

Oahe Hockey Association
November 2014 Board Meeting Minutes
OHA Board Room
Monday, November 17, 2014

Board President, Craig Davis, called the November Board Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Stephanie Lyons, Tiffany Sanchez, Nathan Sanderson, Tony Leif, Katie Starr, Lee Axdahl, Mike Mueller, Gordon Woods, Bob Gray, and Serena Swenson.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER BOARD MEETING** – Board Secretary Stephanie Lyons informed the Board that she needed to make a correction to the October Board Meeting Minutes. In the Old Business section of the minutes, Letter C (Petition Action), the petition action concerned a Boys “JV/Varsity” team player, not a Boys “JV” player. OHA Board President Davis asked for a Motion to approve the October Board Meeting Minutes with this change made. **Tiffany Sanchez made the motion. Second by Bob Gray. Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

The OHA Board heard a New Business, Agenda Item before Director and Officer Reports were given.

B. GAYLON GERBER – NEW PRODUCT INTRODUCTION

Gaylon Gerber is the Manager of Fast Signs in Pierre. Fast Signs sells a new product called the “Power Decal”. It goes on the back window of a vehicle and lights up. The Decal fits between two clips that are secured to the window by adhesive window tape. The Decal is powered by 2AA Batteries. Fast Signs sells the Decal for \$35 and it is displayed at the OHA concession stand and at Fast Signs. Off of each “Power Decal” sold, \$5 is given to OHA and \$5 is given to the Godfrey Roberts Fund. Twelve Power Decals have been sold to date, with another 50 on order to sell.

No Board Action was taken or needed.

B. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS:

1. TREASURER – TIFFANY SANCHEZ

Oct 31 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$ 42,218.22

Restricted Funds: \$8,116.26

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Oct 31: \$ 34,101.96

October income - \$34,868.70

(Coca-Cola Donation, Equipment Lease Program, Registration fees, Godfrey Roberts Support Fund Contributions, Signage, Sponsorships)

October Expenses - \$43,445.11

(Board; Coach; Concession; Donation Expense; Rent; Restricted Fund Expenses;; RAM expenses; Rink expenses; and Tournament Registration fees)

Report of November 1-17:

An additional \$10,000 was given to OHA from the RAM Fund; the EXPO Board gave OHA \$4,000. These 2 additional fund sources covered the cost of the locker room improvements. Left over RAM Fund money will help to do the warming room and kitchen next year.

This month we had 3 more Godfrey Robert Scholarship applications. Overall, 17 skaters have been given financial assistance through the Godfrey Roberts Scholarship - and this entailed skaters at all levels.

Tiffany entertained a motion to approve that the remaining monies in the Godfrey Roberts Fund be transferred to the OHA checking account. Tony Leif made the Motion. Second by Gordie Woods. Motion passed unanimously.

Board President Davis entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Nathan Sanderson made the Motion. Second by Bob Gray. Motion passed unanimously.

2. REGISTRAR – LEE AXDAHL

Lee gave a brief update to the Board:

- 225 Players and Learn to Skaters registered
- 32 Coaches registered
- Working on collecting last of birth certificates and getting consent to treat forms completed as well
- Any players not fully registered by November 21st will not be allowed on the ice

3. PLAYERS – KATIE STARR

The National “Try Hockey for Free Day” was Saturday, November 8th. 53 individuals signed up, and 52 individuals were present. New OHA skaters at the Squirt and Bantam levels were acquired after they participated in the event.

Coordinator communications seem to be going well.

4. COACHING – JIM WEDIN

Jim was absent (serving his Squirt coaching duties at PAYSA). Craig Davis reported for Jim that coaching certifications are still being worked on and should be completed by the December 31st deadline.

5. LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS

Craig reported that the final schedules are done and hanging in the warming room. The schedules are now on the SDAHA website as well. Kathy Norwick has the volunteer schedule done.

Lee will be getting Craig the rosters soon so Craig can get the rosters put into Ngin. League play starts after Thanksgiving.

Practice schedules are going well. The Zamboni schedule has been challenging. Gordie will be holding Zamboni driver training. Katie will also keep reaching out

to the coordinators for volunteers who are willing to learn how to drive the Zamboni at all levels.

6. **RINK OPERATIONS – GORDIE WOODS**

Gordie reported that all is going well. He finds that the Zamboni training works better with smaller groups. He's been busy with some snow moving and ice repair work. He also has done some minor repairs himself to the Zamboni.

Gordie also reported that the locker rooms are not getting cleaned up after being used. Discussion was that locker room clean-up has always been a problem and hopefully after team captains are assigned soon this will improve. Katie will also remind the coordinators to send out a message to their groups regarding needed improvement in locker room cleaning after practices.

