

**Oahe Hockey Association**  
**October 2014 Board Meeting Minutes**  
**OHA Board Room**  
**Monday, October 20, 2014**

Board Vice-President, Nathan Sanderson, called the October Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Stephanie Lyons, Mike Mueller, Lee Axdahl, Tiffany Sanchez, Bob Gray, Katie Starr, Serena Swenson, Jim Wedin, Gordon Woods, Tony Leif, and Suzy Kappes. Board President, Craig Davis, was absent.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING** – Board Secretary Stephanie Lyons informed the Board that she needed to make a correction to the September Board Meeting Minutes. In Craig Davis’ League Play section of the minutes, Tony Leif’s SDAHA Board Position needed to be changed to Vice-President. OHA Board Vice-President Sanderson asked for a Motion to approve the September Board Meeting Minutes with this change made. **Gordon Woods made the motion. Second by Lee Axdahl. Motion passed unanimously.**

**B. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS:**

**1. TREASURER – TIFFANY SANCHEZ**

Sep 30 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$ 38,517.38

Restricted Funds: \$24,220.89

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Sep 30: \$ 14,296.49

September income - \$18,445.00

(Dakotamart We Care donation; Equipment Lease; Registration; Godfrey Support Fund donation; Sponsorships)

September Expenses - \$28,404.38

(Board; Coach; Concession; Grant; Phone/DSL; Registration online fees; RAM expenses; Rink expenses; and Tournament Registration fees)

Report of October 1-20:

Oct 20 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$ 39,314.46

Restricted Funds: \$10,575.31

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Oct 20: \$ 28,739.15

October Income: \$26,768.70: Coca Cola Donation; Registrations; Signage & Sponsorships.

October Expenses: \$25,971.62

[Coach reimbursement; concessions; Jerseys (mite jerseys---Mite Fun Day, Tyler Wilcox, Jersey budget moneys); Postage; RAM (paint for locker rooms); Expo Rent Oct & Paysa Rent Oct-Dec; Restricted Funds (supports); Rink Expense (cleaning supplies & paint); Season Pass printing expense; signage; trash]

Need approval of final financial assistance requests: 13 total recipients: \$440 in USA Hockey fees (11 players); 1930 in registration fees (12 players); \$260 in Equipment Rentals (6 players)..... \$2370 Godfrey Roberts funds and \$260 OHA contributions equaling \$2630 Financial Assistance for 2014-15 season. Need Board approval to transfer \$2215 from Godfrey Roberts Checking Account to OHA Checking. GRC will have a remaining balance of \$752.00  
Financial Assistance applications have been coming in. They are similar to last year. As of today, there are 6 financial assistance applications that have been received – made up of \$180 in USA Hockey Fees, \$1,075 in OHA Registration fees, and \$90 in equipment rental fees.

Registration funds are coming in (\$25,265) close to budget (26,400). Hoping to get a few more after the Try Hockey day.

Camp registration is currently behind budget (5500) at \$4640. Hoping a few more skaters will show up/pay tonight!

Signage and sponsorships are currently at \$14,500 and more is expected. Add to that the \$4000 Coke money.

The Mite practice/game jerseys are paid for: \$4528.32 total. Funds came from the Mite Fun Day carryover moneys from last year (201.30); Tyler Wilcox Restricted funds (2814.56); and Jersey Budget (1511.56).

Tyler Wilcox Funds were also used to pay for the new Caps on-ice logo (771.68). 2012-13 & 13-14 RAM rink money was used for gates, sills, and aluminum supports (10057.15) and netting (2269.93).

2014-15 RAM money was used for the new and improved locker rooms (17,100.95).

RAM concessions money was used for a new pizza oven and cash register (1863.46).

Coaches are getting registered for USA Hockey, modules, and certifications and to date we have reimbursed 1593.24 for those costs.

Last year at this time, we had a balance of around 17,000 in cash, so we are ready to play hockey!

**Board Vice-President Sanderson entertained a motion to approve the 13 Financial Assistance applications that have been received totaling \$2,630. Bob Gray made the Motion. Second by Gordon Woods. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Board Vice-President Sanderson entertained a motion to approve the transfer of \$2,215 from the Godfrey Roberts Fund to the OHA Checking Account. Bob Gray made the Motion. Second by Mike Mueller. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Board Vice-President Sanderson entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Gordon Woods made the Motion. Second by Lee AxdaHL. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **2. REGISTRAR – LEE AXDAHL**

Lee gave a brief update to the Board on where the Robbie Glanz camp registration numbers were at. Lee also reported that OHA numbers are at 174 registered players and 25 Learn To Skate participants.

