

**Oahe Hockey Association**  
**MONTH Board Meeting Minutes**  
**EXPO Center – Fort Pierre, SD**  
**Monday, January 19, 2026**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Board meeting called to order for the month of January 19, 2026 at 6:30pm (CST) by Board President, Bret Afdahl.**

**Board Members Present:**

Bret Afdahl – Board President	Joanie Blair – Director of Communications
Rick Miller – Board Past President	John Ullmann – Director of League Play
Doug Abraham - Board Vice President	Jon Kotilnek – Director of Coaching
<del>Kellie Beck – Board Treasurer</del>	<del>Rachel Graves – Director of Fundraising</del>
Jessi Fromm – Board Secretary	
Tom Kirschenmann – Registrar	Landon Badger – Director of Hockey
Gerad Johnson – Board Facilities Manager	<del>Kaishia Anderson – Concessions Manager</del>
Christi Hand – Director of Players	Nick Marso – Capitalize on the Future
Larissa Freeman – Director of Marketing	<del>Clarie Peschong – Merchandise</del>

**Additional Guests:**

Leah Ries

**II. Board Minutes**

**John Ullmann made a motion to approve the December Board Minutes.  
Seconded by Doug Abraham. Motion passed unanimously.**

**III. TREASURERS REPORT**

**John Ullmann made a Motion to approve the December Treasurer’s Report.  
Second by Jessi Fromm. Motion passed unanimously.**

**IV. DIRECTOR AND OFFICER REPORTS**

**Jon Kotilnek – Director of Coaching**

- Reported on the Tyler Wilcox Tournament
  - Well ran, kids had lots of fun and it was well attended
  - Watertown and Aberdeen did not get their medals so they will work out a plan to get the medals to the associations

**John Ullmann – Director of League Play**

- Boys JV and Varsity are tentatively rescheduled for February 27, 2026 in Mitchell proposed game times are 6pm and 8pm
- Bantam game they want to reschedule it, but game time proposal is for 4pm on February 6, or February 20, 2026.
  - Waiting to hear from Mitchell and Yankton to see if this would work for their associations

### **Rick Miller – Past President**

- Reported the front door needs to be fixed
- Working on procedures for the Board Member duties and different things around the rink
- Winter Fishing weekend needs the hockey kids to assist in selling raffle tickets
- Working on the Hall of Fame
  - An email will be going out to the members to review

### **Christi Hand – Director of Players**

- Gave on update on Dibs points
  - There are some parents who do not have any points yet
  - Will send out email to families reminding them we are halfway through the season
  - Gerad Johnson asked about Dibs for ice maintenance crew
    - Will work with Christi on approximately number of hours they have put in and get their points updated.

### **Gerad Johnson - Board Facilities Manager**

- Big thank you to the Bertsch Brothers for removing and hanging the new Oahe Capitals signs at the Expo
- Big thank you to Andy Fuhrman and Rick Miller for hanging the new dasher boards
- Ice Barn is currently using one pump and when they do the shut down they will install the other pump
- There is a small leak in the system at the expo that they are monitoring and plan to fix it at the end of the season.

### **Doug Abraham - Vice President**

- The Disciplinary Committee has been getting reports with spectators not following good sportsmanship
- Discussion on adopting a specter policy
  - Will work on drafting a policy and bring it to the February board meeting to review

### **Bret Afdahl – Board President**

- Gave an update from the Expo Board
  - The Expo Board discussed how the utilities are being split and want to change the current way we are splitting the utilities
  - The Oahe Hockey Association will not provide internet and cable during the months they are not occupying the building. The Internet will be turned off at the Expo on March 12 this year
  - The Expo Board plans to have the bathrooms updated before the 14U Girls State Tournament
  - The Oahe Capitals Association will be in charge of painting the locker rooms instead of bathrooms

### **Jessi Fromm – Secretary**

- No report at this time

### **Larissa Freeman – Director of Marketing**

- The Boys JV and Varsity Players distributed Thank You cards/pictures to all our sponsors this year
- Pack and Play Travel is a new sponsor this year

### **Joanie Blair – Director of Communications**

- Update on the tax form for the Chase of Ace winners

**V. Landon Badger – Director of Hockey**

- Has been meeting with the Coaches at the different levels
- Working on ways to grow the program
- Discussion on adjusting the reimbursement for the non-parent Coaches to cover their costs

**VI. Capitalize on the Future**

- Have received around \$30,000.00 in donations last month
- Currently have received approximately \$2.6 million
- Working on planning a public event to show the plans for Ice Barn.
  - Occupancy for the building are suggestion to keep it at 500
  - Early February are planning to have 95% plans for Ice Barn locked in
  - Possibly next summer will be able to work on locker rooms, and a ref room

**VII. Unfinished Business**

**Chase the Ace**

- Went down to the final card
- The association will receive around \$125,713.00
- The winners were a group of healthcare workers
- The committee asked to be on next month's agenda to discuss ideas on how the funds could be used

**Pictures**

- Will keep doing pictures the same way at this time

**VIII. New Business**

**Squirt try-out for next season**

- Will look at doing the try-out same way they are doing tryouts for PeeWees

**Registration dates**

- Discussion on moving up registration dates up
  - Will discuss with Rick and Kellie on Registration fees
  - Will talk to Tom about building the registration

**Jessi Fromm** made a Motion to Adjourn the January Board Meeting at 8:34pm  
Second by **John Ullmann** Motion passed unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR February 16,2026**

**Submitted,**

**Jessi Fromm – OHA Board Secretary**