



**Osseo Maple Grove Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2019
8:00pm Maple Grove Community Center**

Voting Members Present: Adam Reiter, Mike Hueller, Chad Wieneke, Nicole Kustermann, Cathy Cheatham, Colin Steen, Brian Grant, Chuck Sawicky, Luke Johnson, Jeff Allen

Non-Voting Members Present: Jamie Krull, Harry Kennedy, Deanna Henry, Erin Smith, Jeremy Lewis, Rich Dean, Jeff Brandt

Others Present: Todd Hill

NO QUORUM – Unofficial Meeting, no official business conducted

1. Committee Reports

- District 3 Updates- by Jeff Brandt, nothing to report
- Hockey Updates
 - Boys Traveling- report by Colin Steen
 - District season is complete for PeeWee's and Bantams
 - Great showing overall with Peewee B1 Black, Bantam C Black and Bantam A finishing first; Peewee B2 Crimson, Peewee AA, Bantam B1 Black, and Bantam B2 finishing second in their league.
 - Squirts are doing very well as well, with OMGHA teams in the top three of every level.
 - Continuing to work with Jr Gold coaches and families to ensure we are having the best experience possible for these players
 - Girls Traveling- report submitted by Chad Wieneke
 - 2018-2019 Season**
 - We continue to monitor our game results and overall team formations appear to be working well as our teams are competitive at their level of play.

HDM Event

- The 2019 HDM Girls Event was a success, estimated that we had approximately 125 OMGHA girls players in attendance.

Discussion about B2 Level

- Participation at B2 level in D3 (6 teams) and D6 (7 teams) has been good, D10 who was the 3rd district involved in the Minnesota Hockey U10B2 Pilot Program only had 2 teams participate at this level. One issue this year is lack of tournaments, the B2 teams have had to play in B1 tournaments. We will look to have a tournament next year if the U10B2 level continues. Jeff Brandt will ask D3 what their thoughts are about the B2 level.
- House- report submitted by Chuck Sawicky
 - Games have started – going as planned
 - Outdoor ice availability still limited (cold/snow)
 - Jamboree planning is begging
 - Game times finalized for March 8th/9th and 10th
 - T-Shirt/Trophy ordering has started
 - New T-Shirt color has been selected
 - Volunteer request submitted to volunteer coordinators
 - No significant changes expected vs 2018
 - Spring 3v3 planning is starting
- Skills and Development – report by Luke Johnson
 - Last skill development week is going on. Position specific sessions were very well received this year. Really re-enforced Hockey Habits.
 - Be Fit sessions have also gone well, although not taken advantage as much as they should have been by many teams. Seems as though teams did not know about opportunities. Will do a better job of communication next year.
- Tournaments- Report by Brian Grant
 - Tournaments went really well. Had some issue with volunteers not signing up / showing up. Also had a couple HS games scheduled during tournament weekends. Will look into how/ why this happened. Some tournaments might be scheduled differently next year (i.e., to avoid Super Bowl).
- OMGHA Partner Updates
 - High School Coaches
 - Jeremy Lewis – HC of OPC reported.
 - Thanks OMGHA for partnership and HDM success.
 - Really appreciates having a locker room and rink they can call their own.
 - Discussed next year's re-alignment
 - HDM will be Jan 18 next year. Will try to coordinate with a boys event, as well.