**3. PLAYERS – KATIE STARR**

The National “Try Hockey for Free Day” is Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. OHA will host theirs from 10:30 a.m. – Noon at the Expo Center. Katie should have some items to hand out to the participants from USA Hockey at the event.

**4. COACHING – JIM WEDIN**

Jim presented his final slate of coaches for the 2014-2015 season to the Board for their final approval.

**Gordon Woods made the Motion to approve Jim’s final slate of coaches as presented. Second by Mike Mueller. Motion passed unanimously.**

Thanks again, Jim – for all your hard work in getting this year’s coaches in place.

(The final slate of coaches presented and approved is as follows):

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<b>Position</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>		<b>Position</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>
	<b><u>Boys Varsity</u></b>				<b><u>Squirt A</u></b>	
Lead	Rob	Kittay		Lead	Jim	Wedin
Assistant	Ron	Wagner		Assistant	Chad	Griese
Practice	Drew	Johnson		Assistant	Al	Nedved
Practice	Mike	Behm		Assistant	Tim	Flor
	<b><u>Boys JV</u></b>				<b><u>Squirt B</u></b>	
Lead	Paul	Bachand		Lead	Rhener	Gordon
Assistant	Ron	Bren				
	<b><u>Girls JV/Varsity</u></b>				<b><u>Mite Gold</u></b>	
Lead	Darren	Kearney		Lead	Scott	Switzer
Assistant	Rachel	Person		Assistant	Jon	Herman
				Assistant	Keith	Briggs
	<b><u>Bantam A</u></b>				<b><u>Mite Black</u></b>	
Lead	Curtis	Egan		Lead	Brett	Afdahl
Assistant	Zach	Parsons		Assistant	Jason	Dodson
	<b><u>Bantam B</u></b>				<b><u>Mini-Mite Gold</u></b>	
Lead	Jacob	Parsons		Lead	Mike	Behm
Assistant	Kirsten	Wilcox		Assistant	Sam	Shaw
				Assistant	Chad	Babcock
	<b><u>Pee Wee A</u></b>				<b><u>Mini-Mite Black</u></b>	
Lead	Dave	Nelson		Lead	Conrad	Malsam
Assistant	Andy	Zarecky		Assistant	Scott	Switzer
Assistant	Keith	Briggs		Assistant	Jesse	Beastrom
	<b><u>Pee Wee B</u></b>				<b><u>LTS</u></b>	
Lead	Jeremy	Irving		Lead	Bob	Gordon
Assistant	Brent	Swenson		Assistant	Chris	Eich

**5. LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS**

Craig was absent from the Board meeting but sent these comments in an e-mail to the Board to serve as his report:

(Craig's E-Mail)

“ I have entered start times for all home league games on the website. SDAHA is waiting on a few associations to do the same and the schedule will be completed. I'm hopeful that the final schedule will be out by the end of the month. The practice/locker room schedule is done and posted on the website and at the rink. We will have 2 teams at each league level this season including girls V/JV. “

**6. RINK OPERATIONS – GORDIE WOODS**

Gordie reported that the rink is up and running. The locker rooms look great. Rink clean-up and improvements are still on-going. There are new glass and aluminum uprights that have been installed. A new paint sprayer was also used to paint the ice this year.

Thanks, Gordie for all your continued hard work!!!

**7. FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON**

Serena reported that fundraising is in full swing. Zamboni Days is Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The calendar set-up is also in full-swing. Sale requirements of calendars will be the same as last year – 12 calendars per family with only 6 calendars being required for the Mite and Mini-Mite families.

**8. MARKETING – BOB GRAY**

Bob reported that \$23,000 has been collected from our major sponsors, including Coke. There were 40 sign renewals this year totaling \$20,000. He is working on contacting another 30-40 businesses to see if they'd like to be a sign or program sponsor. Sponsorship is on good track this year with the Budget.

Thanks, Bob for all your hard work!

9. **COMMUNICATIONS – MIKE MUELLER**

Mike has worked hard to keep OHA's Facebook page continually updated with blogs. He has some OHA players/families scheduled to be on the radio October 21<sup>st</sup> to promote our Zamboni Days and National Try Hockey for Free Day.

Thanks, Mike for all your hard work!

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. **DELINQUENT VOLUNTEER HOURS**

An announcement was made only on this topic. Bills have been sent out for delinquent volunteer hours. They are due by November 3, 2014 or the player will not be allowed to practice.

