

Oahe Hockey Association
September 2014 Board Meeting Minutes
First National Bank Board Room
Monday, September 22, 2014

Board President, Craig Davis, called the September Board Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. CST.

Board Members Present: Nathan Sanderson, Stephanie Lyons, Mike Mueller, Lee Axdahl, Tiffany Sanchez, Bob Gray, Katie Starr, Serena Swenson, Jim Wedin, and Suzy Kappes.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST BOARD MEETING** – Board President Davis asked for a Motion to approve the August Board Minutes. **Bob Gray made the motion. Second by Mike Mueller. Motion passed unanimously.**

Board President Davis welcomed and introduced OHA's new Safe Sport Representative, Suzy Starr-Kappes.

B. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS:

1. TREASURER – TIFFANY SANCHEZ

Aug 31 checking balance: \$ 48,476.76

Restricted Funds: \$44,965.68

Total Funds Available as of Aug 31: \$ 3,511.08

August income - \$20,567.00

(Equipment Lease Income, Korner Grocery Fundraiser, 2014-15 RAM Improvements Grant)

August Expenses - \$1,909.32

(Phone and DSL, City of Fort Pierre for ice removal last spring [\$575], gate sills and pucks [RAM Grant Funds][these are the pucks that Gordie found that won't break the glass])

Report of September 1-22:

Sep 22 checking balance: \$ 50,310.72

Restricted Funds: \$40,832.89

Total Funds Available as of Sep 22: \$ 9,477.83

Godfrey Roberts Scholarship Account: \$2,967.00

September Income: \$10,150.00 in Registrations

September Expenses: \$8,346.04

(coach reimbursement for modules, trainings, and USA hockey fees; some RAM concession expenses [new cash register and pizza over]; new netting [RAM Grant money]; paint for rink as well as some tournament registration fees)

The EXPO Board has agreed to cost share \$4,000 with OHA for painting the locker room floors.

Financial Assistance applications have been coming in. They are similar to last year. As of today, there are 6 financial assistance applications that have been received – made up of \$180 in USA Hockey Fees, \$1,075 in OHA Registration fees, and \$90 in equipment rental fees.

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

Board President Davis entertained a motion to approve the Financial Assistance applications that have been received thus far, as long as volunteer hour requirements from last year have been met. Jim Wedin made the Motion. Second by Mike Mueller. Motion passed unanimously.

Tiffany also discussed the Sam Tronnes Memorial Hunt that is coming up November 14-15. The Tronnes family has given over \$100,000 to South Dakota Hockey Associations and to South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association players through scholarships. (some of our former OHA players have been recipients of these scholarships) In the past OHA has donated \$500 to buy a table at the banquet, and OHA has had membership representation there as well.

Board President Davis will send out an e-mail to OHA coaches informing them of this upcoming hunt and banquet, so as to encourage OHA representation.

2. REGISTRAR – LEE AXDAHL

Lee reported that the e-registration process for hockey camp and OHA player registration was off to a good start. Registration numbers through 9/22/14 were shared with the board. In regards to the hockey camp, 21 players have registered thus far.

3. PLAYERS – KATIE STARR

The Coordinator Meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday, September 29th, in the Expo Center's OHA Board Room. Katie handed out her agenda for the Coordinator Meeting.

The National "Try Hockey for Free Day" is Saturday, November 8th. OHA will host theirs from 10:30 a.m. – Noon at the Expo Center. Bantam, Girls, and JV players will be asked to assist.

The Capitals Varsity Team will be playing the South Dakota U-16 team on the afternoon of Saturday, November 8th. All "Try Hockey for Free Day" participants will be invited to attend.

4. COACHING – JIM WEDIN

Jim presented his slate of coaches to the Board for discussion.

After Board discussion, **Jim presented this coaching slate once again as his Motion for approval. Second by Lee Axdahl. The Motion to approve the coaching slate as presented passed unanimously.**

Thanks, Jim – for all your hard work in getting this year's coaches in place.

