

Oahe Hockey Association
April 2014 Board Meeting Minutes
Oahe Rink Board Room
Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Board President, Tony Leif, called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Nathan Sanderson, Serena Swenson, Stephanie Lyons, Mike Mueller, Kevin Atkins, Laura Schoen-Carbonneau, Tiffany Sanchez, and Craig Davis. Board Member, Gordie Woods, was absent.

President Leif called for any additions or corrections to the meeting agenda. There was one addition – Discussion of the Girls' Presidents Cup.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH BOARD MEETING – President Leif asked for a motion that the March Board Meeting Minutes be approved. Laura Schoen-Carbonneau made the motion. Second by Kevin Atkins. Motion passed unanimously.

B. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS:

1. TREASURER – TIFFANY SANCHEZ

Mar 31 checking balance: \$ 31,095.06

Restricted Funds: \$26,613.08

Total Funds Available as of Mar 31: \$ 4,481.98

(Tiffany's written report to the board is below)

Rent is paid for season. Final utility bills-about 10 days worth-should be coming.

Final Insurance bill due in June of \$897. Also will owe for state assessment fees--awaiting bill.

Concessions still has credits coming in for returns and start-up money yet to be returned. Merchandise still has some bills/income. Missing one coach for reimbursement.

Have a checking balance as of March 31, 2014 over \$30,000, BUT A LOT of that is RESTRICTED funds. We are finishing out this season very closely to last year and within our budget, but with a lot more carry-over thanks to those restricted funds.

Last year we were able to give stipends to the non-parent coaches at the end of the season. We need to discuss possibility of doing this again. Options: set amount for each coach or increase mileage reimbursement from state to federal level based on miles submitted? Not sure, but throwing out ideas. I know we would like to do something, but also recognize we are over on our coach reimbursement budget numbers as we had more non-parent coaches requesting reimbursement this year compared to last.

We really need to get a committee to meet and discuss support levels for businesses with opportunities to support at more than just the signage level. Would like to see this in place for next season. (external fundraising coordinator) Also will help as we start looking at next year's budget

(Verbal comments of Treasurer Sanchez below)

Tiffany stated the restroom changing tables will be paid out of the RAM grant.

Overall, Tiffany feels the budget is good and sitting well.

Tiffany was commended for her well prepared budget last year.

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

2. REGISTRAR – KEVIN ATKINS

Kevin reported that he has been talking with Dennis at Factor 360 regarding the problem of not being able to enter volunteer hours in on the OHA website via smart phones. Kevin feels Factor 360's reaction to fix this has not been a priority. Kevin stated that the OHA Board needs to address this issue with Factor 360 before next season to provide a mobile friendly site.

3. PLAYERS – LAURA SCHOEN CARBONNEAU

Laura plans to put together a sub-committee, which will discuss volunteers and volunteer duties, in early May sometime.

2014/2015 Oahe Hockey Association Coordinators

JV/Varsity – Kathy Norwick and Kris Buchholtz

Girls – Marquette Brinks and Melissa Puepke

Bantam – Amy McTighe and Tonya Johnson

Pee Wee - Kandee Leif and Mary Nelson

Squirt – Sandra Griese

Mite – Kellie Beck

Mini Mite – Kari Behm

Learn to Skate – Tawnya Pfeifer

Laura reported that the weekend Pierre will host the SD Special Olympics in 2015 will not conflict with the Varsity Boys' State Tournament. Thus, she encouraged the OHA board to consider bidding on the 2015 SDAHA Varsity Boys' State Tournament (March 19-21, 2015). Laura said even though she will not be on the OHA Board after this year, she would be happy to assist in this bidding process if her help was needed.

4. LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS

Craig reported that there is a Pre-Season Bantam Tournament being talked about that OHA would host this coming fall. This would bring in additional revenue to OHA. Discussion took place about having it the weekend before Thanksgiving. Thought is that there would be no financial risk of having this tournament; however a cost for teams to participate would need to be decided,

as well as there being costs for the referees and making sure we had volunteers to cover the needs of the tournament. Agreement was the earlier the word got out, the better. Craig will report more on this in the future as details get more firmed up.

5. RINK OPERATIONS – GORDIE WOODS

No Report Given as Gordie was absent. Craig Davis did mention that he knows rink teardown went well.

6. FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON

Zamboni Days is April 24th from 6-8 p.m. Coke products will be offered in exchange for a \$10 donation to OHA. Water will also be offered this year (Dasani). Team Leaders are being finalized and pre-sales are being worked on. Pre-sales will be delivered the day of the 24th with the donation being collected at the time of pre-sale delivery. A minimum donation of \$30 is required for pre-sales.

