C.E. contributors will be recognized. More information will be forthcoming concerning this item in the next 30-60 days.
- It is anticipated that Project I.C.E. will need to plans for and conduct a second capital campaign within the next 1-2 years where new association members and families can contribute and current contributors can increase or enhance their existing contribution. A greater emphasis on involving the local business community will also be part of any additional capital campaign activities that are planned.

**VOLUNTEER PROGRAM REPORT
CONCESSIONS REPORT
ARENA COMMITTEES REPORT
ICE COORDINATOR REPORT
SLAP SHOT REPORT
TOURNAMENT REPORT**

Old Business

New Business

- **Gregg Otten presented the Board with his thoughts on opening a for-profit skate sharpening and equipment shop in the Slap Shop area of the OSSEO Arena. He would like to enter into a partnership with OMGHA on such a facility. The Board discussed the idea and addressed the suggestions from other OMGHA operations. Jim Cassibo committed to meet with ISD 279 to discuss the issue**
- **Dana Johnson reviewed and updated the board on the current volunteer program. Dana urged those areas with remaining 2008/2009 volunteer needs to complete their requests as soon as possible so the events can be placed on the Dibs system. Tom Pitra reminded Dana OMGHA will be hosting both the Pee wee B2 and Bantam A District Tournaments. Dana also informed the Board she has begun cashing volunteer deposit checks for those individuals failing to appear at scheduled volunteer hours and refusing to pay assessed volunteer fines.**
- **Dana Johnson provided the Board with a brief review of the new OMGHA Newsletter Update. She reminded individuals with outstanding articles to get them in and encouraged anyone with ideas for the newsletter to let her know.**
- **John Griffith provided the Board with a Tournament Update and led a discussion regarding U14 and U19 B Tournaments. The Board decided to cancel the U14 B Tournament but allow the Girls Program to try and develop some**

type of U19B event. The Board also allowed the Tournament Committee some leeway in handling gate fees or waiving of gate fees as they attempt to replace a spot in the Peewee B1 tournament.

- Kendra Verbeten provided the Board with an update on the Dryland facility. She also informed the Board that she is pursuing financial support from the High School programs for their use of the facility.
- Todd Hill informed the Board of the process for the OMGHA Restructuring/Re-branding Committee. Todd Bergland asked the Committee to involve the High School programs. The Board decided they would prefer to allow the High School programs to present to the Committee rather than actually holding positions on the committees.
- Todd Hill, Mike Urquhart and Jim Cassibo provided the Board with an update on the Arena Financing program. Recent meetings have been held with the City to review financing options. The City has asked the Board to renew their letter-of-credit with Premier Banks as an insurance policy for the city. The Board discussed a number of options and ways to meet the cities needs. The Board is looking to enter into a 10 year commitment similar to the program other arena sponsors have entered. The Board felt the initial approval of the letter-of-credit allowed for the renewal of the letter. The Board was informed they will need to approve any final agreement with the city.
- Dane Roehl asked the Board for some direction in handling the lost ice and EAH paid training due to facility issues at the Maple Grove Community Center. OMGHA will pay EAH for the time they were scheduled and seek reimbursement from the city for their failure to have the facility available.
- Tom Pitra informed the Board of the concerns D3 Refs are having with the operation of the Maple Grove Community Center. They will be closely monitoring the use of the hour clocks in the arena and no longer accept the failure to start the clocks. Tom has been trying to resolve the issue with the management of the Maple Grove Arena. This issue appears to be isolated to the Maple Grove Community Center rinks and not the rinks at the Osseo arena.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:50 pm by Jim Cassibo, Todd Hill 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

These minutes require Board action to approve them before they become part of the OMGHA permanent records.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Hill, OMGHA Board Secretary