**No Board Action was taken or needed.**

B. **CONCESSIONS VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE – LISA GORDON**

Lisa came to the board to ask their support in requiring that 3 volunteers be scheduled in concessions (for each shift) to improve efficiency with the implementation of the new scanner system. This would mean that 1 volunteer runs the scanner and collects money/gives back change and the other 2 volunteers are gathering the orders.

Discussion took place about doing this on a trial basis for about 6 weeks to gauge if 3 volunteers are needed, or if 2 volunteers are still enough to handle this change in concessions. After this trial period, discussion would take place to again decide if 3 volunteers are needed permanently going forward or if 2 volunteers required is enough.

**Mike Mueller made the Motion to require that 3 volunteers be in the concession stand for each shift assigned during each home league game (including the in-house games) for a trial period to run through the January 2015 Board Meeting. Second by Katie Starr. Motion passed unanimously.**

**C. PETITION ACTION**

In the OHA's Play Up Policy that was adopted on November 5, 2008 – gender is not addressed nor does it state anywhere that a girl is disallowed to play on a boys' team.

Board Vice-President Sanderson opened up the Board Meeting for Public comment regarding a concern that has arisen in terms of a girl playing on the Boys' JV/Varsity team, and that a Play-Up Request needs to be presented to the Board requesting that a girl player be allowed to continue playing on the Boys' JV/Varsity team. (She played on the Boys' JV/Varsity team during the 2013-2014 season)

Much discussion and much member input were given in support of, and against, this request.

**Tiffany Sanchez made the Motion to accept the petition presented and allow the girl player to continue playing on the Boys' JV/Varsity team. Second by Lee Axdahl. A roll call vote was taken. The Motion passed by a majority vote of 10-1, with one board member absent from the meeting.**

In Board discussion, it was agreed that a policy does need to be implemented to address future requests such as these in the future.

**Mike Mueller made a Motion that the Board adopt a policy which addresses gender specific registration by the April OHA Board Meeting. Second by Katie Starr. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Board also discussed and agreed that a Board Sub-Committee would be formed to help draft this policy in the coming months before the April OHA Board Meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. PETITION ACTION**

This was addressed in Old Business. **No further Board Action was needed or taken at this time.**

### **B. PLAY-UP POLICY**

Board Vice-President Sanderson turned over the gavel to Past Board President Tony Leif for this item. The Board was asked to amend this policy, which was adopted in 2008, to allow for younger ages to petition to play up.

Currently the only ages allowed to petition to play up is 2<sup>nd</sup> year squirts and older. Discussion took place that mentioned we are the only state association that doesn't allow younger players to play up and that at the younger levels – different development levels do exist. Coach assessments of the individual player's ability to be able to "move up" would be a required criteria point as well.

**Jim Wedin made the Motion on the OHA "Player Move Requests to Higher Level of Play" form to strike the line "Apply policy to 2<sup>nd</sup> year and above Squirts. No move up at 1<sup>st</sup> year Squirt and below". This would allow all age levels of OHA to request being moved to a higher level of play. Second by Bob Gray. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **C. PLAY UP APPLICATIONS (2) – JIM WEDIN**

Past Board President Tony Leif kept the gavel for this item as well. Jim came with 2 "Play Up" requests: Carter Sanderson from the Mini-Mite level to the Mite level and Ian Switzer from the Learn To Skate level to the Mini-Mite level. Their coaches, Mike Behm and Conrad Malsom, assessed in favor of these two players being moved up per their requests.

Through board discussion it was determined that the coach's signature should also be included on the play-up request form since this was a criteria

item of the new policy just adopted by the Board on New Business Item, Letter B. Jim agreed and will bring these requests back to the Board at the November meeting after he acquires each of the coach's signature on the player's respective request form.

**No Board Action was needed or taken at this time.**

**D. BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL BOARD MEMBERS/COACHES/COORDINATORS**

Vice-President Sanderson took back the gavel at this time. Background checks are now required by USA Hockey for association board members, coaches, and coordinators. USA Hockey has secured an independent, 3<sup>rd</sup> party to verify background checks. The link to the individual background check can be found on the SDAHA website as a link.

It takes about 2 hours, once submitted, to get the background check results back. The results will go to Lee Axdahl, our registrar, once received. The Board agreed they need to try and complete these by the November Board Meeting.

**No Board Action was needed or taken at this time.**

The November Board Meeting will take place at the EXPO Center Board Room on Monday, November 17th, in Fort Pierre. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. CST.

**Vice-President Sanderson entertained a Motion to Adjourn. Mike Mueller made the Motion. Second by Tiffany Sanchez. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. CST.**