



JANUARY BOARD MEETING JANUARY 15, 2013

President Neal Krauss called the January Board meeting to order at 1800.

Those in attendance:	Mark VanderMeulen	Kevin Neumann
	Jason Osbahr	Michael Hughes
	Andy Ketterson	Andre Zipay
	Kirk Hutton	Michael Dudzinski
	Neal Krauss	Jodi Kozol

Absent: John Sempeck

Old Business:

The minutes of the January Board meeting were reviewed. Minor changes to the payment schedule listed were made. Kevin Neumann made a motion to accept the minutes with the above changes, second by Michael Hughes. All in favor, none opposed.

Via an email meeting/vote, Brenda Orr was removed as the OHC Ice Scheduler. Neal Krauss has been acting Ice Scheduler until the Annual Meeting.

Treasurer – Mark VanderMeulen:

Motion made to purchase 6 'W' nets at the cost of approximately \$1080, making sure that we purchase the heavy duty nets. Second by Michael Dudzinski. All in favor, none opposed.

We are looking at sending 3 individuals to the HS Nationals this year to see how things are run and what exactly is needed so that ours will run smooth next year. The three (3) individuals that have been selected to attend are: Michael Hughes, Michael Dudzinski and Neal Krauss (his son is not on the team going to Nationals this year). The preliminary budget is \$5700. Motion made by Neal Krauss for the above three individuals to attend Nationals this year, second by Jason Osbahr. Most in favor, none opposed, Neal Krauss abstained. The estimated cost to host Nationals is \$21,000 for ice and \$4,500 for refs.

The P&L for May 1, 2012 thru January 14, 2013 and the Balance Sheet as of January 14, 2013 were entered into record.

IP-Mite Director – Jason Osbahr:

Grant Update – 1) Received the full \$25 K check and the check was deposited into the account. So far, to date, we have used \$1,225 of the girls growth fund on 7 girls since that last Try Hockey for Free. We are 1 ahead of the goal and we actually have reached the 80/20 goal for the IP. 2) Discussing donation with HP, it may be possible to get a full or partial donation of computers, projector, screen and tablets. Should know more by the next board meeting. 3) KETV wants to do a story on the RBC Grant and the growth of hockey in Omaha. Will be at Ralston on a Thursday night during IP. We will showcase all girls in the program and the growth of hockey with the new Ralston Arena. 4) USA Hockey has finished their article and submitted to editor. They were focusing on the Grant and how we were going to use it and the main part of the article was Omaha's focus on girls hockey. Should be good press for OHC. 5) We had secured an advertisement dasher board for the RBC group at cost. We will be working with them to continue funding of this dasher board each year to support the G&D. 6) We are in the process of purchasing 17 helmets to fit our larger heads in IP and Try Hockey for Free. 7) We have ordered 28 red and 28 black bags for the Learn to Play Hockey and IP. This will give us 54 red bags and 32 black bags for additional kids.

General – 1) Try Hockey for Free is scheduled for 2/16. We will have 2 – 45 minutes sessions. 2) The back room is being reviewed by a company for donations of the materials to build shelving back there to create more room. (There are mice and bird dropping all over back there.) 3) The IP/Mite tournaments have been a great success. Do we have a P&L on them? 4) We need to hold a scheduling meeting either on conference call or face to face each month. 5) Summer Ice: IP, Mite and Squirts same time frames.

IP – 1) Quite a few unhappy parents on the scheduling this year. Need to reassure them we have a plan going forward. We are talking about 1/3 of the program between IP and Mites. 2) We are short of coaches and need to work on a development program or an online sign-up program for upper level coaches to volunteer a couple hours a month or season. 3) We have to get everyone on the ice registered. We have not been using the online system because the fee has to be adjusted. We have started to take attendance in the IP/Mite program. We are looking into a couple of kids who have not been showing up for reasons. 4) We are at 19 hours of lost ice and counting. We have been able to secure 16.5 hours which pushes us out until 3/24.