(The slate of coaches presented and approved is as follows):

	<u>Boys Varsity</u>		<u>Squirt A</u>
Lead	Rob Kittay	Lead	Jim Wedin
Assistant	Ron Wagner	Assistant	Chad Griese
	Drew Johnson	Assistant	Al Nedved
	Mike Behm	Assistant	Tim Flor
	<u>Boys JV</u>		<u>Squirt B</u>
Lead	Ron Bren	Lead	Rhener Gordon
Assistant	Paul Bachand		
			<u>Mite Gold</u>
	<u>Girls JV/Varsity</u>		
		Lead	Scott Switzer
Lead	Darren Kearney	Assistant	Jon Herman
Assistant	Rachel Pearson	Assistant	Keith Briggs
	<u>Bantam B (A for League)</u>		<u>Mite Black</u>
Lead	Curtis Egan	Lead	Brett Afdahl
Assistant	Zach Parsons		
	<u>Bantam C (B for League)</u>		<u>Mini-Mite Gold</u>
Lead	Jacob Parsons	Lead	Mike Behm
Assistant	Kirsten Wilcox	Assistant	Sam Shaw
	<u>Pee Wee B (A for League)</u>		<u>Mini-Mite Black</u>
Lead	Dave Nelson	Lead	Conrad Malsam
Assistant	Drew Leif	Assistant	Scott Switzer
Assistant	Keith Briggs		
	<u>Pee Wee C (B for League)</u>		<u>Learn to Skate</u>
Lead	Jeremy Irving	Lead	Bob Gordon
		Assistant	Chris Eich

5. LEAGUE PLAY – CRAIG DAVIS

Craig first gave his SDAHA Board Meeting Recap (Meeting Agenda's New Business – Item D) –

- Rosters will no longer be required via paper copy - rosters are now to be submitted via electronic copy
- Anyone who has contact with players (e.g. coaches, coordinators, board members, locker room monitors) must now go to the SDAHA.org site and submit a background check. Once they are completed the individual must send them to our association Registrar (Lee)
- If cell phones are kept in players' bags in the locker room and not taken out, the players' bags may not be searched for the presence of a cell phone inside the bag. However, if a player takes their cell phone out of their bag while in the locker room, the cell phone may then be taken away from the player
- Each state association must develop a concussion policy within their individual, association policies (e.g. what are concussion symptoms, etc.) This policy is to serve as a "road map" for coaches to follow in terms of what to look for and do if they suspect a player may have a concussion [The OHA Board discussed that they would get this policy developed soon and approved at a future Board Meeting – the Coaches and Coordinators will also be notified of this required policy and that it will be developed and approved soon]
- Referees at the Bantam level and above will be paid \$5 more per game.
- Bantam-JV-and Girls levels will now have 1 referee and 2 line judges, or 3 referees total per game
- Varsity level will now have 2 referees and 2 line judges, or 4 referees total per game
- The Senior Showcase is in Brookings, November 22-23
- Watertown is being a new hockey arena so they will have 2 sheets of ice in the future
- Tony Leif is Vice President on the SDAHA Board
- Jim Wedin is the OHA disciplinary representative at the SDAHA level
- Suzy Starr-Kappes is the OHA Safe Sport Representative

Regarding League Play – Craig reported that scheduling is still being worked on statewide due to an error found with another state association’s schedule. He’s hoping to have final schedules done by mid-November at the latest.

6. **RINK OPERATIONS – GORDIE WOODS**

Craig reported for Gordie. Rink set-up is in full swing as of today (9/22). If set-up continues to go well, some levels are hoping to get a few practices in before the Robbie Glanz camp October 20-22.

Kathy Norwick will do the on-line volunteer scheduling again, like last year. Pete Longman will also take care of tracking volunteer hours again.