- Jeremy will check on status of booster club formation and loan payments.
 - Arena Managers – no report
 - Marketing – no report
- Administrative Updates
 - Volunteer Coordinators- Report submitted by Rochelle Giuliani and Tricia Leafblad
 - Helped find volunteers for the Girls Cabin Fever Tournament (Jan. 31 - Feb. 3)
 - Posted positions in DIBs for the PeeWee B1 Districts
 - Posted positions in DIBs for the Squirt C Districts
 - Posted positions in DIBs for the Mite Jamboree @ Osseo
 - Turned in \$500 checks for those families choosing not to volunteer- approximately 14 checks so far
 - As of Feb. 4, we have had **10,629** volunteer hours (this includes coaching and manager hours)
 - Registration
 - No report from House, Erin Smith
 - Report from Deanna Henry, on behalf of Travel
 - Several issues with coaches fulfilling requirements.
 - Deanna would like to attend coaches meetings next season to make sure everyone understands requirements.
 - Discussion about a couple delinquent / redlined coaches and keeping them off the bench until cleared.
 - Player Safety Coordinator – Desta will attend next month’s meeting
 - Equipment- report by Jamie Krull
 - Preparing for equipment return and for next season
 - Grievances- report by Harry Kennedy
 - Update on recent hearing.
 - Request by Adam Reiter that we refine our record keeping when we are notified of player conduct throughout season. Want to make sure we have good records of players who have received D3 or match penalties so we can reference these for future hearings
 - Also need to make sure our code of conduct mirrors Minnesota Hockey’s COD with regard to suspensions and hearings.
 - Harry / Adam will look at this over the summer to make sure we have a clear and consistent approach
 - Finance- report by Chuck Sawicky
 - Will be scheduling Finance Committee meeting soon to discuss investments
 - Happy with capital improvements at Osseo
 - There are more things to come as we look to continue to be smart with our money and make improvements that matter.
 - Osseo Concessions – no report
 - Scholastic Achievement- update from Nicole Kustermann
 - Date has been set for April 29; 7:00 pm and Lord of Life

- Application to apply will be posted just after 2nd tri grades; will be posted online and sent to team managers to tell teams about
- Will be soliciting donations / prizes. Stay tuned for details on who / where they should be sent.

2. Old Business

- Update on Agreement with Booster Clubs - Adam working with Booster Clubs to finalize agreement for contributions to Osseo Rink loan

3. New Business

○ Jr. Gold

- Todd Hill joined meeting to discuss his concerns about OMGHA Jr. Gold Program. Spoke about experience this year with one of the B teams. Concerned about OMGHA's fiduciary duty to protect kids and not embarrass the association. His team is regularly playing games with 7 skaters. Afraid kids will walk away from hockey after the experience they are having this year.
- Mr. Hill's proposed solutions:
 - Treat Jr. Gold like all other levels – tryouts, team formation
 - Do a better job of promoting program and laying out expectations for participants.
 - Suggested a Town Hall type meeting to allow exchange of dialogue between association and parents / players
- Adam Reiter discussed how Jr. Gold has been a priority for OMGHA the past three years. Focus on growing program resulted in certain decisions this year being made not to turn kids away from playing, perhaps resulting in more teams, with fewer players. Re-iterated OMGHA's goal to allow all kids to play hockey, but also to have the best possible experience. Committed to looking at our philosophy moving forward, taking player safety into strong consideration. Need to have better communication with families about what our philosophy and expectations for player commitment. Also might explore rec league possibilities for players who don't want to commit to Jr. Gold practices / game / season. Also need to discuss OMGHA's expectations for coaches and for teams and practices.
- Rich Dean explained how each team this season started with 16 players, but due to suspensions and kids quitting, one team is playing with too few players. Rich believes we need to get out in front of registration to get an idea of how many kids will actually play. Agrees we need to promote Jr. Gold better. We should explore out of town tournaments, perhaps sponsored by OMGHA to show our commitment.
- Chad Wieneke shared concerns about lack of U19 team this year.
- Adam, Colin, Rich and Chad Wieneke will get together to forge a path forward. Will get a Town Hall Meeting scheduled.

- Appointment of Election Committee – by President Adam Reiter
 - Nicole Kustermann and Colin Steen appointed to serve on Election Committee
 - Annual Meeting date set for April 17, 2019 at 7:00
 - Application for new board members will be posted on the website and emailed to association tomorrow by Board Secretary.
 - Positions open are: President, VP Girls Travel, VP House, 5 Director, Mite director, D3 and Coaching Dir.

- End of Year Survey – Adam Reiter asked Board for suggestions of topics / questions to ask in End of Year Survey that will be mailed to association in March.
 - Nicole Kustermann will get last year's survey questions from Rob Borsch to share with group to review for changes / additions.

4. Meeting Adjourned