

OAHE HOCKEY BOARD MINUTES

3060 E. Elizabeth, Pierre, SD

August 2nd, 2011 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Paul Bachand, President; Tony Leif, Vice President; Angel Wedin, Treasurer; Amy McTighe, Registrar; Jeff Mammenga, PR; Kathy Norwick, Fundraising; Ron Wagner, League Play; Barbara Shoup Anderson, Secretary; .

ABSENT: Gordon Woods, Rink Manager.

Also Present: Rob Kittay, Deedra Gesinger, Lynda Wagner, Matt Mohr, Tom Schultz, Levi Briggs, Jeremy Irving, Perry Ankrum, Chad Griese, Sandra Griese, Kristina Mechaley, Craig Davis, Mike Raleigh, and Keith Briggs.

Paul Bachand called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Annual election of officers: A motion was made for the following candidates to be elected as officers on the Board of Directors.

President (1-year term) – Paul Bachand
Vice-President (2-year term) – Tony Leif
Secretary (1-year term) – Barbara Shoup Anderson
Treasurer (2-year term) – Angel Wedin
Director of Players (1-year term) – Amy McTighe
Director of League Play (2-year term) – Ron Wagner
Director of Rink Operations (1-year term) – Gordy Woods
Director of Fundraising (2-year term) – Kathy Norwick
Director of Communications (2-year term) – Jeff Mammenga

A motion was made to entertain any other candidates for any of the above positions. Motion was made by Lynda Wagner to cease nominations, seconded by Deedra Gesinger. Unanimous ballot was cast. Motion carries.

A motion was made by Ron Wagner, seconded by Jeff Mammenga to approve the minutes from the July 5th, 2011 board meeting. Motion carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was distributed and discussed. The 'Oahe Capitals, The Dream Season' produced in conjunction with Sanchez Productions and the State 123 Theater of Pierre raised \$1,371 in funds. The full amount is currently in the OHA account however, half of the funds will go toward flood relief.

There is still an issue with the fees OHA was fined for not attending the President's Cup. Lynda Wagner will get the state minutes to Paul Bachand for review as those fees are not included in the assessments.

Angel will have a proposed budget prepared by September 2011.

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Paul Bachand discussed the possibility of obtaining another Ram Grant but a match is required of OHA. Some discussion occurred as to how the match could be generated. Paul will get more information to present to the board at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Barbara Shoup Anderson, seconded by Amy McTighe, to approve the Treasurer's report.

DIRECTOR OF PLAYERS

Amy McTighe announced that Varsity/JV Hockey registration will begin August 8th, 2011 and remain open until September 6th, 2011. All other registrations will open on September 7th, 2011 and end September 30th, 2011. Camp runs from October, 9th – 13th, 2011.

DIRECTOR OF RINK OPERATIONS

Gordy Woods was absent however, there was dialogue regarding the damage incurred as a result of the 2011 flood. All the sand has been removed from the building. Levi Briggs from the Expo Board confirmed that Captain Clean is currently in the process of cleaning the building and anticipates everything will be finished no later than August 12th, 2011. They have rented a manlift and are blowing everything off the walls and ceilings, including beams etc. Levi also indicated that the mats would be steam cleaned. The Fort Pierre Fire Department will be conducting a test to ensure the coils under the floor are working.

DIRECTOR OF LEAGUE PLAY

Ron Wagner indicated the schedule is coming together quite well. He has requested that New Year's Eve weekend be cleared and at this time it appears there are a couple of day games but otherwise OHA teams are home for that weekend. Ron states that a Senior Bowl is still scheduled to occur in Brookings and that League Games will not start until after Thanksgiving weekend.

As far as finding coaches, we still need a commitment for the JV coach and a volunteer for a Bantam level coach.

Rob Kittay suggested an email go out to all the coaches regarding certification as each coach must also complete the online age-specific module for each age level he/she is coaching this year.

DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING

Kathy Norwick determined that Zamboni Day will occur on the evening of August 16th, 2011 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

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The board replaced the mandatory raffle ticket fundraiser with a new fundraiser, where each OHA family would be required to sell raffle calendars containing the team's schedules. Anyone who purchases the calendar has the opportunity to win \$25 to \$1000. Discussion centered on the number of calendars each family would need to sell and when money would be collected. It was determined that a fundraising statement will be attached to the registration to inform registrants of the fundraising fee for this upcoming year.

Another fundraising opportunity includes gathering a list of 'Alumni' families and players sending them a pre-season letter with an opportunity to obtain pre-season passes. In addition to buying a pre-season pass, OHA could also offer a goal-a-thon where alumni could agree to donate, for example .25 cents for each goal made in the season. Last year approximately 120 goals were made which would come to a total of about \$50.

Finally, it was suggested that we have hockey players attend community events such as Farm & Home Shows. Players would be available at an OHA Table to talk to anyone who might be interested in learning about hockey. Perhaps a goal with sticks and pucks could be available for younger kids to take a crack at and see if hockey is something they might be interested in playing.

NEW BUSINESS REGISTRATION FEES

As a result of the fundraising discussion, Paul Bachand directed the board to address 2011-2012 registration fees to include having a hockey camp. Currently each player that attends the hockey camp is assessed \$125 however, it is noted that OHA is barely breaking even with the camp that is currently being held each fall. Perhaps in the future OHA can consider having the Varsity/JV players conduct a camp for our lower level players.

A motion was made by Ron Wagner, seconded by Tony Leif, to adjust the OHA fees to the following amounts for the 2012 season:

	<u>2012 Fees</u>
Varsity/JV:	\$200
Girls Varsity/JV:	\$170
Bantams:	\$170
PeeWees:	\$150
Squirts:	\$120
Mites:	\$ 70 after January 1 st , 2012
Mini Mites:	\$ 45 after January 1 st , 2012
Learn to Skate:	None

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In addition, all first year USA Hockey Players for Squirts and Girls Varsity/JV will have the opportunity to make application for a refund of half the OHA Hockey fee after January 1st, 2012. Motion carries.

A motion was made by Ron Wagner, seconded by Tony Leif, to schedule the months of November and December as a Practice Season for Mites and Mini-Mites. Board approval shall be sought should an opportunity arise for a team to play day games or tournaments with teams outside of OHA. If the player wants to continue playing after January 1st, 2012, the OHA registration fee must be paid. Motion carries.

PUBLICITY

Jeff Mammenga stated the advertising costs for the movie "Oahe Capitals, The Dream Season" only cost \$88 compared to the authorized expenditure of \$100.

Jeff also discussed putting flyers in the schools as well as including flyers for the Zamboni Day fundraiser. Tony also suggested that we have the hockey players showcase the State Championship Trophy to both the elementary and middle schools in both Pierre and Fort Pierre. Tony and Jeff will do some follow-up with the school principals to see if this is a possibility.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul Bachand discussed the bids that were submitted by other associations in the state for the 2012 Boys State Varsity Hockey Tournament.

Paul Bachand reviewed the top 12 questions answered on the coaching surveys. Discussion occurred on ways to improve the response rate from OHA families for the upcoming season to include handing the surveys out in person during one of the last parent meetings or during the last pot luck of the season.

NEW BUSINESS

Fundraising proposals were discussed by the Director of Fundraising and are included in the report above.

A large discussion focused on an In-House Mite League, the purpose of which is to recruit more kids to play hockey. Due to the current low numbers at the Mite level it was determined that an In-House Mite League is not feasible however, the reduction in OHA fees for the lower levels until January 1st is one method to promote the sport of hockey thus increasing our numbers.

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A short discussion was held regarding tournament payments though this issue was tabled for the next meeting due to a lack of time to address the issue thoroughly.

Many members were present to discuss Squirts/Mites travel policy, which was also tabled. The board took note of member concerns and invited each individual to attend the next OHA board meeting to address the issue in detail.

A motion was made by Kathy Norwick, seconded by Ron Wagner, to adjourn the Meeting at 9:30 pm. Meeting Adjourned.

The next meeting will take place Tuesday, September 6th at 6:00 pm at 3060 E. Elizabeth in Pierre, SD.