

# OAHE HOCKEY BOARD MINUTES

## Information Meeting

Expo Building, Ft. Pierre, SD

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 7:00 pm

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**PRESENT:** Tony Leif, Vice President; Angel Wedin, Treasurer; Gordon Woods, Rink Manager; Deedra Gesinger, Girls; Mikal Hanson, Varsity/JV; Amy McTighe, Registrar; Tracy Fuerst, Bantams; Barbara Shoup Anderson in place of Marcie Long, Secretary.

**ABSENT:** Paul Bachand, President; Marcie Long, Secretary Ron Wagner, Scheduler; Kris Buchholtz, PeeWees; Kathi Mueller, Squirts; Matt Mohr, Huff & Puff; Dawn Magee, Risk Manager; Jeff Mammenga, PR; Nicole Prince, Mites; Sheri Anderson, Concessions; Jim Wedin, Coaching Director; Lisa Gordon, Mite/Mini Mites; Dean Taylor, At-Large; Pamela Metzinger, Fundraising; Lynda Wagner, Hockey Booster.

Also Present: Rob Kittay

Tony Leif called the meeting to order and determined the absence of a quorum. Tony entertained the motion to adjourn or to convene the meeting, with the member's present reporting information regarding their activities if they wished and then adjourn. Members present agreed to an informational meeting followed by adjourning the meeting.

Rob Kittay was present to discuss the Hobey Baker Award which is new for South Dakota. Every team in the state gets 2 slots for senior players only. Coaches make the determination of the players that receive the award. The award is based on several distinguished attributes, not necessarily the best player on the team. The candidate must also be a leader, a first-class citizen, positive role model for other players, good sportsmanship, etc. The two players selected for this year's Hobey Baker award include Josh Rogers and Holly Stewart.

The cost of a permanent plaque is \$265 dollars (one time purchase) with each name plate costing \$12.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Angel Wedin presented the treasurer's report. The association received a Thank You from the Pierre Governor's band for the \$100 donation received for playing at the Senior Player's night in February. The \$100 was donated to an upcoming band trip.

At this point, the checking account is low on funds. There are several bills that will be incoming needing to be paid. Angel discussed the importance of participating in the Zamboni fundraiser coming up at the end of April.

We received the RAM grant to be used for PeeWee jerseys and additional bleachers.

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### **COACHING DIRECTOR**

No information. Absent.

### **REGISTRAR**

Amy McTighe informed the group that she needs the roster books from all coordinators for the 2010-2011 season.

### **FUNDRAISING**

No information. Absent.

### **RISK MANAGER**

No information. Absent.

### **SCHEDULER**

No information. Absent.

### **RINK MANAGER**

Gordie Woods has ordered practice pads. He intends to weld the practice frames. He also reports that the concrete plates at the north end of the rink will be replaced with a portion of the cost being funded by the Expo as well as OHA. The Expo has also agreed to help replace the cooling panel which blew off in February, 2011. The doors for the storage rooms are in and Gordie will be putting those on in the near future. Additionally, the Expo has agreed to keep the gates closed on the hall to the locker rooms. They have keys to get in if needed. Come September 19, 2011 OHA gets the building back for another year of hockey.

### **CONCESSIONS**

No information. Absent.

### **PUBLICITY**

No information. Absent.

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### NEW BUSINESS

1. Tom Rogers has volunteered to build a case for a permanent championship trophy as well as for the traveling trophy. We are not sure where the trophy case will be placed, perhaps next to the merchandise display case in the entry way. We will need to authorize the purchase of glass at the next meeting.
2. 2012 State Boys Varsity Tournament. We will need 1500 seats to host the tournament, and we currently have 1126 seats. We need 18" per seat/.78 = standard engineering formula. Gordie posed placing the seats at the north or south end of the rink. He will come up with some ideas and pass it through the board for input. Angel Wedin has written a grant to fund the purchase of the bleachers. OHA would need to supply the labor. Discussion occurred whether the bleachers need to be permanent versus nonpermanent. Regardless, Tony thought OHA would announce the intention of bidding for the State Varsity Tournament at the State Spring Meeting at the end of April, 2011. We would not need to have a bid ready until the State Fall Meeting.
3. Discussion occurred around the Practice Schedule for the next hockey season, 2011-2012. Members hoped we would be able to begin the discussion regarding practice times as soon as possible.
4. Tony announced there will be a Survey going out to all members of OHA to get feedback regarding the 2010-2011 season. Discussion around the use of 'Survey Monkey' was suggested for next season in the hopes that more members would be willing to complete them.
5. Tony Leif wanted to see if the members were interested in developing some activities for Player Recruitment. Several ideas were proposed. OHA could advertise more. Perhaps they could go into the schools and do a short program to introduce kids to hockey – some of the older hockey players could be a part of these presentations. OHA could also create a mite/mini in-house team for the early months of the season, free of charge. If the players want to continue then they would pay ½ the fee for the rest of the season. We could also eliminate fees for Learn to Skate. A question arose as to the best age group to target. Gordie recognized the efforts of Keith Briggs who invited the kids from the Fort Pierre after-school program – The Gold Program, to come and skate on Fridays. This is a great way to introduce kids to the ice and hopefully recruit some of those kids to play hockey.

Motion was made to adjourn the Meeting at 8:15 pm. Meeting Adjourned.

The next meeting will take place Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at the EXPO building.

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