Mite – 1) The house teams are moving 2 3v3 cross ice games to 4v4 with goalies. Goalie sticks, blocker and glove on order. We need to have a blue puck amnesty day, they keep disappearing. We are at 30 hours of lost ice and counting. We have been able to secure 18.5 hours, pushing us out to 3/24. We have set the year end Mite Tourney for 3/19, 21 and 24. 2) The Orange team is doing very well and holding their own running two equal teams. Upcoming events: In Brookings next week with Sioux City and St. Louis in March 15-17. Friendship games with Ames and Sioux Falls in the works. 3) The Black team is

doing very well. They placed 3rd in the Des Moines Squirt B Tournament and 1st place in the Des Moines Squirt C Tournament. Upcoming events: Yankton Squirt Tournament Feb 2 & 3, Chicago Feb 16-18, Joust March 1-3 and Saint Louis March 15-17.

Squirt-Bantam Director – Michael Hughes:

House Update – Halfway through the season. There are concerns at the Bantam level with the Lincoln Wild and that they have about 2-3 players that play dirty. We will be monitoring them, however the Omaha teams do not feel safe playing this team in Lincoln. Mike Dudzinski will be watching their next game in Omaha Sunday, January 20th.

Select – Great season for the Omaha teams. Squirt Black and Silver are pretty even in terms of each other – both are mid-pack in the Midwest. Hosting weekend in Lincoln had a few issues for the OHC teams, poor sportsmanship from Lincoln teams and lack of adult officiating. The squirt teams will be filing grievances with MWAHA and the Midwest League to point some issues out. PeeWee C is entering the finals as the number one seed – undefeated in bracket seeding. PeeWee C Omaha to host the Midwest finals on Feb 8-10. Bantam C is entering the finals as the number one seed as well.

Select Hosting – PeeWee C hosts finals for Midwest Select in Feb 8-10. Games will be played at Moylan and Motto.

Spring Joust – March 1-3, 2013. Will be organizing committees to start on fundraising, tshirts, bag tags, etc. Working on committee organization with Andre Zipay. 1) Panoramic photos will again be offered this year (10% of sales), Richey Promotions will be doing t-shirts (guarantee \$1000 to the joust plus 15% on memorabilia and other sales). 2) We did bag taps last season, thought about doing a hockey towel – reasonable and roughly the same cost as the bag tags. Need to decide if we use the OJL logo, OHC logo or the tournament logo without the date so it could be used if there are left overs. Need to order in groups of 1000. 3) Bantam A – 6 teams, Bantam C – 4 teams, PeeWee A – 8 teams, PeeWee C – 8 teams, Squirt A – 1 team (OHC) and Squirt C – 8 teams. With no teams at the Squirt A level, it appears that we won't have a Squirt A division. We tried to accommodate the Squirt A team in the PeeWee C level, but the team did not feel comfortable doing that. We could allow one more Squirt C team from KC Carraige Club and then allow Squirt A to play down and go with 10 teams at the Squirt level. No decision yet.

Girls Hockey Director – Andy Ketterson:

There has been a lot of publicity for the girls program. WOWT, USA Hockey, Gross High, Bellevue Leader. We are starting to recruit both kids and coaches for next year.

High School League Director – Kevin Neumann:

The Trey Neumann Memorial Hockey game raised \$605. Kevin Neumann is matching that money, with it being donated to the Hardship Fund.

The website has been updated thanks to JT and Michael Hughes and thanks to Mark VanderMeulen for working out a spreadsheet that can be used. The website should be 100% updated by the weekend.

The All-Star game is scheduled for February 13, 2013 at Moylan. The game was bumped from the Century Link due to a conflict. The jerseys are in. The players will be able to keep these after the game. The team picture will be taken prior to the game.

