

**Oahe Hockey Association**  
**April 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**  
**OHA Board Room**  
**Tuesday, April 28, 2015**

Board President, Craig Davis, called the April Board Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. CST.

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

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH BOARD MEETING**

**Board President Davis entertained a Motion to approve the March Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Bob Gray. Second by Katie Starr. Motion passed unanimously.**

**B. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS:**

**1. TREASURER – TIFFANY SANCHEZ**

Mar 31 checking balance (Total OHA Funds): \$35,023.64

Restricted Funds: \$23,373.83

Total Funds Available (Cash Balance) as of Mar 31: \$ 11,649.81

March Income

(Concessions + Pop Machine, Poster Cost donation; Equipment Lease Program; calendar revenue; gate; merchandise; final 2014-2015 registrations; retired jersey purchase; sponsorships; Girls Tournament Income; signage payments)

March Expenses

(Coach reimbursement & training; concessions; Senior Ice Bowl; insurance; merchandise exp; phone & internet & satellite; referees; rent; Tyler Wilcox

Restricted Funds – Alex Meagher Go Fund Me Donation; signage expense; Girls Varsity Tournament Expenses)

Report of April 1-28:

\* On the overall budget, we are on target.

\*The biggest expense we have left are the assessments paid to SDAHA – they will be about \$3,000 for OHA.

\*Coaching expenses are all paid for.

\*Have yet to collect on the Bantam tournament registration fees from parents - \$800 from the A Team and \$700 from the B Team.

\*The \$240 Ramkota Hotel, incentive payback is still coming.

\*New jerseys are being purchased for the association in the FY 15-16 season (Boys JV/Varsity) and again in the FY 16-17 season. Due to this larger expense incurred by OHA each time new jerseys are purchased, a topic the board needs to consider in the future is whether or not a “jersey fee” needs to be charged at the beginning of a player’s JV/Varsity career to help recoup the cost that OHA had to pay for the player’s new jerseys (as once a player graduates – their jersey numbers are reused for new players; however, the actual jerseys themselves are not reused due to condition and wear).

\*2 Senior Ice Bowl payments still need to be made.

\*Next year, OHA needs to consider budgeting for ice removal costs. The EXPO board missed including this in the rental fees this year, and thus OHA just received a bill for this expense in the amount of \$875 from the City of Fort Pierre. The OHA board will address these future costs going forward.

\*\$16,621 is the balance of RAM grant money available (for improvements) for the 2015-16 season

\*OHA has 2 sponsors left to pay for their signs. Then the EXPO board will be paid up for their share of the signage income.

One matter for the board to discuss and vote on – the stipend amount for league, non-parent coaches. **Tiffany asked for a motion to approve a total of \$5,000 for league, non-parent coaches’ stipends. Craig Davis made the Motion. Second by Gordon Woods. Motion passed unanimously.**

Another matter for the board to discuss and vote on – the Bantam B team has \$700 left to pay for a tournament registration fee in North Dakota. The Bantam B team was short on players and asked to be taken out of the tournament; however their tournament registration fee was not given back. **Tiffany asked for a motion to forgive this \$700 still**

**owed by the Bantam B team. Gordon woods made the Motion. Second by Lee Axdahl. Motion passed unanimously.**

President Davis informed the board that he has yet to hear back from Ms. Williams regarding the letter he sent to BMI about music (licensing of it) being played at our rink. This item was discussed at the March OHA Board Meeting. President Davis will continue to keep the OHA Board updated on the status of this matter.

**Board President Davis entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Lee Axdahl made the Motion. Second by Gordon Woods. Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. REGISTRAR – LEE AXDAHL**

Lee discussed wanting to have the 2015-16 season's registration period earlier. The possibility of having a "registration afternoon" was also discussed.

**No Board Action Was Needed or Taken at This Time.**

**3. PLAYERS – KATIE STARR**

The level coordinators will be slated by the May Board Meeting.

**4. COACHING – JIM WEDIN**

Nothing to report.

**5. LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS**

Nothing to report regarding League Play.

Craig reported on a New Business Item at this time – the SDAHA Spring Meeting recap – Nathan Sanderson and Tony Leif attended the meeting. The major items of mention: (1) In league games, 4 referees will no longer be required – only 3 referees for all league level games will be required now. (2) The PeeWee level will again have an A, B, and C Level due to high statewide player numbers.

6. **RINK OPERATIONS – GORDON WOODS**

Will begin training Jon Herman; will look at possibly ordering paint soon to take advantage of early order discounts; will work with Chad Griese in the near future to get the hallways sprayed and painted next.

7. **FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON**

Nothing to report regarding fundraising.

Serena shared the success of the “Chicks and Sticks” Days at PAYSAs. Between hockey and figure skating there were 38 girls that attended. 4 of the attendees will be new participants in hockey during the 2015-16 season – 1 at Squirt level, 2 at PeeWee level, and 1 at Girls level. 2 of the attendees will also do summer rec hockey. Great job to Jessie Stewart and Serena for organizing the events.

Tiffany shared that the Flying 5 Foundation has awarded four, \$500 scholarships. Two scholarships went to Stanley County graduates and two scholarships went to Pierre/T.F. Riggs graduates.

At the May Board Meeting Serena and Bob will present the raffle-pocket calendar, fundraising idea.

8. **MARKETING – BOB GRAY**

Nothing to report; however did mention he’d like to possibly let parents know (who may be interested in OHA sponsorships themselves) the OHA sponsorship levels that are available. He may do this during registration time.

