

**Oahe Hockey Association
January 2014 Board Meeting Minutes
Oahe Rink Board Room
Tuesday, January 7, 2014**

Board President, Tony Leif, called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Craig Davis, Gordon Woods, Stephanie Lyons, Mike Mueller, Kevin Atkins, Laura Schoen-Carbonneau, Tiffany Sanchez, Serena Swenson, Nathan Sanderson, and Past Board President, Paul Bachand

Board President, Tony Leif, called for any additions or corrections to the meeting agenda. There were none at that time.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER BOARD MEETING - Gordon Woods made the motion, Second by Craig Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

B. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS:

1. REGISTRAR – KEVIN ATKINS

Player Numbers to date

Learn to Skate	34 (largest division – 2 skaters added since Dec.)
Mini-Mite In House	22
Mini-Mite Travel	16
Mite In House	7
Mite Travel	23
Squirts	24
Pee Wees	24
Bantams	24
Girls JV & Varsity	26
Boys JV & Varsity	<u>26</u>
TOTAL	226

Kevin also reported that miscellaneous issues which had come up on the OHA website involving logging volunteer hours in have been resolved with format updating. He confirmed with Pete Longman that it is now good to go.

2. PLAYERS – LAURA SCHOEN CARBONNEAU

Laura reported that things were going well. She will be working on OHA recruitment with an Oahe Hockey booth being set up at the Pierre Chamber's Community Organization Awareness event. The event will be on February 6th, at the YMCA. The event runs from 5-8 p.m.

The YMCA and Saints Peter and Paul school's out groups have both expressed interest in doing an open skate activity during the time period of February 13-14 or March's Spring Break. Laura asked for board direction in establishing a process to accommodate these requests. She was instructed to use her best judgment and be proactive in asking groups for adequate lead times on their requests.

Laura will visit with Gordie Woods on establishing some type of team assignments for tear down duty in March. She will be careful, however, to not take player hours away that are still needed to fulfill this season's required volunteer hours.

Laura informed the board that on Super Bowl Sunday there may not be enough volunteers for Open Skate that evening. She had already heard from various squirt families that they would not be there. There was also a concern that not many skaters would be present to warrant an Open Skate night either. The board had discussion and decided that Open Skate for Sunday, February 2nd would be cancelled. Mike Mueller will put this on the OHA website.

3. LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS

Craig reported that League Play continues to go well and that no cancellations have taken place yet due to inclement weather. He shared that OHA guidelines suggest that the Head Coach and League Coordinator work together to determine if travel is safe. Discussion took place on how it is also important for families to try and plan accordingly as much as possible. Rescheduling cancelled games is a long process.

Craig thanked Kevin Atkins for being so helpful with supplemental rosters. Craig also shared that the Boys Varsity players had recently begun practicing in the early morning hours versus after school on certain days. It seemed to be going well.

Craig reported that a Girls Varsity coach had been removed after a parent meeting on January 6th. Kevin Atkins will remove the coach from the roster. Discussion took place about the certification requirements that would need to be met if a replacement coach was looked for.

Craig also shared that during some optional practices lately, minor injuries have occurred. Discussion took place about the importance of making sure that during league practices, only skaters of that particular league having the practice are on the ice. (For example – during a Bantam practice, siblings who are Squirts should not be allowed to participate in the Bantam practice and be on the ice.)

4. RINK OPERATIONS – GORDIE WOODS

Gordie reported things were going good. He said the dehumidifier seemed to be running well and doing its job. The ice is staying frozen and it is fairly warm in the rink. 45 degree air is being put into the building so there is no need to heat the air above that. It could cause problems with the ice if the heat is turned on while the dehumidifier is running.

Gordie shared that he attended the last Expo Center board meeting. Their board requested that OHA have some type of phone message available giving Open Skate (time) information. Discussion took place and Tony Leif will instruct Lisa Gordon to purchase an answering machine and hook it up with the phone in the concession stand. Monthly, Open Skate time messages will be left on the answering machine.

Gordie discussed how the rink's various pieces of "old glass" (15-20 years old) have started to break this year – 4 times to date in fact. He stressed the importance of the coaches contacting him right away when the glass breaks so the broken glass can be cleaned up and replaced with new plexi glass. He currently has 5 new pieces of plexi glass in stock. He commented that the plexi glass costs the same as real glass.

Gordie shared that some Learn to Skate parents and Girls' team parents have expressed interest in learning how to drive the Zamboni. The training may start soon.

Gordie informed the board that all the OHA helmets in stock now should be ready to go and are certified with current, non-expired stickers on them. Coordinators will be notified in case any of the rented helmets need to be swapped out that may have recently-expired stickers on them. The board thanked Gordie for taking the charge in ordering all the new helmets.

Board discussion took place on how no children should be up in the crow's nest during games. An e-mail will be sent out to all the coordinators to pass on to their skaters, and their respective families.

5. FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON

Serena reported on the calendar sales. So far \$25,480 has been collected. 9 families remain that have not turned in their money. If the 9 families have sold all their calendars, that will be an additional \$2,660. Her breakdown of profit is as follows:

	\$25,480.00	Collected thus far
+	<u>\$ 2,660.00</u>	9 Families to collect from still
	\$28,140.00	
+	<u>\$ 4,600.00</u>	Sponsor Money
	\$32,740.00	
-	\$6,139.20	Printing Cost
-	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	Raffles
	\$24,100.80	Profit

Serena and Tony Leif will contact the 9 remaining families.

December raffle winners have already been drawn and Mike Mueller will publicize on the website. The January winners will be drawn after January 11th. Once your name has been drawn as a raffle winner, it does not go back into the pot for future drawings.

The board commended Serena for a great job!

6. COMMUNICATIONS – MIKE MUELLER

Mike is promoting the upcoming Tyler Wilcox Tournament on the website now, and Levi Briggs is working on the other media promotions. 15 teams are registered for the Tyler Wilcox Tournament – that is 180 skaters! It is a wonderful response from other state, squirt teams that want to play in our beloved tournament. There are still volunteer opportunities available throughout the weekend. The tournament gate will sell day and weekend passes and the tournament referees are in place. Interest in the tournament t-shirts was mentioned. Mike will see if he can get a picture of the t-shirt to put on the OHA website for those outside of the tournament who are interested.

7. TREASURER – TIFFANY SANCHEZ

Dec 31 checking balance: \$38,351.67

Restricted Funds: \$6,700 (not including the RAM Grant)

Discussion of Regular expenses and income

Discussion of visiting with Bob Wilcox on what they'd like to see done with income from the Tyler Wilcox Memorial Squirt Tournament. Tony Leif will contact Bob. Mention was made of "Flying 5" stickers on all of OHA helmets and player helmets. Craig Davis will look into the cost. \$851 was a figure mentioned.

Overall signage revenue has gone up. We are still missing a few contracts/payments.

M&R sign costs increased from \$200 to \$250--first increase in history of OHA.

She is keeping up with coach and referee payments as the games go on a weekly basis.

\$25,000 in RAM Grant funding was received this week! \$15,000 will go to the rink and capital improvements - \$5,000 to concessions - \$5,000 to the Godfrey Roberts scholarship fund. Will look into getting a photo taken of Dede Fasken with the Roberts family.

FYI, electric bill for month of Dec is \$4680.94....decrease of almost 750 from last year! The dehumidifier is saving us money!

The Expo board will reimburse OHA for some miscellaneous expenses that OHA has paid for already that was the Expo's responsibility.

There was a large deposit of calendar moneys in December. Way to go Serena on your efforts!

Capital Improvements was discussed, but nothing definite. Mention was made of white boards and the posts holding up the rink glass. Attention was brought that both Gordie Woods and Steve Ellingson have riveter machines – so if skaters are in need of new rivets for their skates – they should contact Gordie or Steve.

Working on 1099's currently.

Nathan Sanderson made a Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report. Second was made by Kevin Atkins. The Motion was Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. HOME GAME VOLUNTEER SCHEDULING

Craig Davis led the discussion of challenges with covering volunteer duties as assigned at some home games. Kathy Norwick provided some history of how volunteering has been done in the past, as well as the current practice of assigning volunteer duties when OHA hosts home, league games. It was acknowledged that communications can be challenging. No board action was taken as this was just discussion. It was determined that we are sitting well for volunteers for the remainder of the season.

B. OHA LOGO

Mike Mueller reported that he is waiting to hear from Nancy Gordon on this topic from last month. Thus, really no update and he hopes to have something more at the February board meeting.

C. HUFF-N-PUFF

Discussion about needing to have someone who can zam the ice be a part of the Huff-n-Puff league. This individual needs to zam the ice afterwards. Currently Al Nedved and Mike Raleigh are a part of this league and both know how to zam. It was also discussed how the Huff-n-Puff league really needs a coordinator – otherwise it is hard to run this league and make sure zamping is done and the facility is locked up and things turned off. This isn't a problem on Wednesdays since the Bantams skate afterwards. However, Sundays have been a problem as no one else skates after Huff-N-Puff. Craig Davis will visit with some Huff-n-Puff skaters to find a coordinator.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was brought by Melissa Puepke (parent of a girl's hockey player) regarding if there is some type of OHA board risk mitigation or disciplinary committee to look at any complaints filed against coaches, especially if a coach's possible removal is involved. Discussion took place on the fact that coaching ethics' policies are on the USA Hockey website – and the board did agree to discuss implementing a possible "local process" going forward should coaches' behavior and conduct be questioned. No formal board action was taken as this was just discussion.

Past Board President, Paul Bachand, made a Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:34 p.m. CST. A Second was made by Gordie Woods. Motion passed unanimously.

At 9:14 p.m. CST the board exited Executive Session. Nathan Sanderson at that time made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. A Second was made by Tiffany Sanchez. Motion passed unanimously and the board meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. CST.