

**OREGON HOCKEY MEETING MINUTES**

August 27, 2023

7:00 pm- Mulligans



**Board Members/Attendees:**

Attended	Name	Position
X	Justin Brooks	President
X	Keith Lehnerr	Vice-President
X	Becky Rothering	Secretary
X	Andrew Lederer	Treasurer
X	Jason Wieser	Registrar
NP	Derek Blakeslee	Fundraising Director
X	Matt Gerlach	LTP
X	Sean Kypreos	6U
X	Jim Conklin	8U
X	Nick White	Squirt
X	Nick Shtaida	Peewee
X	Jason Wieser	Bantam
X	Troy Sherven	High School
NP	Paul Harms	Tournament Director
X	Tracy Taszarek	Volunteer Dibs
X	Rick Fleming	Hockey Director
X	Jim Conklin	Girls Liason
NP	Leah Graff	Safesport
X	Emily Schneider	Safety/Concussion Coordinator
NP	Ben Cowen	Rink Committee

**Meeting called to order: Justin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from 07/23/23; Motion to approve by Nick S. Second by Andrew. Board approval of minutes.**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from 08/3/23; Motion to approve by Nick S. Second by Jim C. Board approval of minutes.**

**New Business:**

- Discussion with Stoughton regarding Bantam co-op (Nick S)- Stoughton is hoping to have their own Bantam team and was hoping to pull some PeeWee's up. These players declined. Nick believes they have around 10 players. Depending on how many are picked to play highschool, Oregon could also have low numbers. Keith believes Larry could pull at least 1. Expected current numbers are around 16-17, which includes 3 goalies. Nick thinks this could allow us to have 2 teams. Last year, the Stoughton players left and played with McFarland. Justin has agreed to reach out and contact Eric.
- Jersey/sock ordering (Tracy)- This is last year of contract. Justin has been in touch regarding extending contract. Kit is being sent to Justin. Need to schedule 2 fitting days. Sean has agreed to take this on. Moving forward, this should be assigned to a position.
- Discrepancies between policies and bylaws (Jason)-
  - Locker-room policy is changing per WAHA, so this needs to be updated (lockerroom needs one coach and one parent inside lockerroom at all times.)
  - Cross-rostering section needs to be updated
  - The information can come from WAHA and USA Hockey.
  - Jason states that we need to go through bylaws and policies to make sure that they match. He has found errors in them. Jason and Matt will work on this together.
  - Keith has some notes on needed changes that he will send to the Board to review.
- Board Code of Conduct (Jason)- Justin has these from WAHA. We have the version that was requested by the board in the past. Justin will send this out to the board to sign.
- Hockey Director Program (Jason)- Rick is present.
- Details on funds from Les Oros for LTP(Matt)- Letter and invoice is needed from Ben. Keith will get this this week. First year of LTP is free, starting their second year, LTP is \$50.
- What funds are available for equipment purchase (Matt)- Scott H is looking for goalie gear for 8U and Squirt). 2 full sets (helmet included) for each group should total \$3,000-\$4,000. Could also use helmets for LTP and 6U (10-15 needed). Justin has applied for a Grass Roots grant for \$1000. He has another grant from Capitals that he would like to complete.
- Date for equipment exchange? (Matt)- It is listed as a volunteer opportunity. We need to get a call out to volunteers.
- Clarify rules for skaters moving up age groups (Matt). WAHA is moving away from this. In the past, OYH has only does this if team numbers were a concern. (Matt's questions were from a family with a 6U to 8U and 2nd year 8U to Squirt). Discussion is around that fact that in the past, if a player moved up, they needed to be skilled enough to play at the highest level of the next age group. Jason asks if there is truly a benefit of a 6U moving to 8U? The skillwork is the same as they practice together. Rick agrees. Matt will tell the families to register at their age appropriate level.

**From July Meeting:**

- Keith was to ask Ben to provide an update regarding ACES at July meeting - Keith will see Ben this week and will invite him to September meeting.
- Justin was to ask for list of previous South Side Saints participants, as program is longer being run - Justin has asked, but Ben does not want to provide this list as he might create a similar program and would like to keep the names.
- Keith was to work on contract with Ben regarding volunteers for Tradesmen game- Information and numbers was received, contract is in progress.
- Keith was to get a signed contract for the 2 year ice contract- Finalized, Keith will get it signed this week.

