



**Osseo Maple Grove Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2021
8:00pm – Zoom Meeting**

Voting Members Present:

Nicole Kustermann, Steve Fischer, Chad Wieneke, Colin Steen, Lisa Albers, Cathy Cheatham, Ryan Campbell, Mike Hueller, Andy Hedlund, Chuck Sawicky, Jason Rogowski, Lucas Ahlberg, Scott Poska, Adam Reiter, Andy Beissel, Jeff Allen, Brian LaFluer

Non-Voting Members Present:

Dave Margeneau, Laurel Bot, Todd Bergland, Erika Kreye, Paul Steenerson, Emily Grossman, Kristina Kampa, Danya Skifstrom, Don Beauclair, Jeremy Lewis, Kelli Williams, Lora Lutner, Tricia Leafblad, Heidi Hagel Braid

Meeting Called to Order

Nicole Kustermann called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

Consent Business

Treasurer's Report – Oral Report by Chuck Sawicky

- Voucher Program Update
 - Program is expected to up and running this year at both Osseo and MG
 - Kelly Edlund will manage workers/volunteers for both Osseo and MG
 - Will be good to have a communication go out to recruit new workers – Week of Aug 23rd
- Change in back end registration process through SportsEngine will allow vouchers to offset future payments
- Financial Update: gambling and hosted tournaments are trending close to normal; non-OMGHA tournament fees are the largest current expense item; there was an \$8,000 mistake in the approved budget that will be corrected during the September 2021 meeting.

Approval of July 2021 Meeting Minutes

Charitable Gaming Report by Cathy Cheatham

Approval of July 2021 Actual Expenses:

<u>Rent</u>	
Duffy's Bar Rent	\$875.00
Malone's Rent	\$4,574.88
Maple Tavern	\$6,668.23
<u>Games</u>	
Pull Tabs Plus	\$5,118.11
Three Diamonds	\$8,015.98

Triple Crown	\$3,226.07
Pilot Games	\$17,642.06
Payroll/Employer Taxes	\$24,521.22
MN Revenue combined tax	\$76,394.00
City of MG Tax (Malone's)	\$2,529.00
City of MG Tax (Maple Tavern)	\$1,756.00
	\$438.10
Office Depot	
File Depot	\$872.66
CG Made Easy	\$309.00

Donations Made: None

Approval of Proposed August 2021 Expenses, not to exceed:

<u>Rent</u>	
Duffy's Bar Rent	\$875.00
Malones Rent	\$5,000.00
Maple Tavern Rent	\$8,000.00
Games	\$40,000.00
Payroll/Employer Taxes	\$30,000.00
MN Revenue and MG combined tax	\$100,000.00
Supplies	\$1,500.00
CG Made Easy	\$500.00
File Depot	\$900.00
Barton Walter Krier	\$3,565.70
CG Made Easy POS System	\$6,000.00
Merch Prizes	\$2,500.00

Donation Requests: OMGHA \$100,000.00

The Point of Sale system expenditure will automate the gambling transactions; it will resolve recent shortages in each of the three gambling sites. The system is similar to the POS system implemented in the concessions stands and will improve accuracy. Gambling supplier reported that shortages on games is an emerging issue and may impact gambling revenues. Duffy's is now closing on Mondays due to a workforce shortage, Malone's is having a similar issues.

Nicole Kustermann moved to approve Consent Business, Steve Fischer second; unanimously approved, motion passes.

President's Report – Oral Report by Adam Reiter

Adam Reiter announced OMGHA is entering into a partnership with Dynamights for the coming season. The partnership will include a Shoot-a-Thon to raise money for [Dynamights](#), a hockey program for underprivileged youth. In addition to the fundraising effort, OMGHA will purchase some ice from the

Dynomights home rink, and will establish “brother” and “sister” teams across the organization. Scott Harmon will attend the September 2021 OMGHA board meeting to share information about Dynomights.

Adam will be presenting a plan to the Maple Grove Park Board regarding branding of the West Rink as an OMGHA rink. He is seeking approval of the initiative first, and then OMGHA will develop a full design at a later point in time.

District 3 Updates – Oral Report by Steve Fischer

MN Hockey is implementing electronic scoring sheets via VARIO, which would improve the ease of entering. OMGHA has applied to host a regional tournament this year. D3 has presented a proposal to provide stipend to leadership: Director-\$5000, President-\$3000, HP GM- \$1000, and Administrator \$500.

There are new rule changes to penalties that impact 12U/PeeWees and younger. Penalty length:

- Periods of 12 minutes or less - 1:00 minute minor
- Periods of 12 minutes to less than 17 minutes - 1:30 minute minor
- Periods of 17 minutes or more - 2 minute minor

Other MN Hockey rule changes include:

- Face-offs after assessed penalties will take place in the offending team's defensive zone.
- Player will receive a game misconduct if they receive 4 or more penalties in a game. Coach will be assessed a game misconduct if their team receives 12 or more penalties in a game.
- Removed restrictions on slap shot at 10U levels; slap shot now allowed.
- Prohibits all Youth levels of play to legally ice the puck during shorthanded situations, excluding Jr. Gold.
- Eliminates tag-up offside at all Youth levels of play. Immediate offside is now applied at all levels except Jr. Gold.

