



OREGON HOCKEY MEETING MINUTES – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

April 14, 2019

7:00 pm

Oregon Middle School

Board Members/Attendees:

Attended	Name	Position
	Dan Hefty	Past President
X	Bob McFarlane	President
X	Bill Mueller	ACE Coordinator
	Michelle Holland	Dibs/Volunteer Director
X	Matt Kingsley	Treasurer
X	Alan Wedel	Bantam ALD/Webmaster
X	Melissa Kingsley	Tournament Director
X	Nick Shtaida	6U ALD
X	Kim Walker	Pee Wee ALD
	Craig Roskos	High School ALD
X	Nicki Cowan	Registrar
X	Sean Kypreos	8U ALD
X	Tom Grice	Squirt ALD
X	Vicki Wolter	Fundraising/Recruiting Director
X	Kris Sweeney	LTP ALD
X	Patrick Cowan	Vice President
	Larry Clemens	Hockey Director
	Ben Cowan	On Ice Promotions

Attendees: Brad Bavery, Debra Compton, Heather DiMartino, Kelly Sullivan, Joe Mueller, Mr. DiMartino, Steve Chvala, TJ Whyte, Kathy Krueger, Andrew Lederer, Traci Schaefer, Kristin Couillard, Mark Couillard, Dirk Karasek, Troy Shervan, Dan Barnish

Reports:

President – Kim Walker and Michelle Holland are completed with their term and have decided not to run again. Melissa Kingsley, Matt Kingsley, and Nick Shtaida have decided to run again. There are a total of 15 board members, a total of 7 positions are open (4 without the 3 deciding to run again).

Overall the season was very positive. We have good numbers at our LTP level. This year bantams could volunteer at LTP and get your credits. 8U had 4 big teams. Three teams went to state: both bantam and midget. Bantam B hosted state, it was a great success. We submit to host every year.

Elections – Nominations: TJ Whyte, Mark Couillard,

Hockey Director – a lot of time was spent with HS watching how HS has developed over the years. The AD was happy with us making playoffs, but early exit against McFarland. WIAA has moved into 2 divisions. Oregon is now part of D2, playoffs have changed a bit as well. Most co-ops and teams around here are D2. We are one of the bigger D2 teams. We are working on JV – there are over 40 kids eligible to play high school this year. Success with midget is hopeful to funnel to high school.

Youth side – spent a lot of time this year watching and observing to see who the right people are to help develop the kids. Talking to a lot of different people throughout the country to discuss what else is going on. The end result will not be seen for a few years as it takes time to develop. Because of this, it was important to observe this year to make sure we have the correct programs in place going forward. Larry will set up his vision on the website. Expecting to take care of issues off the ice – fundraising, etc. Parents – be good people, don't get wrapped up in the emotions, be overly accountable for ourselves and our kids. The negativity is a deterrent to the kids' development. More education and open lines of communication. Promote a fun sport and support all athletes involved including away teams. Coaches – there will be an application/screening process. We want to know more about you and your players. Want to understand the personality of players. Know what your players are so you know how to coach them. It is important to know what the people you get mad at do. If there is negativity to coaches or refs, they will be required to take coaching and refing classes. Players – a lot of development. Be a good human. Be good teammates. It takes a complete community. Learn our expectations as parents and coaches. Live up to them. Over accountability is a big thing with Larry. Everything that happens to you is your fault – accept it and change it if you want it changed.

LTP – ask for help with everyone – it was good this year but it can be better by going out and finding people in our community. Mini-mites & mites – focus points on fun and engagement. Coaches should be having fun and playing with the players. Read more into the practice plans from USA Hockey. Play with speed, it's okay to fail. If there's no punishment for failing, kids will try harder (like a coach or parent being angry with you). Push kids to go fast, have fun, try hard, and fail – that's okay. Allow kids to be the best they can, make mistakes, and know everything will be okay. Squirts – the biggest mistake is we push ourselves into a system. We don't want to teach systems, we want to teach skills. Check on coaches in general, if they do nothing but systematic work it's not teaching the kids what they need to succeed in hockey. Need to be able to not rush or push through – work on the team timelines, not the coach's timeline. Should still be fun based. We should not be working on personal gain for ourselves through our kids. Coaches should engage with the players, do the drills with them, learn along side them. You must allow them to be creative and figure it out. Age appropriate training, basic hockey knowledge. Individual skills should be 75% of practice. Systems should be 10%, max. We need concepts. Pee Wee – same things apply as with squirts, skills should be 65%, concepts 25%. Bantam – systems up to 15%. The players have to learn to adapt to things. If they get stuck in things, they can't change it. In tryouts if we just let the kids go play, they will pick their own teams and it will be pretty close to what the teams will actually be.

There will be more coaches' meetings, more parent meetings, just more. This is a small snapshot of where we're going and what is going to happen. It is all written up and will be posted on our website. This summer will be starting a "captain's class". All kids are invited, anyone can go. It will be interactive. If you're not doing hockey, do something else that is active. If they're sitting around playing video games they're more likely to have injuries.

New Business:

We had a jersey committee that sent out a survey to parents – due to that, the board voted to not go with the rental system. Our next board meeting will decide what jerseys, etc. Look for details over this summer.

Now that there are no more Whalers, how are we going to get hours?

High school games, concession stand, things around the rink, fundraising, helping with LTP.
Suggestion from Ben to do subcommittees to help with volunteer hours, like LTP since that is the introduction to the club.

Is trivia night taking place of Just Add Ice?

Yes, past years attendance has declined because people are out of the hockey mode by April. We are doing trivia night and will do JAI in the fall.

What will the cost of jerseys be?

We are trying not to exceed current levels (\$45 per jersey) but are looking at 5 different vendors.

Suggestion to move away from knit socks.

Dry fit socks are on the list as well.

How can the board communicate better?

Post things at the rink, try a newsletter, say specific numbers in the emails, reach out to former coaches or kids that have aged out.

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