- Keith was to have a discussion with Larry regarding HS summer ice payments. not started. Keith has not had this conversation but states that Ben understands that he will not be paid until the highschool pays OYH.

### **Reports:**

#### **President-**

- Can get a 2 sided jersey with number for a total of \$4000-\$5000, and the kids return them at the end of the season. It comes to \$28/ea. Matt is suggesting that we could use these jerseys and get corporate sponsors to cover it. Could we ask them for \$3000/year? Matt can have Derek connect with Lisa and then connect prior to ordering.
- Has received our Stop the Bleed kit and it will be placed near the AED behind the home bench.
- We will start to utilize an ipad based scoring to replace paper scoresheets. It costs \$120/team/year. WAHA has asked that this change happens within 3 years. WAHA recommends that we buy 2 ipads. For the first year (2023-2024), WAHA will cover 75% of the team cost. That reimbursement decreases each year we wait. This is a potential fundraising opportunity. We also need a place to store and lock these ipads. Board agrees that we should start this year. Game Sheet will offer a class to learn the technology.
- OYH needs a Culture Liason- 9/10 and 9/13 are options for classes (attend 1). WAHA is requiring it. WAHA has the expectations written. Tracy will send out an email blast with volunteer hours and will include this.
- Jason asks if we need a Communications Director that can streamline and structure communications such as these? This position could manage email as well as social media. Justin will reach out to Clarissa to ask.
- SLACK- Justin would like to purchase the premium SLACK for \$100. Nick S makes a motion to purchase. Jason seconds. Board approves. The previous version loses data after 90 days.
- Justin asks Tracy to open a coaches registration.
- Board members need to complete Safesport.
- All volunteers need to complete Safesport and a background check. We need a process for this. This ties into our LockerRoom policy. Jason suggests that we go back to WAHA and ask for a one sheet list of guidelines for the organization. What happens if a parent doesn't pass the background check? Justin will contact WAHA.
- This needs to be added to registration in the future. For this year, we will communicate this to membership and ask managers to track, once we hear back from WAHA.

#### **Vice President -**

- Volunteers needed to paint the ice this weekend. Membership is aware of these volunteer hours.
- He is meeting with Ben this week with action items listed above.

#### **Treasurer –**

- Will adjust budget in regards to new costs discussed tonight.

#### **Secretary-**

- NA

#### **Tournament Director -**

- NP

**Volunteer/Dibs-**

- Registration open
- Working on writing up some volunteer requests
- Kelly Sullivan needs access to Raise Right.

**Registrar-**

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**Fundraising –**

- Bucky Book update- (per Nick S)- Derek has 200 ready to sell. Nick will have Derek call Justing with information for email blast.
- He is working on getting information on cookie sales soon.

**ALDs**

- **Learn to Play (Matt)**- Justin has numbers from Evansville even with some people who want information. National Play Hockey for Free Day. Nov 4th. Jim Torpy is open to evaluating.
- **6U (Sean)**- NA
- **8U (Jim)** - NA
- **Squirt (Nick W)** - NA
- **Peewee (Nick S)** - NA
- **Bantam (Jason)**- NA
- **High School** - Troy Sherven has volunteered to fill this role.
- **Safety/Concussion/Safesport** -
- **Hockey Director** - Rick is hoping to meet with coaches soon and have some on-ice time with them. Could the boot camp be the right time? Sean asks if it would make sense to schedule an hour where Rick could meet with coaches and maybe some players to work through some drills.
  - Justin asked if Rick could do a checking clinic? Rick thinks he would be able to accommodate this. Keith is meeting with Nicki regarding this week regarding ice and believes he should be able to get some ice for a checking camp.
  - Rick would like to see a change in the evaluation process. He is not a huge fan of the grading system and would rather have the coaches involved in the sessions as well as the evaluations. Fluid rosters were also discussed, knowing that evaluations can be most challenging for those “bubble kids” who are not identified as top or bottom of team.
  - Rick could also be the consistent presence during conversations that could involve skater movement.
  - We would like to communicate with the membership that our evaluations will look different this year as Rick, as our Hockey Director would like to make some changes.
  - The Hockey Director job description can be updated from M. Sullivan per Justin.
- **Rink Committee**-NP

**Agenda Items for September:**

- We need to decide on what equipment can be purchased.

**Next Meeting:**

- September 25 at 7 p.m. at Mulligan’s

**Adjourn:**

- Motion to adjourn by Becky, Second by Jason. Approved by Board.
  - Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.