

OAHE HOCKEY BOARD MINUTES

Expo Building in Fort Pierre, SD

October 9th, 2012 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Tony Leif - President; Craig Davis – Vice President; Barbara Shoup Anderson - Secretary; Tiffany Sanchez – Treasurer; Laura Schoen-Carbonneau – Players; Gordon Woods – Rink; Jeff Mammenga – Communications; and Ron Wagner - League Play.

ABSENT: Paul Bachand – Past Board President; Kevin Atkins – Registrar; and Kathy Norwick – Fundraising

Also Present: Deedra Gesinger, Amanda Dodson, and Kelli Beck

Tony Leif called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Additions to the agenda under New Business – Travel Team selections.

Motion was made by Craig Davis, seconded by Laura Schoen-Carbonneau, to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2012 board meeting. Motion carries.

DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS:

Treasurer Report – Tiffany Sanchez

Note on the Treasurer's report for each month – since the monthly statement typically ends on the 25th of each month, the treasurers report will be off due to incoming deposits that Tiffany is not aware of until the statement is received.

9/1-9/30 Income: 11,172.00
9/1-9/30 Expenses: 21,215.65
9/30 Balance: -10,043.65

YTD:

7/1-9/30 Income: 21,407.00
7/1-9/30 Expenses: 23,725.10
Current Season Balance: -2318.10

Carryover 2011-2012 Season: 16,578.75

Total CASH: 14,260.57

Less Restricted funds:

 Wilcox Memorial: 3595.00
 Godfrey Support: 1172.00
 Girls Use: 60.23

Total Unrestricted CASH: 9433.38

Monthly Expenses for September include \$15,000 to Becker for down payment on

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Humidifier (last year's carryover allows us to cover this expense as no \$\$ has come in to assist in costs at this point); registration for 2 bantam tournaments and 1 squirt tournament; Coach USA Hockey and Module Reimbursement; DirecTV; and Phone/Internet.

Income: Primarily Registration fees for the 2012-2013 season and hockey camp.

If anyone purchases anything, please include your first and last name as well as the purpose of the purchase, on the receipt. Ex: Rink versus Concessions etc.

Jeff Mammenga made a motion, seconded by Ron Wagner, to approve the treasurer report. Motion carries.

Registrar – Kevin Atkins – Absent

Report sent electronically and minimally discussed by Tony Leif.

Email List Serve: The cost of Constant Contact for the Email List Serve is \$15.00 per month for 0-500 email addresses. This service would allow us to send unlimited emails to the addresses in our database. This is an “outgoing” only service, meaning that people would not be able to reply to the message. We can place a “subscribe” link on our website and include it in the outgoing emails. There is also a safe “unsubscribe” for people that do not want to receive the emails.

Craig Davis made a motion, seconded by Barbara Shoup Anderson, to move ahead with the Email List Serve. Jeff Mammenga agreed to help Kevin get the Email List Serve up and running by obtaining email addresses etc.

Pepsi Contract: Still looking for information relating to a contract with Pepsi.

Registration: Listed below are the current registration numbers. The older divisions will not likely change but we will likely have some people at the younger divisions to register. Some people registered with USA Hockey and submitted forms but for some reason didn't click the OAHE registration link.

Numbers:

Hockey Camp, Mini-Mites through Squirts:	27
Hockey Camp, Pee-Wee through Varsity and Girls:	43
JV/Varsity:	26
Girls:	22
Bantams:	26
Pee-Wee:	24
Squirt:	22
Mini-Mites/Mites:	20
Mini-Mites Travel:	8

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Mite Travel:	13
Learn to Skate:	20

There was some confusion regarding the in-house league; i.e. some already knew they would travel with their respective divisions so they chose to sign up for the travel league right away. The confusion came when a report for the coordinators and the people that signed up for travel were not included on the in-house league. Kevin is confident we have resolved any confusion and all Mini-Mites/Mites will participate in the in-house league. If they choose to participate in the travel league they will have to sign up and pay the appropriate fee.