In addition, District 3 rule changes include:

- Any coach who receives a game misconduct for abuse of officials will serve a 3-game suspension - 1st offense. This will be for any league, tournament, or scrimmage games in or out of district
- Any coach who receives a game misconduct for abuse of officials with an official(s) 18 years or under will receive a 5 game suspension - 1st offense. * 2nd offense - coach must attend a grievance hearing (minimum 5 game suspension)
- A team will receive a bench minor penalty for any fan removal
- Jr. Gold - A team will receive a bench minor if their fans are on or over the rink glass before or during the game. - 1st offense * 2nd offense - fan removal and additional bench minor penalties.

Many of the rule changes are a result of the shortage of referees due to poor player and parent behavior. The Board discussed internal initiatives to recruit new referees from youth players by giving them experience in the house program. OMGHA could add a link to its website for youth players who are interested in referees.

Annual registrar event is August 31, 2021 at Plymouth Ice Center. Mandatory tournament director meeting is September 13, 2021 (location TBD).

Secretary Updates – Oral Report by Nicole Kustermann

- MGCC Meeting rooms are scheduled by Nicole Kustermann; get in touch to schedule fall meetings.
- Board Meetings change to third Sunday in September; next meeting September 19, 2021.

Hockey Updates

Boys Traveling – Oral Report by Colin Steen

- Final preparations for tryouts are coming together. The Squirt tryouts will utilize a new tool called Team Genius to help manage the tryout process.
- New squirt parent meeting will be on September 22, 2021 at 7pm (Maple Grove Community Center) to review the tryout process and answer any questions new travel parents might have.
- Junior Gold informational sessions will be held in September - dates still TBD.
- Becky Thoreson is heading up OMGHA's committee to prepare a bid to host national Tier 1 or Tier 2 tournament.

Girls Traveling – Oral Report by Chad Wieneke

- Tryout planning is well underway, tryout process will be similar to past years at all levels.
- Current registrations: U15 - 16 Skaters, 3 Goalies; U12 - 28 Skaters, 1 Goalie; U10 - 33 Skaters, 2 Goalies.
- Met with MG and OPC high school coaches to discuss future collaboration, including:
 - OMGHA Girls Hockey Day - Saturday, January 15, 2021 during MG vs OPC game at Osseo (does **not** coincide with Hockey Day MN).
 - Involvement of MG and OPC high schools players with OMGHA teams during the season.

House – Oral Report by Jason Rogowski

- Registration numbers are looking good and are on track to previous years; 60+ new players.
- Recruitment
 - First Try Hockey for Free (THFF) events were very successful; 50 kids at our second event on August 8, 2021.
 - August 29, 2021 THFF will feature Nordy & Goldy Gopher.
 - Planning presences at Back to School Nights at elementary schools.
- Ongoing planning for the season; jerseys will be ordered this week through Lettermen.

Skills and Development – Oral Report by Andy Hedlund

Registration for pre-season camps closes this week: 361 total registrations received already, but some levels are only half full, and will impact OMGHA's budget. Chuck Sawicky suggested communicating with directors at levels that are not full. Planning for the coach meeting that includes special components for new female coaches. Summer Swagger skills program is winding down.

Tournaments – No Report

OMGHA Partner Updates

High School Coaches – Todd Bergland thanked everyone who participated in the Maple Grove Hockey golf tournament. Reminder that the Pig Roast will be hosted in September (date TBD). Jeremy Lewis shared plans for an upcoming youth camp and high school players' interest in youth coaching. Scott Poska will connect with high school hockey players to attend the girls-only THFF event.

Arena Managers – No Report

Marketing – Oral Report by Laurel Bot

- Maple Grove Triathlon is this Saturday (8/21/20) volunteers are still needed to help on the bike course, only 12 have signed up thus far. 50 volunteers are needed.
- Apparel pieces have been selected, working with Lettermen on adding design elements this week. Hope to go live with the first ordering window no later than September 1, 2021. Saints apparel will follow. Tried to secure apparel where vendors weren't concerned about supply; however, we will still likely see some go into backorder. Bauer "suits" should not be impacted.

Administrative Updates

Registrars – Oral Report by Kelli Williams

- 597 total registered, 297 house, 330 Travel
- 67 Coaches registered for Travel and House
- Coaches CEP, Safesport and background check status will be updated each Sunday and Thursday, with updates posted on coaches tab. May take 72 hours to update requirements with USA Hockey.
- Board Roster due September 15, 2021 – all board members must register with USA Hockey, Safesport and background check.

Volunteer Coordinators – Oral Report by Erika Kreye

Volunteer hours for pre-season skates need to be completed and offered to OMGHA members. Also confirmed that pre-covid arrival at rink times will exist. 30 minutes before preskate sessions.

Equipment – No Report

Grievances – Oral Report by Don Beauclaire

Working to finalize Grievance Committee members for this season. Send any interested individuals to Don Beauclaire.

Old Business

No Old Business to consider.

New Business

No New Business to consider.

Meeting Adjourned

Chad Wieneke moved to adjourn the meeting, Mike Hueller second; the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.