Concessions have purchased a new cash register. There will now be 3 workers in the concession stand at all times – 1 person to run the cash register and take the money and 2 people to be the runners.

The Board also discussed that any volunteer hours that are delinquent from last year, by parents or players, will be billed out at \$20/hour. If these are not made up or paid for by the time the ice is up, the player will not be allowed on the ice. Craig will make phone calls and send out e-mails to any families this may pertain to.

7. **FUNDRAISING – SERENA SWENSON**

Zamboni Days is Saturday, October 25th. Serena will report on what zones in town the players will be going to at our October Board Meeting.

The printing of calendars through Prynt Comm will take place as soon as team schedules are finalized – hopefully by the end of November at the very latest. (There is a 2 week minimum timeframe on the printing of the calendars)

Team Pictures for the calendar will take place as soon as all levels have begun practices (again – hopefully by the end of November at the very latest). Serena will work with the coordinators and coaches to get about 15-20 minutes before a scheduled practice starts to get the team pictures taken.

8. **MARKETING – BOB GRAY**

Up to this point this year, Bob has billed out \$23,000 in major sponsors only (compared to \$8,500 at this point last year).

Bob will be working with Prynt Comm to develop a program for ad sponsors. This will tie into him wanting to introduce a new level of sponsorship this year – a \$250 sponsorship to have an ad in every program all season long.

In 2 weeks Bob will be mailing out the bills for the sign sponsors and prospective sign sponsors as well. Again, thank you Bob for all your hard work and good job!

9. **COMMUNICATIONS – MIKE MUELLER**

Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

A. **HELMET CHANGE – KRIS BUCHOLTZ**

Between 28 players and 2 goalies (30 total) – 27 responses were received back. 14 said “YES”, 13 said “NO”. Since the vote was pretty much split, new helmets will be worked into future plans, possibly when it is time to order new jerseys for the JV/Varsity level. (This will be brought to the OHA Board in the future for consideration, discussion, and approval when this time comes around for new jersey selection – probably the 2015-16 or 2016-17 season.)

In-House League Jerseys for the Mini-Mites and Mites were presented. These will be returned to OHA after the season is done – the players will not be allowed to keep them. Currently there are 4 colors – green, white, gold, and black. It was decided to add 2 more colors - red and blue – so there would be a total of 6 colors. This would allow all the In-House teams to have their own color of jersey.

No Board Action was taken or needed.

B. FINALIZE BUDGET

This was done at the last board meeting. No changes have come up since then. **No Board Action was taken or needed.**

C. REGISTRATION TIMELINES

No new registration timelines were discussed. **No Board Action was taken or needed.**

NEW BUSINESS

A. TIER 1 AAA PRACTICE REQUEST

A Capitals player has made the South Dakota AAA Tier 1 (U14) Team and has asked to be allowed to practice with the Bantams this season. He will be non-rostered (not affiliated with the SDAHA). The Bantam coaches have agreed they are fine with this.

Craig Davis made the Motion to allow this Tier 1 AAA player to practice with the Bantam team, with the understanding that the player will be required to fulfill the requirements of OHA membership payment (registration), as well as fulfilling the volunteerism and fundraising requirements of OHA; thus, the Tier 1 AAA player will be under the same commitments required of any other OHA member player. Second by Lee Axdahl. Motion passed unanimously.

B. CONCESSION VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE – LISA GORDON

This was not discussed.

C. DELINQUENT VOLUNTEER/PLAYER HOURS

This was discussed earlier in the Board Meeting during Craig Davis' Rink Report.

D. SDAHA BOARD RECAP

This was discussed earlier in the Board Meeting during Craig Davis' League Play Report.

The October Board Meeting will take place at the EXPO Center Board Room on Monday, October 20th, in Fort Pierre. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. CST.

President Davis entertained a Motion to Adjourn. Tiffany Sanchez made the Motion. Second by Serena Swenson. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m. CST.