Players – Laura Schoen-Carbonneau

Hockey Swap: The hockey swap at the Pierre Mall on September 9 went OK. Traffic was not busy, but fairly steady for most of the day and a handful of new skaters signed up – mainly at the younger levels. A few people sold some of their equipment. Most of the traffic at the swap was already part of Oahe Hockey. We might want to look at restructuring this event in the future.

Learn to Play Hockey Night: The “Learn to Play Hockey Night” will take place on Thursday, October 11 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. The time moved up an hour to accommodate families who like to get their younger children to bed a little earlier. The tentative schedule of events was sent to board members. I still need some volunteers to help with the event.

Pre-season Communication with Coordinators: Laura is trying to figure out a better way to work with the new coordinators to get information out prior to the start of the season. We ask the coordinators for the 2012-2013 to send out information, but they don’t have their team lists until registration is complete. As a result, we are relying on e-mail lists from the past year – assuming someone has those. Information is still getting out, but it is frustrating for the new coordinators when they are asked to send out information when they don’t have anyone to send information too. Kevin did a great job of getting preliminary lists out to this year’s coordinators once registration closed.

Boys JV State Tournament: In looking ahead at the season, Oahe Hockey Association will host the State Boys JV Tournament. Sheridan Anderson asked for everyone in the association to help out, much like they did last year for the state varsity tournament. She is also looking for ideas of a tournament organizer.

Parade of Lights: The 12th Annual Parade of Lights will be held on Friday, November 23 at 6:30 p.m. (lineup at 5:30 p.m. behind the State Capitol Building). Does OHA want to participate this year? If so, we will need a point person to take charge of building a float and coordinating with players to take part. Gordon Woods was identified as someone who typically organizes something for the Parade of Lights.

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League Play – Ron Wagner

League schedule: This is still a work in progress as we are waiting on SDAHA to provide a revised schedule based on teams dropping. There will be U16 games November 3, 2012. Our first Boys JV/Varsity game is scheduled for November 9 and 10, 2012. These games are all definitely scheduled. There may also be a Girls JV/V game scheduled on November 10, 2012.

Coaching: We have received applications for all league team coaches. For Squirts & below, some applications have been submitted but we are still waiting on others to submit. Gordon Woods is the head of the parent coaches for the Peewee League. After tryout's, other coaches for the Peewee's will be decided.

Practice Schedule: Basically the practice schedule will run the same as last year, with the exception of Squirts and/or Peewee's who may also practice at the PAYSA rink. Ideally, practices will start the first part of November though Peewees have been talking about starting October 15, 2012 for kids who are not in fall sports. Depending on the number of kids registered for the Mini-Mite/Mite league, scrimmages would occur every 3rd week on Thursday. We are hoping for 35 kids to split into 4 teams with 8 players each team. Both In-house and travel team players will practice together. It is suggested the policy related to In-house League versus the Travel Team be updated on the website as there are many questions as how the process works. Again, the practice schedule is still in draft.

Squirt & Mite/Mini-Mite Tourney Application: The Squirt Tyler Wilcox tournament fee is \$250 per team. The Mite/Mini-Mite Festival fee is \$100 for Mini-Mites and \$200 for Mites. If we use half ice, then we could create more games for less money.

Ron attended Northern Plains District ADM (American Developmental Model) meeting this past weekend in Spearfish. Next year all Mite/Mini-Mite games will go half ice. No more full ice for this group after this year.

Rink Operations – Gordon Woods

- Hockey rink set up went pretty good, there are still a few things that need to be taken care of. Gordy will be sending out an email with some cleanup work that still needs to be done.
- We had not yet received the bleacher check for \$6000. Gordy spoke with Shellie Baumgart Thursday and gave her a copy of the EXPO minutes so that we could get reimbursed. Gordy also spoke with Dennis Booth about the \$11,000 for the dehumidifier check. Dennis was going to get the minutes from the September meeting to Shellie so that could also be paid.
- The new dehumidifier should be here within the next week or so.
- Players boxes should be done by camp providing the rubber mats arrive on time - if not, we will throw a few old mats down for camp.