7. **FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON**

Zamboni Days went well. Great turn-out of skaters participating, just found less people at home on this particular Saturday morning of the event. \$500 less was made on this Zamboni Days versus the last. Nevertheless, it was still good considering the lesser amount of people that were home to answer the door this time around.

This season's fundraising calendar is almost complete – it was just submitted for final approval today. Pryntcomm hopes to have it done by November 26th. Distribution of the calendars to the players should be the week of December 1st. Money from calendar sales will be due back by January 15th.

8. **MARKETING – BOB GRAY**

We received \$34,500 in paid up sponsorships. There are 3 major donors with pledges of \$4,000 yet to be received. We have 10 major sponsors that are paid up. For signs only – 25 sponsors have renewed at the new \$500 level. There are 15 sign sponsors still outstanding. Total outstanding if we collected on all signs and major sponsors is \$8,500.

A prospect letter was sent out to about 50 businesses. Hoping to pick up a few new sponsors still.

Major sponsors will get an ad in the game programs. Board discussed printing the opponent rosters off of Ngin and having them available at the Gate next to our Capitals program.

Craig will approach Bankwest about doing the Tri-Fold Calendar again of this season's league games.

9. **COMMUNICATIONS – MIKE MUELLER**

Going well and busy. Nothing new to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

A. **DELINQUENT VOLUNTEER HOURS**

All delinquent hours have been paid for and settled.

No Board Action was taken or needed.

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

Compared to last year at this time – concession sales are up \$300 this year. The cash register seems to be working well and volunteers seem to be getting the hang of it. No real issues to report.

No Board Action was taken or needed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **PLAY-UP APPLICATIONS (2) – JIM WEDIN**

This item was a continuation from October's Board meeting (New Business Item – Letter C). Jim brought to the board 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. Coach Behm and Coach Malsom also signed each of their respective requests.

Gordie Woods made the Motion to approve the “Play-Up” requests of Carter Sanderson and Ian Switzer. Second by Lee Axdahl. Motion passed unanimously. Nathan Sanderson abstained.

B. NEW PRODUCT INTRODUCTION – GAYLON GERBER FOR LORI ROBERTS

This was presented at the beginning of the Board meeting.

No Board Action was taken or needed.

C. SDAHA/SDHOA PINK NIGHT AT THE RINK – KRIS BUCHOLTZ/CRAIG DAVIS

Kris Bucholtz informed the Board of a conference call she was on regarding an upcoming “Pink Night at the Rink” that is being promoted statewide as a Breast Cancer fundraiser.

Board discussion followed regarding partnering with the state initiative or OHA doing their own, local night. The Board was in support of doing a local night and asking Marcie Long (former OHA parent and Breast Cancer Survivor) to chair the event. Mike Mueller agreed to advertise this when details were determined. The dates talked about were February 7 and 8 when the Girls and Boys JV/Varsity teams were both playing at Home.

No Board Action was taken or needed.

D. DUPLICATE JERSEY # ISSUE AT VARSITY LEVEL

It was brought to the Board’s attention that 2 Boys JV/Varsity players shared the same jersey number this season.

Board discussion followed that there was no right or wrong side in this issue and simply a dispute needed to be settled. It was agreed that a process needed to be followed.

After much discussion it was determined that each player needed to decide how vested they were in the jersey number; and then flip a coin to decide who kept the jersey number if both players were equally vested.

No Board Action was taken or needed.

E. TYLER WILCOX GUEST PASS – STEPHANIE LYONS

Stephanie asked if giving each Squirt player a Guest Pass for admission into the upcoming Tyler Wilcox Tournament needed Board approval. It was discussed that this tournament did not charge admission (it is free will donation at the gate), so no approval was needed.

No Board Action was taken or needed.

F. PLAYERS' BANNERS

A Girls JV/Varsity parent asked the Board if the Girls' player banners could be updated or replaced at any time so as to show uniformity with the Boys.

Much discussion followed and it was agreed that in order for a new banner to be produced between the player's first banner made (when beginning play as a JV/Varsity member) and their last banner made (upon becoming a senior), the player must contribute funds to the cost of the banner being produced.

It was decided that the Girls JV/Varsity members would work to raise the funds needed.

No Board Action was taken or needed.

G. JV/VARSITY JERSEYS – KRIS BUCHOLTZ

Kris informed the Board that in the coming weeks, she will be presenting to the Boys' JV/Varsity players 2 different options of new player jerseys for next season (2015-16). She will ask them to vote. The cost of the jersey will be \$61.50 each and will have a number on the back only – no name.

No Board Action was taken or needed.

It was announced that the December Board Meeting will take place at the EXPO Center Board Room on Monday, December 15th, in Fort Pierre. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. CST.

President Davis entertained a Motion to Adjourn. Mike Mueller made the Motion. Second by Serena Swenson. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. CST.