Communications Director Mike Mueller has been getting the word out through Facebook, Twitter, and OHA member e-mails. The word has gotten out to the general public as well through My Daily News (KGFX); with radio spots being set up to explain Zamboni Days in the 7am hour on April 22nd. This will be done on KCCR, and possibly KGFX.

7. COMMUNICATIONS – MIKE MUELLER

Mike will send out an e-mail reminder to OHA members regarding the surveys. Nathan Sanderson commended Mike on the great job he's been doing with getting communications out to OHA members and the general public, regarding various items.

OLD BUSINESS

A. OHA LOGO

Mike Mueller and Nancy Gordon reported on this. Various tweaking of the logo has been done and a handout was given out. Agreement was that an easily recognizable and easily re-printable logo is desired. A final draft of the logo will be ready for the May OHA Board meeting and presented then.

B. MEMBER YEAR-END SURVEY

President Leif reported that the response so far for this year's survey has been greater than the past 2 years' surveys have been. (73 responses thus far compared to 69 and 70 in the past 2 years) The deadline is still April 15th for the surveys to be completed. Mike Mueller will continue to push the urgency, of getting these surveys done, to the OHA membership through social media.

NEW BUSINESS

A. PROPOSED HOTEL OCCUPANCY FEE - LAURA SCHOEN-CARBONNEAU

Some background education was provided on this topic. **No Board Action was needed or taken on this item.**

B. PARTNERSHIP WITH PAYSА – CRAIG DAVIS

Board discussion took place regarding summer hockey, recreation opportunities available at PAYSА. (Via the City of Pierre's Summer Recreation List/Website)

A Motion was made by Craig Davis to authorize up to \$6,000 from OHA to pay the PAYSА summer utilities (to the City of Pierre), in order to keep PAYSА open for summer hockey recreation opportunities via the City of Pierre's Summer Recreation Program – provided the City of Pierre does not pay these utilities. Second was made by Nathan Sanderson. Motion passed unanimously.

Craig Davis entertained a Motion to allow himself, along with OHA Treasurer Tiffany Sanchez, to negotiate with Jim Carlon an annualized partnership deal between OHA and PAYSA – and then bring the final, proposed, and recommended deal to the OHA Board for approval. The Motion was made by Mike Mueller. Second was made by Nathan Sanderson. The Motion passed unanimously.

C. COACHES STIPENDS – TIFFANY SANCHEZ

Due to board time constraints, this item was tabled to the May OHA Board Meeting.

No Board Action was needed or taken on this item.

D. BOARD NOMINATIONS – CRAIG DAVIS

Craig stated that a slate of candidates would be brought to the May OHA Board Meeting. Craig said he would contact Mike Mueller if any communications would need to be sent out before the May meeting to circulate interest for more candidates. A list of candidates will be brought to the Board in May for review and then voted upon at the June OHA Board Meeting. (At this time that June meeting is scheduled for June 10th.)

No Board Action was needed or taken on this item.

E. SDAHA SPRING MEETING REPORT – TONY LEIF

Tony told the board that he was elected as the SDAHA Board Vice President at the State Board Meeting recently held in Huron.

Tony said the State Board spent time drafting rules within the PeeWee division for next year. He said that SDAHA will have 25 PeeWee teams next year, and any time that number goes about 21 teams – a 3 division league needs to be formed (A, B, and C). Thus, the reason for the drafting of these new rules. (Mike Mueller will get information on the OHA website about this new, 3 division, PeeWee system.)

Tony also shared that the State Board adopted a 2 referee system for all checking leagues (Bantams, JV, and Varsity) – and this is required through USA Hockey. The goal is to have 4 officials per checking league game – 2 referees and 2 linesmen. Mention was made that OHA referee/linesmen expenses will go up - and that consideration about possibly raising gate fees to cover these increased expenses may need to be a future topic of board discussion.

No Board Action was needed or taken on this item.

F. PRESIDENTS CUP (ADDED ITEM TO THE AGENDA)

Deidre Gesinger addressed the Board regarding the Presidents Cup Tournament that is held each year for SDAHA, Girls Hockey players. Ms. Gesinger said some of our OHA Girls players took part in this year's President Cup - and the total entry fee to send them all was \$250.

Ms. Gesinger came to the board asking if they would allow any of the unused, registration fee money collected for the Girls Hockey players to be used to pay for this \$250 entry fee for President Cup participation.

The OHA Board discussed it and they were not comfortable with this.

No Action was taken, nor was a Motion made.

The May OHA Board Meeting will take place on Monday, May 12th. President Leif entertained a Motion to Adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Nathan Sanderson. Second by Tiffany Sanchez. Motion passed unanimously. The board meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m. CST.