Looking at how to fund the Scholarship Fund, without doing fundraisers during the year. Kevin Neumann made a motion to increase the cost of admission to the end of year tournament games. This year forward, in lue of any other fund raising, the admission charges will be: \$5 for adults, \$3 school age, 12 & under is free. Andy Ketterson 2nd the motion. Most in favor, none opposed, Mark VanderMeulen abstained.

Checking with the National Guard about a donation this year, the last 4 years they have donated the banners.

2/17 – 3/3 is the High School end of year tournament at Moylan. Kevin will get the brackets to Neal so he can get the schedule out.

Need a list of the end of year awards and sponsors – Gilinda will get this to Kevin. Also, where is the HS Tournament trophy?

There will be no All-Academic team this year – did not want to collect report cards from the parents.

The end of the year banquet will hopefully be held at the same location as last year, date TBA. Still working on a speaker. John Orr has been asked to MC.

Emails have been sent out to all High School teams regarding those interested in attending HS Nationals, and Kevin has received no responses.

HS Midwest League Director – John Sempeck(absent): via email report

Midwest High School hockey league scheduled games are half over. Varsity playoffs start the second week after the normal season ends, hoping both teams make it.

Double checking with Kevin to see if there is an interest in high school league going to Nationals. If so, we will have to start scheduling a tournament.

I will be asking Kathy B. for financial statements this weekend for all Midwest team members. I don't want to go through what we did last year at the last minute.

We have the host hotel information for Nationals thanks to Michael Hughes. Sounds like we will be traveling to Florida individually then grouping as a team once we arrive in Florida.

Ice Scheduler :

Neal Krauss has been doing the ice scheduler until the election in April. He does need some help with making sure nothing is missing, end of February and March. Will email out to directors.

Travel Director – Andre Zipay:

Midwest finals this weekend for the PeeWees and we will also be holding the Selects.

1/16 will be the first meeting for the Joust. The Squirt A is not able to be in the Joust due to no other teams signed up. The Squirt A is requesting OHC to give them \$500 toward the registration for another tournament. This is not a free tournament to our teams, the other teams in the bracket pay for the OHC teams. Each participating team has to put in “sweat equity” in order for the team to play for free. Going forward, we will need to consider including the cost of the Joust in the teams budget. There is a lot of concern about setting precedent for other Travel teams. Jason Osbahr made a motion to give Squirt A \$500 to pay/compensate for the loss of this tournament, out of the General Fund. The deadline for Chicago is 1/20 and this team will work on getting additional teams for their bracket. If teams are obtained, they will play in the Joust. If at the end of the season, any surplus up to \$500 will be returned to OHC (the parents present at the meeting agree this is reasonable). Second by Andre Zipay. 5 Board members Yes (Hughes, VanderMeulen, Zipay, Dudzinski and Osbahr), 2 Board members No (Krauss, Kozol), 1 abstained (Ketterson, on the ice).

Neal Krauss made a motion for the JV/Varsity Midwest High School teams to get \$500 due to the loss of their pre-season tournament. No second obtained. Teams that attend Nationals already receive \$500 from OHC.

Omaha AAA Director – Kirk Hutton:

Looking to next year and getting housing set up. Also possibly expanding the AAA program.

Vice President – Mike Dudzinski:

Working with Lincoln Hockey on the Bantam house issues.

The Disciplinary Committee only had to meet 2 times this year over match penalties.

President – Neal Krauss:

Received an email from Ben Robert over Christmas break. He would like to have a meeting with what the Lancers can do for OHC. Possibly continuing the RBC Grant?

Need to work on the By-laws. We would like to make these changes go into effect before the annual meeting, so a vote by the membership would need to take place in March.

Talk of making the Ice Scheduler position a paid position due to the time involved. Unsure of the pay.

New Business:

The meeting is adjourned at 2045 when we no longer have a quorum.

These minutes are respectfully submitted for your approval.

Jodi Kozol
Board Secretary