Thanks to Bob and Serena for their fundraising efforts. \$54,000 was added to the OHA budget this year from sponsorships!

9. **COMMUNICATIONS – MIKE MUELLER**

Will send out notice to the OHA membership of the upcoming June meeting’s board elections; so as to hopefully solicit interest.

Six positions are up for election: Vice President, Director of Rink Operations, Director of League Play, Internal Fundraising Director, Director of Coaching, and Director of Communications. Nominations are to be sent to Nathan Sanderson or Craig Davis.

Mike has done a thorough analysis of the most used engines on the OHA website. He and Lee Axdahl will schedule a meeting in the future with Factor 360 to see if easier and better accessibility can be obtained for users accessing these frequently used engines.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**(ALL OF THE POLICIES UP FOR DISCUSSION IN THIS SEGMENT OF THE BOARD MEETING WERE POSTED ON THE OHA WEBSITE FOR OHA MEMBERSHIP REVIEW)**

### **A. GENDER BASED POLICY**

This Gender Based Policy prompted the other policies up for discussion (Mites, Squirts, PeeWee, Bantams) since gender references are in each policy.

Craig received 2 comments via e-mail regarding this policy. One was from a girls' player's parents, and the other from Paul Bachand. Paul was at the meeting and addressed the board regarding this policy. Discussion took place and the following changes to the policy (as it was presented at the meeting and posted on the OHA website) were suggested:

- The first paragraph will be struck entirely
- At the end of the second paragraph – the following wording shall be inserted: “The OHA encourages girls to play on the girl’s team once they reach the Bantam level.”
- In item #2, in the second line, the word “director” will be removed.
- The remainder of the policy will remain the same.

**Tiffany Sanchez made the Motion to adopt the Gender Based Policy with the suggested amendments made. Second by Katie Starr. Motion passed unanimously.**

**B. MITES TEAM SPLIT POLICY**

**C. SQUIRT TEAM SPLIT POLICY**

The Mites and the Squirts Team Split Policy were discussed together. Nathan Sanderson and Bob Gray presented these proposed, team split policies to the Board.

Nathan and Bob shared that these team split policies are hybrids of other state associations' team split policies at the Mite and Squirt levels. These proposed team split policies are designed so kids can play with other kids that have similar abilities; with retention being key. These proposed team split policies closely match those of other state associations and they are designed to give coaches more flexibility. The existing OHA policies for the team splits at the Mite and Squirt levels are modified as little as possible here. As Nathan and Bob have proposed these new team split policies, they would allow coaches greater flexibility in being able to move players based on abilities, skills, and maturity.

Much board and public discussion took place. Main considerations in the discussions were still looking at age and years in the program of the player; with then added flexibility for coaches added in (so as to be able to move the player as seen fit) after a parent-coach consultation takes place which is based on what is best for the betterment of the player.

Nathan will work on modifications to these policies, and bring them back to the board for further discussion at the May Board Meeting.

**No Board Action was Needed or Taken at This Time.**

**D. PEEWEE/BANTAM TRYOUT POLICY**

There was no handout of this policy at the meeting. President Davis suggested that the following amendments be made to this policy:

- That wording clean-up be done on the drills required, as well as to who judges.

- A pre-season, player questionnaire would be removed as a requirement since the coaches never used it; thus, if it wasn't used then why have it in the policy to begin with.

**Gordon Woods made the Motion to approve this policy with the 2 suggested amendments being made. Second by Nathan Sanderson. Motion passed unanimously.**

**E. PLAYER MOVE REQUEST POLICY**

The following recommended changes were made to this policy:

- On the first line the wording “discourage movement of players from their assigned age division” will be changed to “encourages players to play at their assigned age division”.
- At the end of Item #1, the following wording will be inserted – “and comparable to the level requested.”

**Jim Wedin made the Motion to adopt the Play-Up Request Policy with the 2 suggested amendments made. Second by Katie Starr. Motion passed unanimously.**

**F. SUMMER REC/OHA SUMMER PROGRAMS**

A quick review of these summer programs was presented. Ron Bren, Curtis Egan, and Jim Wedin will be helping with these sessions. The OHA Summer Program is recommended for ages 12-15 and will be run by OHA. The City's Summer Rec Program is recommended for those 12 years of age and younger and will be run by the City of Pierre. Any OHA Summer Program registrations need to be turned in to Jim Wedin and any Summer Rec Program registrations need to be turned in to the City of Pierre.

**G. BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2015-2016**

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. SUMMER GOALIE CAMP – LISA LEE**

Cody Bishop will be putting on a 4 hour goalie clinic at the end of May. The time frame being looked at is sometime between the days of Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. This would be for the age levels of Squirts through Varsity. Cody will also meet with interested coaches too. Hoping to get at least 6 attendees. The attendees will pay a fee, which will pay Cody. Lisa is asking for OHA to pay the ice time fee to PAYSAs, which is \$200. **Tiffany Sanchez made the Motion to pay \$200 to PAYSAs for this ice time. Second by Gordon Woods. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **B. SDAHA SPRING MEETING RECAP – CRAIG DAVIS**

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Kris Bucholz showed the board the new Boys JV/Varsity Jerseys and Socks.

The May Board Meeting will take place at the First National Bank Board Room on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, in Pierre. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. CST.

**President Davis entertained a Motion to Adjourn. Nathan Sanderson made the Motion. Second by Serena Swenson. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m. CST.**