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- Big thanks to Nancy Gordon and Kathy Norwick for helping with all the logos and getting them ready for the ice.
 - There was good participation painting the logos and ice although we would like to see more adults at these activities.
 - There is a lot of clean up to do at the rink.

Keys: Gordon Woods made a motion, seconded by Craig Davis, to purchase new locks and keys to the Front Door, Concessions, and the Compressor Room, up to \$500. Gordy recommends one key for all three doors that could not be duplicated. Motion Carries. Once Gordy has purchased the locks and numbered keys, he will contact Jeff Mammenga about sending something out in the Newsletter requesting that individuals in need of keys contact Gordy.

Fundraising – Kathy Norwick - Absent
Report sent electronically but not discussed.

During the month of October, we will be working with Korner Grocery. For every American Fillet they sell, they will donate \$1.00 to OHA.

Communications – Jeff Mammenga
Several emails were sent out to OHA members, regarding such things as rink setup, information about the camp, and "Learn to Play Hockey Night."

Board members are reminded that if there is any information they want in the next E-newsletter to send it to Jeff by next Sunday. Jeff will send out any other information at any time, too.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Financing Plan for Dehumidifier – Craig Davis

We have sold 3 new signs for the 2012-2013 season. We are going to mail season passes with the bill, rather than send the season passes after receiving payment. Craig will get those from Pryntcom. Craig and Mike Mueller are working on the SD Community Foundation Grant (If you see Mike, Please tell him THANK YOU!!). We are applying for \$16,000 with a match of \$11,000. I have also raised \$9,000 in private funds. If we are not able to get the total grant amount, we may need to do a small bridge loan. We may also allocate the RAM grant to fund the Dehumidifier. Again, the Expo Board will be getting OHA a check for \$11,000 for the dehumidifier.

B. RAM Grant Budget Allocation

Discussed in Item A under Old Business

C. Delinquent Volunteer Hours

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Discussion occurred regarding players buying out their 5 hour volunteer requirement. At this point, there will be no exceptions. All players need to fulfill the 5 hour volunteer requirement.

NEW BUSINESS

A. SDAHA Fall Meeting Report

- Girls JV/V will have a traveling trophy for sportsmanship named after a parent from Rapid City who died of cancer.
- The Girls State JV Tournament will be held in Yankton. The Girls State Varsity Tournament will be held in Huron. Boys State Varsity Tournament will be held in Brookings.

B. Keys to the Rink

Discussed under Director and Officer Reports, Rink Operations – Gordon Woods

C. Travel Team Assignments

Laura Schoen-Carbonneau made a motion, seconded by Craig Davis, to adopt the travel team policy created by Jim Wedin. After much discussion Laura amended the motion, seconded by Craig, to keep the same split policy for Mites and Mini/Mites as last year, by alternating oldest with youngest into 2 even teams thus promoting teamwork and the development of fundamental skills. Motion Carries.

Member Input:

Dawn McGee provided information related to the Annual Celebrity Hunt to be held in Mitchell, SD November 3rd and 4th, 2012. Last year, the funds donated to the event, approximately \$25,000, were given in scholarships to senior hockey players across the state to attend college. OHA has donated to this event by purchasing a table for several years. The cost for a table of 8 is \$450. Barb Shoup Anderson made a motion, seconded by Ron Wagner, to purchase a table for 8 at \$450. Motion Carries. It is suggested that coaches be offered the opportunity to attend the Annual Celebrity Hunt prior to inviting other interested OHA members.

Note: The Disciplinary Committee will be reviewing a substance abuse violation and make recommendations, to the Board, within the next 10 days.

Motion was made by Craig Davis, seconded by Ron Wagner, to adjourn the Meeting.
Meeting Adjourned at 10:11pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 13th, 2012 at the Expo Building in Fort Pierre!

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On October 11th, Vice president Craig Davis made a motion by email to the Board of Directors, seconded by Ron Wagner, to adopt the recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee to modify the suspension of a Boys Varsity player for violation of the substance use policy to 1 game based upon the player previously serving a suspension for the violation in the Pierre Soccer program and the condition that the player discuss his violation with his teammates. Motion passed.